

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE
ENGLISH MONTREAL SCHOOL BOARD

A Regular Board Meeting of the English Montreal School Board has taken place on Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. in the Laurence Patterson Room, 6000 Fielding Avenue.

Commissioners Present

Me Joe Ortona, Chair
Mr. Agostino Cannavino, Vice-Chair
Mr. Mario Bentreovato, Commissioner
Ms. Maria Corsi, Parent Commissioner
Ms. Sophie De Vito, Commissioner
Mr. Jamie Fabian, Commissioner
Ms. Rosemarie Federico, Parent Commissioner
Mr. Julien Feldman, Commissioner – via TEAMS
Ms. Ellie Israel, Commissioner
Mr. James Kromida, Commissioner – via TEAMS
Mr. Joseph Lalla, Commissioner
Mr. Pietro Mercuri, Commissioner
Mr. Mario Pietrangelo, Commissioner
Mr. Tony Speranza, Parent Commissioner
Mr. Daniel Tatone, Parent Commissioner

Commissioners Not Present

Administrators Present:

Mr. Nicholas Katalifos, Director General
Ms. Pelagia Nickoletopoulos, Assistant Director General, Education
Me Jack Chadirdjian, Assistant Director General, Administration
Me Nathalie Lauzière, Secretary General

Mr. Jimmy Giannacopoulos, Sector Director, West
Ms. Nathalie Lacroix-Maillette, Sector Director, East
Ms. Angela Spagnolo, Sector Director, AEVS
Ms. Livia Nassivera, Director, Financial Services
Ms. Julie René de Cotret, Director, Student Services
Ms. Anna Sanalidro, Director, Educational Services
Me Magdalena Sokol, Director, Legal Services
Mr. Bob Thomas, Director, Information Technology Services
Ms. Ann Watson, Director, Human Resources
Ms. Marilyn Ramlakhan, Assistant Director, Human Resources
Mr. Mike Cohen, Manager, Marketing & Communications
Ms. Brigida Sellato, Consultant, Secretariat General
Ms. Tracy Mangal, Consultant, Education Services

1.	<p><u>Land Acknowledgement</u></p> <p>The Chair acknowledged that the English Montreal School Board is located on the traditional ancestral and unceded territory of the Kanien'kehá:ka. We are grateful to live, learn, and work in Tiohtià:ke which has long been a site of meeting and exchange for many First Nations and is currently home to diverse groups of indigenous and other peoples. As a School Board, it is important that we acknowledge the historic and ongoing role of educational institutions in perpetuating injustices against indigenous communities. We are committed to educating staff and students about the true history and current realities of the indigenous peoples of what we now call Canada. Celebrating the cultures contributions and knowledge of the many First Nations Inuit and Métis communities, listening to and amplifying indigenous voices and partnering with local indigenous community members. We offer this acknowledgement as a first step and public commitment to our ongoing process towards reconciliation and justice for indigenous peoples and communities.</p>
2.	<p><u>Nomination of Gianna Simancas Loffreda as Student of the Month</u></p> <p>Gianna Simancas Loffreda is a multi-talented Secondary 5 International Baccalaureate. She is versatile and well-rounded, excelling academically and participating in a myriad of activities within the school as well as in her community. For her Secondary 5 IB Personal Project, Gianna wrote and recorded her own song, which she performed live. At school, she is a team member of the <i>Voices of Olympia Canada</i>. This competition enables young women to expand their knowledge about human rights and to reflect on the theme of gender inequality and its impact on the empowerment of girls and women. While being able to maintain an excellent average, Gianna finds the time to be a Laurier MacDonald House Leader, play indoor and outdoor soccer, volleyball, track and field, and flag football. Gianna exudes humility, maturity, and kindness, which has earned her the respect and admiration of her peers and teachers alike. Congratulations to Gianna!</p>
3.	<p><u>2023-2027 Commitment-to-Success Plan</u></p> <p>This item was be presented by Tracy Mangal, Consultant from the Educational Services Department.</p>
4.	<p><u>Approval of Agenda</u></p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MS. ROSEMARIE FEDERICO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved, with the addition of item 5.2 entitled Student Ombudsman's Preliminary Report, In Camera.</p> <p>Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 23-05-23-4</u></p>
	<p>Mr. Julien Feldman joined the meeting at 7:24 p.m.</p>
5.	<p><u>In Camera</u></p> <p><u>5.1 Motion to Move In Camera</u></p> <p>On a motion by Mr. Pietro Mercuri the meeting went In Camera at 7:26 p.m.</p> <p>The meeting returned from the In Camera session at 8:14 p.m.</p> <p><u>5.2 Student Ombudsman's Preliminary Report</u></p> <p>This item was presented for information.</p>

6.	<p><u>Question Period</u></p> <p>Questions from Mr. Chris Eustace were read and addressed by the Chair, Mr. Joe Ortona, regarding the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal Fees regarding Bill 21, Bill 40 and Bill 96 • QESBA Spring Conference
7.	<p><u>Adoption of Minutes</u></p> <p><u>7.1 Adoption of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on April 25, 2023</u></p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. PIETRO MERCURI AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on April 25, 2023, be approved as presented.</p> <p>Vote: 13-0-2, Adopted (Ms. S. De Vito and Mr. James Kromida abstained)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 23-05-23-7.1</u></p> <p><u>7.2 Adoption of the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on May 8, 2023</u></p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. JOSEPH LALLA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on May 8, 2023, be approved as presented.</p> <p>Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 23-05-23-7.2</u></p>
8.	<p><u>Business Arising Out of Minutes</u></p> <p>None.</p>
9.	<p><u>In Memoriam</u></p> <p><u>9.1 Tribute for May 2023</u></p> <p>WHEREAS the Board values the contribution made by its employees;</p> <p>WHEREAS the Board wishes to take official cognizance of the passing of any member of its large family of employees;</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. JOE ORTONA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Board note with regret the passing of:</p> <p>Howard Soulis, Retired Teacher, EMSB</p> <p>and that the expression of sympathy be sent to the bereaved family.</p> <p>Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 23-05-23-9.1</u></p>

10.	<p><u>Chair's Report</u></p> <p>Presented by the Chair, Mr. Joe Ortona:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On April 27th, a public hearing on Bill 96 took place at the EMSB Head Office, where explanations were given as to what is in the Bill, the three areas within the law that are being challenged. There were people present from different fields, from the field of post secondary education, and from the business milieu and members of the community who spoke about how Bill 96 is affecting the community. It was a very successful event, where many people were happy that it was held. It was informative to those people that the Chair spoke to from the field of education or commissioners who didn't know about how the Bill affected us in other areas. The Chair thanked everyone that was involved in organizing this event and all those who came and participated including EMSB Commissioners and several Chairs and Commissioners from other Boards. • The QESBA / AAESQ Spring Conference took place on May 17 and 18 after four years of pandemic. It was also a very nice event where there were some very informative and interesting sessions about governance and there were many questions and discussions. There was also a detailed in-dept presentation by Power Law on section 23 and they also gave an overview on Bill 40, Bill 21 and Bill 96, and all of the ways that they violate section 23. Power Law gave a detailed explanation to provide an understanding for everyone that was in attendance. They also touched upon Bill 23 and how it also violates section 23. They spoke about the importance of section 23 for the management and control of the linguistic minority and the advantage of that. • QESBA is monitoring the situation on Bill 23 very closely. QESBA made a statement in opposition to the Bill and they are also going to speak to the MNA'S to advise them and make sure they are aware of what is problematic about the Bill and what QESBA feels needs to be changed; • A decision on Bill 40 has still not been rendered.
	<p>Mr. James Kromida left the meeting at 8:27 p.m.</p>
11.	<p><u>Director General's Report</u></p> <p>Presented by the Director General, Mr. Nicholas Katalifos:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Katalifos thanked and congratulated Ms. Tracy Mangal, Ms. Anna Sanalidro and the entire team in Educational Services for the preparation of our Commitment-to-Success Plan, a lot of incredibly hard work went into the document; • The EMSB Holocaust Education Program made possible via NOVA grants from the Jewish Community Foundation of Montreal will come to an end in June. This was a very successful project and one the EMSB hopes to continue in the 2023-2024 school year. Most recently, students from Gardenview Elementary School visited the Montreal Holocaust Museum. Congratulations to everyone who participated in this program; • The Quebec Virtual Academy will return for the 2023/2024 academic year. Students from across the province with English eligibility and who meet the criteria established by the Ministry of Education are now able to apply for September admission for Kindergarten to Secondary 5. The opening of a grade level is conditional to having a sufficient number of students registered. In its first year of operation, the Quebec Virtual Academy has been able to meet the unique needs of its student population through flexible scheduling, ample teacher tutorials, extracurricular activity opportunities and regular follow-up from school and guidance team. Student athletes have had the opportunity to continue to train at high levels of their sport and participate in competitions and events in Ontario, British Columbia, California and Europe. Those students with long term medical conditions have also been able to focus on their unique medical treatment plans while having their educational needs met by accommodating them both academically and socially. Students living in rural areas have also been able to access courses such as chemistry and physics and so on. All in all it was a very successful year for the Quebec Virtual Academy and content to see it returning for another year;

- The EMSB Head Office hosted an exhibit and ceremony on April 26th at which time students from three integrated Italian Pelo Primary Programs were recognized for their participation in the Colors for Peace activity. In this activity, 30 students from Dante Elementary School, East Hill Elementary School and Pierre de Coubertin Elementary School showcased the top design submitted in the presence of the Consul General of Italy;
- Prior to the coronation of King Charles III on May 6th, a number of schools organized activities including one at Coronation Elementary School where Kindergarten teachers Soumiya Thiyagarajah and Rhealyne-Marie Estero, decided to ensure that their students learned why their school's name was going to be in all the headlines with this being the first coronation of a British Royal since 1953. The Kindergarten teachers turned the event into an interactive history lesson for their students with the help of a grade five class. Moreover, at Roslyn School it was a party fit for a King when Kindergarten and Grade 4 students celebrated the coronation with an afternoon tea party. These are few of many events that took place within many of our schools;
- On the occasion of EMSB Teacher Recognition Day, four teachers were presented with special awards from Petros Taverna restaurant group as well as certificates on May 1st at James Lyng High School. The winners were also profiled on television by City News Montreal. The EMSB launched a ceremony a decade ago to coincide with National Teachers Day and recognize this profession towards the end of the academic year. We received many nominations from around the Board and we were happy to issue \$100 gift cards that were sponsored by Petros Taverna to Klara Bourne, English Language Arts Teacher from James Lyng High School, Holly Commeford, a teacher at James Lyng Adult Education Center and Jonathan Stein and Lara Belinsky, physical education teachers at Willingdon School;
- The EMSB has also completed a \$5.5 million renovation at the complex that houses James Lyng High School and Adult Education Center as well as Focus and Outreach Alternative High Schools. Besides work on the roof, skylights, light fixtures and heating coils, all the doors in the stairwells as well as those in the vestibule areas were repaired or renovated. The latter involved the installation of insulated doors and more. The High School administration is excited to report on a significant upgrade to the auditorium which has been outfitted with 129 new seats with desktops attached for tablets or laptops, 8 mobile seats to accommodate individuals in wheelchairs, new flooring and a fresh paint job. Mr. Katalifos thanked the Material Resources Department for their hard work on this major project;
- For the first time in four years due to the COVID pandemic, the traditional Long Service Reception was held on May 9th at Le Crystal, to honor employees with 25 years of service. A total of 136 employees ranging from teachers, administrators and support staff were recognized for 1/4 century of service. On behalf of the entire School Board, congratulations to all for their years of service and hard work;
- Cedarcrest Elementary School held its second annual Gala Comedy Fundraiser on May 12th at Lauren Hill Academy, raising more than \$17,000 for special school projects. Congratulations to the administration, staff and school community;
- The students from Dante Elementary School were in for a special treat when school Psychologist, Melissa Velandia-Rosales gave a reading of her children's book, Mister Grum Learns to Chill, a story about learning coping skills when experiencing big emotions. The reading was held in conjunction with Mental Health Awareness Month and commemorated throughout the month of May;
- As part of the EMSB Alumni Series, Laurier Macdonald High School welcomed back aerospace engineer and strategist, Joseph DiLello. Mr. DiLello spoke to a Secondary 4 Science class about his time at the school and his over 25 year career at Pratt and Whitney Canada. The visit was coordinated by local EMSB Commissioner, Mr. Mario Pietrangelo and Vice-Principal, Mr. Ivan Spilak. See the full press release on the EMSB website;
- The St. Laurent Adult Education Centre cafeteria was bustling on May 10th, during its annual Career Fair. This annual event brought together more than 20 companies, vocational centres, educational institutions and other professionals looking to hire students or have them enroll in their programs;
- Finally, *Les Olympiades québécoises des métiers et des technologies* is the largest event

dedicated to vocational and technical training in Quebec, inspired by the Olympic Games. Les Olympiades offers an exceptional showcase of skilled trades and tangible models of success. From May 10th to May 13th, 252 competitors from 93 vocational training centres and colleges throughout the province participated in this competition. The EMSB was well represented.

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Committee Reports

12.1 ACSES (Advisory Committee on Special Education Services)

Item presented by Parent Commissioner, Ms. Rosemarie Federico:

- The next meeting is scheduled for May 29, 2023.

12.2 Transportation and Safety Advisory Committee

Item presented by the Chair of the Committee, Mr. Pietro Mercuri:

- There has been no meeting since the last report.

12.3 EMSBPC (English Montreal School Board Parents' Committee)

Item presented by Parent Commissioner, Mr. Daniel Tatone:

- The Parent Conference will be taking place on Sunday, May 28th. It will be a half day event with a keynote address with two main speakers followed by a week of lunch and learns. The quality of the content that was received by both the EMSB and from external resources has been great. Bowser and Blue will be performing during the intermission period. It will be a great event and everyone is welcome to join!
- The Parents Committee discussed the raising concern of mental health in our students. The members discussed what the administration and schools can do to further address this issue. For example, it was suggested that the Board put by default mental health resources on Google Classroom;
- The proposal for expanding the academic program at Programme Mile End to include the Secondary 3, was accepted unanimously by the Parents Committee with the recommendation that the sections between Coronation and Programme Mile End be well maintained and that the proper safety measures to separate the two schools be implemented.

Item presented by Parent Commissioner, Mr. Tony Speranza:

- The Parents Committee accepted the proposed Three-Year Plan for the allocation and destination of immovables with the following recommendations:
 - The EMSB continues to find usefulness in surplus properties to benefit the communities such as the very popular project with the Autism House;
 - The projected enrolment of the individual schools not be published in the documents, the Parents Committee had concerns that some of the EMSB buildings would be targeted by the Service Centres.
- The Revised EMSB Administrative Organizational Chart was approved.

Item presented by Parent Commissioner, Ms. Maria Corsi:

- Discussions took place regarding the school uniforms, specifically regarding the awareness or lack of awareness of the law that states that schools cannot impose a specific supplier for uniforms. Also, in cases where parents wish to purchase uniforms from other suppliers, the schools must provide a digital copy of the school logo or crest. This policy or directive seems to not be well known, therefore the Parents Committee look up to the administration to ensure that all schools are aware. It was also resolved that no child be withheld from school due to an issue with a dress code violation;

- The Parents Committee was informed of the new Bill 23 announced by the Minister regarding the appointment of Directors General by the Minister and the power to veto any decision made by the Council of Commissioners. This Bill is an issue of concern for the Parents Committee and EPCA.

12.4 Governance and Ethics Committee

Item presented by the Chair of the Committee, Mr. Julien Feldman:

- There has been no meeting since the last report.

12.5 Audit Committee

Item presented by the Vice-Chair of the Committee, Mr. Tony Speranza:

- There has been no meeting since the last report.

12.6 Human Resources Committee

Item presented by the Chair of the Committee, Mr. Mario Bentrovato:

- There has been no meeting since the last report.

12.7 CGTSIM (Comité de gestion de la taxe scolaire de l'île de Montréal)

Item presented by the Vice-Chair, Mr. Agostino Cannavino, Alternate Member on the Committee:

- The maximum short-term borrowings were revised and were approved to be in line with the parameters established by the Government guidelines;
- The budget and tax projections were also reviewed;
- The projected surplus at fiscal year end will be about \$2.1 million. This will result in its members to receive an increase in their respective allocation;
- With the recent increases in property evaluations, the anticipated school tax peg rate should remain the same at the end of the year. The Committee will know more once the Government establishes the peg rate;
- The Committee proceeded to evaluate its staffing needs, an exercise that is done annually. This year the head count was reduced from 45 to 38.7. The 6.3 reduction is attributed to the introduction of efficiencies and elimination of redundant tasks;
- The Committee also proceeded to have an outside IT expert analyze the security and computer infrastructure, which was done to minimize outside hacking and ransomware attacks;
- The EMSB held a ceremony to present the recipients with \$500 scholarships given by the Committee to celebrate its 50th Anniversary, for academic perseverance. Congratulations to all recipients.

12.8 EMSAC (English Montreal Student Advisory Committee)

Item presented by the Observer, Mr. Joseph Lalla:

- EMSAC last met at the EMSB Head Office on May 15th;
- A brief discussion took place regarding how schools can become more environmentally friendly. For example, school cafeterias have now transitioned from single use plastics and some schools are composting using municipal services or their own garden facility;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A discussion was held on whether or not certain books should be altered to reflect the times such as Roadl Dahl’s publishers have announced. Also, certain texts have been banned recently in the United States due to “inappropriate” content, such as the graphic novel version of Anne Frank’s Diary. The majority of EMSAC members feel it is better to leave texts unaltered, but to teach the reasons why they have become inappropriate. Also, rather than re-write texts that were written in a time where different standards prevailed, to use contemporary literature where possible. For example, ‘To Kill a Mocking Bird’ can be substituted by the ‘Hate you Give’; • Finally, the advisors concluded the meeting by thanking EMSAC members for their monthly attendance and participation. This was another year of thoughtful discussions, reflections and recommendations. EMSAC members all received a certificate of recognition, and a book on leadership. Its graduating members will receive a bursary at their convocation ceremonies.
	<p>The Chair called a 5-minute recess at 8:54 p.m.</p> <p>The meeting resumed at 9:13 p.m.</p>
13.	<p><u>Commissioners’ Report</u></p> <p>Item presented by Commissioner, Mr. Mario Pietrangelo:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students from Honoré Mercier and Pierre de Coubertin attended the Hydro-Québec Science Fair and made it to the Regional finals in Montreal 2023. A total of 8 projects submitted by students from both schools won prizes beginning with gold medals, bronze medals, monetary prizes, etc; • Grade 6 students from Pierre de Coubertin invited their families to the annual Grade 6 Video Game Fair. The students worked hard at creating video games and now have the opportunity to show them off. This event will take place on May 24th between 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the gymnasium; • A big thank you to all the children, teachers and parents who participated in the Halo Run on May 10th. <p>Item presented by Commissioner, Ms. Ellie Israel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Israel congratulated Mr. Daniel Smajovits for the idea of holding a coronation event at Coronation School and with the help of the Principal, Ms. Rania Delis, they taught the students that their school building was renamed Coronation School in 1953 to celebrate the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. Ms. Israel was present to see all the students crafted crowns made with purple paper with fluffy yellow top wool to represent gold. They all sat together making coats of arms. EMSB spokesman Mr. Cohen made sure that the media was there to capture this moment. Cameramen and reporters were there who interviewed teachers and students. It was a great experience where Ms. Israel was happy to attend. <p>Item presented by Commissioner, Mr. Joseph Lalla:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This year Edinburgh Grade 6 students undertook an immersive environmental design project with Youth Fusion that will culminate with the inauguration of an outdoor classroom. They are very proud to contribute to something that will leave behind a legacy for both their school and future generations of Edinburgh students. Once a week since the beginning of the year, they have been involved in every step of the process. They did everything from surveying the student population, conducting an environmental analysis, designing the blueprint of the project and are now in full construction phase. For their work Edinburgh as honoured with an award for “excellence” and “jury’s favourite”, specifically for their effort to engage in meaningful consultation with the community;

- On the occasion of the English Montreal School Board Teacher Recognition Day, four teachers were presented with special awards from the Petros Taverna restaurant group, as well as certificates on Monday, May 1st, at James Lyng. The winners were also profiled on television by promotion co-sponsor CityNews Montreal. Two of the teachers are from Willingdon School. Lara Belinsky has been teaching since 2006, having worked at General Vanier, Gerald McShane and internationally in Istanbul, Turkey before arriving at Willingdon 10 years ago. Jonathan Stein has been teaching Physical Education and Health for 17 years, the last seven at Willingdon;
- Royal West Academy, Secondary IV student David Hernandez’s score on the Cayley math competition out of University of Waterloo earned him an invitation to an elite math camp at the University of Ottawa this summer;
- Since November 2022, a group of Secondary 1 to 3 students from Royal West Academy have been meeting weekly for the Global-Issues Problem Solving (GIPS) ECA. This program enables students to think creatively and explore collaboratively a selected topic from a diverse range of contemporary global topics. RWA’s Secondary 3 team have qualified for the International Conference at the University of Massachusetts Amherst in June;
- The Royal West Academy Honour Band traveled to Toronto in April. Students performed at the Ontario Science Center, received instruction from a University of Toronto professor and attended the Toronto Symphony. Students also enjoyed many of the tourist attractions in Toronto;
- Congratulations to the senior and junior debating teams at Royal West Academy which qualified for the national championships in Calgary and Toronto.

Item presented by Commissioner, Mr. Tony Speranza:

- On May 13th, Mr. Speranza attended the EMSB Chorale and gave a special shout out to the conductor Patricia Abbott, the associate conductor, Marie-Ève Arseneau and of course the students and the Parents Committee. Mr. Speranza very much enjoyed the event and is looking forward to the December concert.

Item presented by Commissioner, Ms. Maria Corsi:

- A group of four Grade 6 students from Pierre de Coubertin Elementary School who won first place, the only Elementary School in Canada in the Global Issues Problem Solving Competition and earned a spot to compete at the University of Massachusetts. We look forward to recognizing their achievements along with the students from Royal West Academy at the June Board meeting.

14. Decision of Ethics Commissioner – File 4186-6

WHEREAS Me Vincent Guida, English Montreal School Board (EMSB) Ethics Commissioner, has rendered a decision on April 30, 2023, regarding the complaint case of Plaintiff vs. The Members of EMSB Council of Commissioners (hereinafter the “Defendant Commissioners”) dated January 4, 2023, file 4186-6;

WHEREAS the mandate of the Ethics Commissioner is to apply the Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct for the Members of the Council of Commissioners of the EMSB (hereinafter the “Code of Ethics”) and to provide for sanctions in accordance with the Education Act;

WHEREAS the Ethics Commissioner decided that the above-mentioned complaint was unfounded and that the Defendant Commissioners did not commit any of the infractions to the Code of Ethics and the Education Act alleged by the complainant;

WHEREAS all the Defendant Commissioners performed in good faith in the discharge of their functions with regard to the complaint received;

	<p>WHEREAS according to section 8.8.7 of the Code of Ethics applicable, the decision rendered is public and recorded in the minutes of the Council of Commissioners;</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. PIETRO MERCURI AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Board acknowledges and deposits the decision rendered on April 30, 2023 by Me Vincent Guida, Ethics Commissioner, in the case of Plaintiff against the Members of EMSB Council of Commissioners, file 4186-6.</p> <p>Vote: 14-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 23-05-23-14</u></p>
15.	<p><u>Items Following Consultation</u></p> <p><u>15.1 Budget Building Process for 2023-2024</u></p> <p>WHEREAS as per Section 193.3 of the Education Act the Resource Allocation Committee must set up a consultation process with a view to establishing objectives and principles governing the annual allocation of revenues in accordance with section 275;</p> <p>WHEREAS as per Section 193.5 of the Education Act the School Board may entrust the functions assigned to the Resource Allocation Committee under this Act to the advisory committee on management, herein after referred to as the Central Management Advisory Committee/Resource Allocation Committee (CMAC/RAC);</p> <p>WHEREAS Section 275 of the Education Act states that taking into account the recommendations of the CMAC/RAC, the school board shall establish objectives and principles governing the allocation of its revenues;</p> <p>WHEREAS in conformity with Sections 275 and 193.3 of the Education Act, a document entitled Budget Building Process for 2023-2024 has been created;</p> <p>WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners, at the Board meeting of January 24, 2023 resolved by virtue of resolution #23-01-24-17 that the document entitled ‘Budget Building Process for 2023-2024’ be approved for forwarding to the school and centre governing boards and the EMSB Parents’ Committee (EMSBPC) for purposes of consultation;</p> <p>WHEREAS it was further resolved that the document entitled ‘Budget Building Process for 2023-2024’ be forwarded to ACSES and EMSAC for feedback;</p> <p>WHEREAS the school and centre governing boards and the EMSBPC have submitted recommendations on the budget priorities and feedback on the Guiding Principles, Criteria, and Related Orientations;</p> <p>WHEREAS the ACSES and EMSAC have provided suggestions for budget priorities and feedback on the Guiding Principles, Criteria, and Related Orientations;</p> <p>WHEREAS the document entitled ‘Budget Building Process for 2023-2024’ has taken into consideration recommendations formulated as per above;</p> <p>WHEREAS the Central Management Advisory Committee/Resource Allocation Committee and the Management Table have reviewed and endorsed this document;</p>

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. MARIO PIETRANGELO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CENTRAL MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE/RESOURCE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE THAT the document entitled ‘Budget Building Process for 2023-2024’ be approved, as outlined in the documentation submitted to the meeting.

Vote: 14-0-0, Adopted

Resolution # 23-05-23-15.1

15.2 Revised EMSB Administrative Organizational Chart 2023-2024

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners approved for consultation, the proposed revision of the EMSB Administrative Organizational Chart for 2023-2024;

WHEREAS the Association of English Montreal Board Administrators (AEMBA), the Association québécoise des cadres scolaires – EMSB Section (AQCS), the Association of Montreal School Administrators (AMSA), the Central Management Advisory Committee – Resource Allocation Committee (CMAC-RAC) and English Montreal School Board Parents Committee (EMSBPC) were consulted on the proposed revision of the EMSB Administrative Organizational Chart and invited to submit their views in writing;

WHEREAS the responses to consultation are part of the documentation submitted;

WHEREAS the draft proposed revision of the EMSB Administrative Organizational Chart was corrected to reflect the correct title for the Personnel Management Consultant Post in Human Resources;

WHEREAS the consulted groups were informed of the correction;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. PIETRO MERCURI AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the proposed revised EMSB Administrative Organizational Chart 2023-2024 be approved.

Vote: 14-0-0, Adopted

Resolution # 23-05-23-15.2

16. Recommendations from the Governance and Ethics Committee

16.1 Mandate of Ethics Commissioners

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners appointed Ethics Commissioners, as per resolution no. 19-05-22-11.1;

WHEREAS the term of the mandate of the Ethics Commissioners is renewable and determined by the Council of Commissioners, upon recommendation of the Governance and Ethics Committee, as per section 8.2.1 of EMSB By-Law no. 3 – Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct for the Members of the Council of Commissioners;

WHEREAS the Governance and Ethics Committee met on March 29, 2023 and made a recommendation to confirm the mandate of the Ethics Commissioners for a period of three (3) years plus a 1-year option until July 1st, 2026;

	<p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. JOSEPH LALLA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNANCE AND ETHICS COMMITTEE, THAT the mandates of Ethics Commissioners Me Anthony Battah, Me Vincent Guida, Me Frédéric Henri and Me Michèle Meleras be confirmed for a period of three (3) years plus a 1-year option, in order to apply the Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct for Members of the Council of Commissioners and the Education Act, with all the necessary adaptations, the whole as of May 23, 2023 until July 1st, 2026.</p> <p>Vote: 14-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 23-05-23-16.1</u></p> <p><u>16.2 Mandate of Designated Officers</u></p> <p>WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners adopted Policy DG-26.1 – To Facilitate the Disclosure of Wrongdoings, on April 24, 2019;</p> <p>WHEREAS the Governance and Ethics Committee members recommended at their meeting held April 17, 2019, that several Designated Officers be appointed in order to receive complaints on Wrongdoing, the whole as of July 1st, 2019;</p> <p>WHEREAS on May 22, 2019, as per resolution #19-05-22-11.2, Me Anthony Battah, Me Vincent Guida, Me Miki Harrar, Me Frédéric Henri and Me Michèle St-Onge were appointed as Designated Officers by the Council of Commissioners;</p> <p>WHEREAS Me Michèle St-Onge resigned on July 16, 2021;</p> <p>WHEREAS the Governance and Ethics Committee met on March 29, 2023 and made a recommendation to confirm the mandate of the remaining Designated Officers for a period of three (3) years plus a 1-year option until July 1st, 2026;</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MS. ROSEMARIE FEDERICO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNANCE AND ETHICS COMMITTEE, THAT the mandates of Me Anthony Battah, Me Vincent Guida, Me Miki Harrar and Me Frédéric Henri be confirmed as Designated Officers for a period of three (3) years plus a 1-year option, in order to receive and deal with disclosures of Wrongdoing relating to Public Bodies, with all the necessary adaptations, the whole as of May 23, 2023 until July 1st, 2026;</p> <p>Vote: 14-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 23-05-23-16.2</u></p>
17.	<p><u>Recommendation from the Long Range Planning Committee</u></p> <p><u>17.1 Proposal for Sale of Land – Turcot Interchange – Lot # 6 460 236</u></p> <p>WHEREAS the Ministère des Transports et de la Mobilité durable, in charge of real estate acquisitions contacted the English Montreal School Board (EMSB) to purchase a piece of land;</p> <p>WHEREAS the land is corresponding to lot 6 460 236, property of the EMSB, with an area of 16.4 square meters;</p> <p>WHEREAS the land is required by the Ministère des Transports et de la Mobilité durable for the relocation of the CN rail line as part of the renovation of the Turcot complex;</p>

WHEREAS the offer from the Ministère des Transports et de la Mobilité durable is \$5,500 for the acquisition of lot 6 460 236;

WHEREAS the EMSB Long Range Planning Committee met on May 16, 2023 and recommended that the EMSB sell lot 6 460 236 to the Ministère des Transports et de la Mobilité durable for the sum of \$5,500;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. PIETRO MERCURI AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE, THAT the Board proceed with the sale of lot 6 460 236, property of the English Montreal School Board, to the Ministère des Transports et de la Mobilité durable for the sum of \$5,500.

Vote: 14-0-0, Adopted

Resolution # 23-05-23-17.1

18. Fundraisers Involving Lotteries, Raffles, Bingos and 50-50 Draws

WHEREAS the government allocates mesures money to schools for specific educational or cultural activities;

WHEREAS school fundraising activities enable schools to undertake additional projects and other activities not covered by mesures funding for the exclusive benefit of students, for example, including but not limited to the purchase of instruments, equipment for recreational purposes, yard improvements, and graduation ceremonies;

WHEREAS Section 94 of the Education Act provides that school Governing Boards may solicit and receive gifts, legacies, grants, and other voluntary contributions from any person or public or private organization wishing to provide funding for school activities;

WHEREAS the EMSB issued a directive prohibiting fundraisers involving lotteries, raffles, bingos and 50-50 draws out of concern these types of fundraisers may lead to gambling addictions among underage students;

WHEREAS schools wishing to hold a fundraiser that includes a raffle, 50/50 draw, bingo or lottery, must first obtain a license from the Régie des alcools, des courses, et des jeux (RACJ), or there may be legal consequences for the school or the EMSB;

WHEREAS these types of fundraisers raise substantial amounts of money relatively quickly for many schools and in many cases represent the main source of funds raised by the school;

WHEREAS these fundraisers are run responsibly and generally held within the context of events fostering a sense of community involvement and school spirit, whereby tickets are purchased by adults and not minors;

WHEREAS the EMSBPC has expressed its disagreement with the EMSB's ban on these types of fundraisers, because it will significantly limit the ability of some schools to offer programming of extracurricular initiatives thus having a negative impact on children's education;

WHEREAS the EMSBPC feels the ban is exclusionary and will create disparities across the EMSB network, especially in schools that cannot compensate the substantial loss of funds with other, less successful fundraisers;

	<p>IT WAS MOVED BY MS. MARIA CORSI AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT fundraisers that include a raffle, 50/50 draw, bingo or lottery be allowed at EMSB schools, provided that they are held responsibly within guidelines provided by the EMSB and in compliance with all applicable laws and requirements of the Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux (RACJ).</p> <p>Vote: 14-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 23-05-23-18</u></p>
19.	<p><u>School Tax Revenue for 2023-2024</u></p> <p>WHEREAS as per the Act to establish a Single School Tax Rate, SQ 2019, c5, the English Montreal School Board (EMSB) must forward to the Comité de gestion de la taxe scolaire de l'île de Montréal (CGTSIM), by resolution of its Council of Commissioners, a request requiring the payment of the amount for financing local needs;</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. MARIO PIETRANGELO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the English Montreal School Board requests that the Comité de gestion de la taxe scolaire de l'île de Montréal (CGTSIM) transfer to the EMSB the maximum amount of school tax revenue for financing local needs for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.</p> <p>IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the CGTSIM.</p> <p>Vote: 14-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 23-05-23-19</u></p>
20.	<p><u>School and Centre Administrative Appointments for 2023-2024 – Round 3</u></p> <p>This item was presented by the Director General, Mr. Nicholas Katalifos, for information. The Director General appointed two Vice-Principals, Ms. Laura Fundaro at Gardenvue School and Ms. Isabelle Gagnier at SHADD Business Centre.</p>
21.	<p><u>Confirmation of Board Level Administrators</u></p> <p>This item was presented by the Director General, Mr. Nicholas Katalifos, for information. The Director General confirmed Ms. Gail Callender in her assignment as Assistant Director of the Student Services Department.</p>
22.	<p><u>Report of the Executive Committee Meeting held on April 25, 2023</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Awarding of Construction Contract – P-2027 – Cedarcrest – Major Renovation Project - Awarding of Service Contract – P-2209 – Architect Firm Selection for Mountainview School – General Renovation Project - Awarding of Service Contract – PS23-0306 – Renewal of EMSB Employee and Family Assistance Program - CGTSIM – Group Purchasing Program for Tenders from March 1, 2024 to November 30, 2025 - Request to Join Centre d'acquisitions gouvernementales (CAG) – Tender 2023-8111-50 – Biens et services de mobilité cellulaire - Request to Join Centre d'acquisitions gouvernementales (CAG) – Tender 2023-7551-01 – Cartons of Milk
23.	<p><u>Correspondance</u></p> <p><u>23.1 Calendrier et lieu des séances du Comité de gestion de l'année 2023-2024</u></p> <p>This item was presented for information purposes.</p>

24.	<u>Other Business</u> None.
25.	<u>Adjournment</u> IT WAS MOVED BY MR. AGOSTINO CANNAVINO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:33 p.m. Vote: 14-0-0, Adopted (Mr. J. Kromida not present for the vote) <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 23-05-23-25</u></p>
	Signed in Montreal, _____ _____ Me Joe Ortona, Chair _____ Me Nathalie Lauzière, Secretary General