

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
ENGLISH MONTREAL SCHOOL BOARD

A Regular Board Meeting of the English Montreal School Board has taken place on Tuesday, January 24, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. in the Library of St. Pius X Culinary Institute, Montreal.

Commissioners Present

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

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. Mario Cardin, Director, Material Resources  
Mr. Jimmy Giannacopoulos, Sector Director  
Ms. Darlene Kehyayan, Assistant Director, Human Resources  
Ms. Nathalie Lacroix-Maillette, Sector Director  
Ms. Livia Nassivera, Director, Financial Services  
Ms. Marilyn Ramlakhan, Assistant Director, Human Resources  
Ms. Julie René de Cotret, Director, Student Services  
Ms. Anna Sanalidro, Director, Educational Services  
Me Magdalena Sokol, Director, Legal Services  
Ms. Angela Spagnolo, Sector Director, AEVS  
Ms. Ann Watson, Director, Human Resources  
Mr. Mike Cohen, Manager, Marketing & Communications  
Ms. Brigida Sellato, Consultant, Secretariat General

1. Land Acknowledgement

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.

2. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Tony Speranza moved to remove item #20 Restoring EMSB By-Laws before Trusteeship to be exempt from Bill 40.

Vote: 10-5-0, Adopted

For	Mr. J. Ortona, Ms. M. Corsi, Ms. S. De Vito, Ms. R. Federico, Mr. J. Feldman, Ms. E. Israel, Mr. J. Kromida, Mr. P. Mercuri, Mr. M. Pietrangelo and Mr. T. Speranza
Against	Mr. A. Cannavino, Mr. M. Benvorato, Mr. J. Fabian, Mr. J. Lalla and Mr. D. Tatone

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. TONY SPERANZA AND RESOLVED THAT the revised agenda be approved, with the addition of item 21 entitled Rate of Fees for Legal Defence of Commissioners and the removal of item 20 entitled Restoring EMSB By-Laws before Trusteeship to be exempt from Bill 40.

Vote: 12-3-0, Adopted (Mr. A. Cannavino, Mr. M. Benvorato and Mr. J. Lalla against)

Resolution # 23-01-24-2

3. Robert A. Peck Prize for Excellence in French

This year the prizes will be presented by the School Board's French Consultants, Marlene Boudreault and Hèlène Goetz.

There are 16 recipients for the prize for 2021-2022 who attained the mark of 100% in French, they are:

EMMA BASTONE	VINCENT MASSEY COLLEGIATE
EMILIE BÉLIVEAU	VINCENT MASSEY COLLEGIATE
DANIEL BOUCHARD	VINCENT MASSEY COLLEGIATE
THOMAS BRIDGMAN	VINCENT MASSEY COLLEGIATE
ZEYA D'ALTO	VINCENT MASSEY COLLEGIATE
MIA DEL PIO LUOGO	VINCENT MASSEY COLLEGIATE
ALEXANDRE GARTNER	VINCENT MASSEY COLLEGIATE
ÇATALKARAM HATT SUSTAM	VINCENT MASSEY COLLEGIATE
MARC ANTHONY LETTIERI	VINCENT MASSEY COLLEGIATE
GIULIANO RICO	VINCENT MASSERY COLEGIATE

	<p>KELLY CHOW NOÉMIE ENGLISH-MOREAU ELLA ETIENNE LABELLE NAOMI RAIMBERT PHOENIX TREW</p> <p>ROYAL WEST ACADEMY ROYAL WEST ACADEMY ROYAL WEST ACADEMY ROYAL WEST ACADEMY ROYAL WEST ACADEMY</p> <p>BARIRAH REHMAN</p> <p>LAURENHILL ACADEMY</p> <p>They received a certificate and a cheque and Mr. Peck was remotely present to assist at the presentation of the awards.</p>
4.	<p><u>Nomination of Marilena Sahlas-Roy and Raphaëlla Etienne-Krief as Students of the Month</u></p> <p>From Royal West Academy: Marilena Sahlas-Roy</p> <p>Marilena is a ray of sunshine at Royal West Academy. From the first day that Marilena walked into our school she has been a positive influence for the school community. She has been part of the student council for the past 4 years. As member and now co-president of the student council she has helped organize many activities such as the school BBQ, Grade 7 Orientation, Halloween Haunted Hallway, Prefects, Dances, April Madness, and the Variety Show. Marilena is also the Chairperson of EMSAC. Her leadership skills have been an asset to EMSAC and her dedication and enthusiasm creates an environment where our student leaders can flourish and feel their contributions are valued. Marilena is an amazing young woman who has an abundance of enthusiasm and maturity. She encourages and motivates her peers to be part of the greater community and to work toward improving school spirit. Her constant smile and laughter fill the halls of RWA. When she enters the homeroom, you can instantly see her joy for life. She loves to work with others either in the role of leader or participant. Marilena has an abundance of confidence and is very at ease in front of a large audience. She is driven and works tirelessly advocating for student rights and recognition. Marilena is a wonderful role model for all generations!</p> <p>Also from Royal West Academy: Raphaëlla Etienne-Krief</p> <p>Raphaëlla is a Secondary 5 Honour Roll student at RWA. Motivated by a personal story, Raphaëlla dreamt of gathering curious and compassionate students to be ambassadors for youth with Type 1 Diabetes. As a result, DiaCare, an extra-curricular activity one year in the making, was initiated at RWA this fall. Raphaëlla was at the helm throughout the process. Hours of research and communication with government officials, doctors, philanthropic organizations, and local recreational centres led to the organization of two major events held in November, Diabetes Awareness Month. Wanting to expose the ambassadors to Type 1 basics, Raphaëlla orchestrated a seminar with an endocrinologist at the Montreal Children’s Hospital. As a follow-up, Raphaëlla then coordinated a second event at RWA on November 14th in honour of Blue Shirt Day. This involved mobilizing guest speakers, overseeing site logistics, and conducting fundraising. Leading up to Blue Shirt Day, Raphaëlla authored a message in the daily bulletin at RWA to expose all students to Diabetes facts and to garner enthusiasm for the event.</p>
5.	<p><u>Presentation of the 2021-2022 Annual Report</u></p> <p>The 2021-2022 Annual Report was presented by Tracy Mangal, Educational Services Consultant.</p>
6.	<p><u>In Camera</u></p> <p><u>6.1 Motion to Move In Camera</u></p> <p>On a motion by Mr. Tony Speranza the meeting went In Camera at 8:07 p.m.</p> <p>The meeting returned from the In Camera session at 8:34 p.m.</p>

7.

Adoption of Resolution(s) from In Camera

6.2 Sale of Lot 3 015 437 on Draper Avenue

**WHEREAS** on or about May 18, 2018, and August 8, 2018, legal proceedings bearing numbers 500-17-103219-187 and 500-17-108847-198 were instituted by Plaintiffs against the EMSB for the recognition of ownership by acquisitive prescription of Lot 3 015 437 on Draper Avenue in the Borough of Côte-des-Neiges-Notre-Dame-de-Grâce;

**WHEREAS** Plaintiffs and Administration have reached a settlement without admission whatsoever and for the sole purpose of resolving this matter amicably, the whole conditional upon final approval by EMSB's Council of Commissioners;

**WHEREAS** Administration recommends the above-mentioned settlement;

**WHEREAS** discussions were held in camera with respect to the settlement;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. PIETRO MERCURI AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Council of Commissioners authorizes the settlement reached between the EMSB and the Plaintiffs who instituted legal proceedings bearing numbers 500-17-103219-187 and 500-17-108847-198, the whole within the scope of the terms and conditions discussed In Camera with the Council of Commissioners.

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Director General be authorized to sign the Transaction and all documents that may be required to give full effect to the settlement reached between the EMSB and the Plaintiffs who instituted legal proceedings bearing numbers 500-17-103219-187 and 500-17-108847-198.

Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted

Resolution # 23-01-24-6.2

6.3 Decision of the Council of Commissioners: Reconsideration of Decisions – Parent Complaints Ref. R3-1122 – Sections 9 to 12 of the *Education Act*

**WHEREAS** as per sections 9 to 12 of the Education Act, a student or parents of a student affected by a decision of the School Board may request, in writing, that the Council of Commissioners reconsider said decision;

**WHEREAS** by virtue of section 11 of the Act, following a request of reconsideration of decisions made by a parent, Ref. R3-1122, an Ad Hoc Committee composed of 3 Commissioners was established to report to Council and make recommendations if appropriate, as per Resolution no. 22-11-22-5.2.1;

**WHEREAS** on December 20th, 2022, this Ad Hoc Committee examined the request for reconsideration and all documents pertaining to the parent complaints filed on March 17 and May 6, 2022, while giving the opportunity to the parent to present its point of view, and reported its recommendations to Council;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. TONY SPERANZA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the decisions taken by the Board Administrators regarding file R3-1122 be upheld, and the request for reconsideration be hereby rejected.

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the decision and the grounds on which it was made be communicated to the parent who made the request and to the author of the contested decisions, as per section 7.7 of By-Law no. 8 (2020) on Complaint Examination Procedure.

Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted

Resolution # 23-01-24-6.3

8.	<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"> <li>• Restoration of EMSB By-Laws</li> <li>• Bill 40 Fundraising Campaign</li> </ul>
9.	<p><u>Adoption of Minutes</u></p> <p><u>9.1 Adoption of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on December 13, 2022</u></p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MS. SOPHIE DE VITO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on December 13, 2022, be approved as presented.</p> <p>Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 23-01-24-9.1</u></p>
10.	<p><u>Business Arising Out of Minutes</u></p> <p>Mr. Joseph Lalla inquired about the Remuneration of Commissioners and how the formula was calculated.</p>
11.	<p><u>In Memoriam</u></p> <p><u>11.1 Tribute for January 2023</u></p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the Board values the contribution made by its employees;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> 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>Luce Marin, Executive Secretary, Student Services  Arthur Horovitch, Retired Teacher, High School Of Montreal  Aline Zerounian, Retired Translator, Office of the Secretary General</p> <p>and that the expression of sympathy be sent to the bereaved families.</p> <p>Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 23-01-24-11.1</u></p>
12.	<p><u>Chair's Report</u></p> <p>Presented by the Chair, Mr. Joe Ortona:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Throughout the month of January, Le mois du français à la CSEM, many events were organized where various dignitaries and Government Officials visited certain EMSB schools and spoke to students. To mention a few, at Honoré Mercier Elementary School, Tom Mulcair spoke to students via ZOOM about the history of Honoré Mercier and how the latter was Mr. Mulcair's great great grandfather. At Roslyn Elementary School, Liberal MP, Marc Garneau, also spoke to students via ZOOM. Mr. Gabriel Nadeau-Dubois, spokesperson for Québec Solidaire visited students at Pierre Elliot Trudeau Elementary. They all got to speak about their career paths and the importance of French. A big thank you to Mike Cohen and his team for all the hard work that was put into this great campaign.</li> </ul>

13.	<p><u>Director General's Report</u></p> <p>Presented by the Director General, Mr. Nicholas Katalifos:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The new Deputy Minister, Madame Carole Arav visited the Laurier Macdonald Adult Education Centre. She visited all School Boards and Service Centres on the island of Montreal. Madame Arav received an introduction to the EMSB about what our schools and Board are all about. Discussions about some issues that are very specific to our Board and some goals that we hope to achieve in the near future. The School Board has opened a line of communication with madame Arav for any concerns or issues that the Board would want to discuss with her. Madame Arav also visited a second time where she met with all the DG's and ADG's of all Boards and Service Centres on the island of Montreal and discussed about a number of initiatives such as École Montréalaise.</li> <li>• Elementary Registration Week for the 2023-2024 academic year starts on January 30<sup>th</sup>;</li> <li>• Le mois du français à la CSEM is winding down with our famous slogan Être bilingue, c'est gagnant. The EMSB including all of its schools have been promoting our French Programs and the strength of our Board. As part of Le mois du français, Willingdon Elementary School Choir created a special jingle to serve as the campaign theme song. If you wish to view some of the events that took place during this campaign, please view our website. We hope to see positive results in registrations.</li> <li>• The Holocaust Education Project will stream a webinar into classrooms, Friday, January 27, 2023, for the International Holocaust Remembrance Day;</li> <li>• Alternative United, a basketball team made up of students from the EMSB Alternative Outreach High Schools is organizing a fundraiser for a trip to watch the Toronto Raptors in February 2023 via GoFundMe. Most of the proceeds will be donated to suicide prevention and to a new non-profit organization called Avenues, geared towards helping students get connected with community resources after High School;</li> <li>• A number of EMSB inner-city schools will be among the beneficiaries of a generous donation of sports uniforms to the Generations Foundation. 130 cases of uniforms for a variety of sports will be shipped to the Generations Foundation Headquarters;</li> <li>• MIND Alternate High School is excited to announce the extension of its program to welcome junior students as of the 2023-2024 academic year;</li> <li>• Leader of the Federal Conservative opposition party, Pierre Poilievre, visited Wagar Adult Education Centre on January 11<sup>th</sup>, to talk to representatives from leading organizations which serve students on the Autism Spectrum.</li> </ul>
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14.	<p><u>Committee Reports</u></p> <p><u>14.1 ACSES (Advisory Committee on Special Education Services)</u></p> <p>Item presented by Parent Commissioner, Ms. Rosemarie Federico:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Guidance Counselor from Westmount High School, Karen Allen, offered an information session on Cegep applications for students with Special Needs. Discussions about what procedure to follow to ensure that the IEP's follow students into Cegeps;</li> <li>• A bullying prevention presentation was given by the School Climate Consultants. An anti-bullying workshop is available to all teachers and staff members. A motion was passed that the anti-bullying training be mandatory.</li> </ul> <p><u>14.2 Transportation and Safety Advisory Committee</u></p> <p>Item presented by the Chair of the Committee, Mr. Pietro Mercuri:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There has been no meeting since the last report.</li> </ul>
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#### 14.3 EMSBPC (English Montreal School Board Parents' Committee)

Item presented by Parent Commissioner, Mr. Tony Speranza:

- The Student Services Department gave a presentation on the prevention of Mental Health;
- QCGN gave a presentation on Bill 96 on how the various articles affect English Education and the Anglophone community;
- The Parents Committee was consulted on the appointment of the Student Ombudsman in which they accepted the candidate to be hired. For the position of the Substitute Student Ombudsman, the Parents Committee recommended that the candidate not be retained and that the Board restart the search process;
- The Parents Committee completed the update to its internal rules.

#### 14.4 Governance and Ethics Committee

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

- The Governance and Ethics Committee will begin its review and discussions of By-Laws once a decision on Bill 40 has been rendered.

#### 14.5 Audit Committee

Item presented by the Chair of the Committee, Mr. James Kromida:

- There has been no meeting since the last report.

#### 14.6 Human Resources Committee

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

- There has been no meeting since the last report;
- The next meeting is January 25<sup>th</sup>.

#### 14.7 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:

- There has been no meeting since the last report;
- The next meeting is February 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### 14.8 EMSAC (English Montreal Student Advisory Committee)

Item presented by the Observer, Mr. Joseph Lalla:

- The English Montreal Student Advisory Committee is composed of two student representatives from each of our 12 high schools;
- EMSAC last met on December 19<sup>th</sup>. Student discussed two major items: Cellphone policies in high schools and the EMSB WIFI;
- Regarding cellphones, students commented on different policies that high schools had. There were basically two conclusions that were reached:
  1. As a rule, schools should not keep student cellphones overnight, except in very extenuating circumstances;
  2. Rules regarding the use of cellphones should be left at the level of the schools, as is now the case with the annual adoption of the Rules of safety and Conduct in each school. Students do not favour a centralized approach to the use of cellphones.

- As for the EMSB WIFI, the students gave it a poor rating. For example:
  1. Computers in computer labs sometimes do not work.
  2. Students in the middle of a project lose their connection.
  3. Teachers sometimes have to be outside the classroom in the corridor to do their class attendance electronically.
  4. Students often encounter problems with MacBooks and Chromebooks.
  5. At FACE our English students often use the French FACE WIFI because it is so much better.
  6. The students recommend that quality WIFI and computers are absolutely necessary.

14.9 QESBA (Quebec English School Boards Association)

Item presented by the Chair, Mr. Joe Ortona, Member on the QESBA:

- Since the last meeting in December the Montreal Gazette reported a polling day on School Boards where QESBA was pleased with the results that were conducted confirming the community response to the importance of democratically elected School Boards in Quebec for the English speaking community;
- A decision on Bill 40 has yet to be rendered;
- This year's Spring Conference will be taking place in the month of May.

15.

Commissioners' Report

Item presented by Commissioner, Mr. Pietro Mercuri:

- Interim Leader of the Quebec Liberal Party, Mr. Marc Tanguay visited students at East Hill Elementary School. The students had the opportunity to interact and asked questions with Mr. Tanguay in French, which was exceptional.

Item presented by Commissioner, Mr. Agostino Cannavino:

- Congratulations to Michael Cohen and the Marketing and Communications team in organizing the Elementary Registration Week, emphasizing bilingualism;
- Mr. Cannavino attended the kick-off of the campaign at Nesbitt Elementary School where the local MNA, Mr. Marissal, spoke on the importance of French and on being bilingual. The students were engaged in a questions and answers session that showcased their ability to converse in both languages;
- Mr. Gabriel Nadeau-Dubois, the MNA for Gouin, visited Pierre Elliot Trudeau Elementary School, where he too was impressed by the level of French spoken by the students, but not only that, students were able to engage in conversation and ask questions to him, explaining his role as an MNA;
- Mr. Pierre Poilievre, attended an autism discussion group that was held at Wagar, and spoke of the importance of all Canadians being included in all aspects of society;
- The Consul General of France, Mr. Sanchez, who met and spoke with our students, also discussed the 3 teachers that have come to teach in our schools originally from France.

Item presented by Commissioner, Mr. Jamie Fabian:

- Mr. Fabian expressed how many people are not aware of what happened during the Holocaust or don't acknowledge what happened. Mr. Fabian is content on how the EMSB is emphasizing the important of Holocaust Education in our schools;

Item presented by Commissioner, Mr. Joseph Lalla:

- This year for the first time in its history, Willingdon Elementary School decided to put together a girls' soccer team for Cycle 3 students and played games against other schools. In October they participated in the famous Lower Canada College soccer tournament that featured mostly private schools from Quebec and Ontario. From the moment the tournament started, the Willingdon girls demonstrated exceptional teamwork, perseverance, and sportsmanship. Willingdon won all of its games and defeated Kuper Academy 1-0 in an exciting final;
- William Zaifman, a Secondary V student at Royal Vale School and part of the Hospital Opportunity Program (HOPS), which provides an opportunity for Secondary V students to observe and assist medical personnel in a large hospital setting in order to explore a career in medicine, was in Ottawa in December for the Hanukkah on the Hill Program where he got to meet Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Mount Royal Liberal MP Anthony Housefather and others;
- The Champions for Life Program is being offered in EMSB BASE Daycares at St. Monica and Willingdon courtesy of The Montreal Canadiens Children's Foundation. The Foundation encourages physical activity and the adoption of a healthy lifestyle among underprivileged youth. Champions for Life empowers children ages four to eight years old to develop their fundamental movement skills. Champions for Life delivers its program to low socio-economic schools located near BLEU BLANC BOUGE rinks. The Champions for Life leaders are university students enrolled in the Athletic Therapy program at Concordia University or the Physical and Health Education program at McGill University. The leaders work closely with the daycare educators to encourage the students to actively participate in the program to their fullest potential. In weekly sessions the students practice balance poses, locomotion movements or object manipulation;
- During the month of November, staff and students at Royal Vale School collected donations of gifts and essentials for Montreal women in need for the holiday season. These gifts were distributed to local women's shelters and community agencies serving women impacted by homelessness in our city. One special donation in the Royal Vale boxes are handmade winter hats knit by the grade 6 students. The initiative, led by high school teachers Erika Savage and Sydnee Puritt, saw hundreds of toiletries, socks, chocolate bars, and other small gifts donated by the Royal Vale community. A total of 55 boxes were wrapped and ready to be donated;
- Congratulations to Marilena Sahlas-Roy and Raphaëlla Etienne-Krief, the EMSB co-students of the month for January from Royal West Academy!

Item presented by Commissioner, Mr. Julien Feldman:

- Mr. Feldman expressed his thanks to Mr. Cohen and his team for organizing and having invited all of the elected officials into our schools and the importance of displaying our bilingualism to them;
- Mr. Feldman commended Mr. Fabian for his expression towards the importance of the Holocaust.

Item presented by Commissioner, Mr. Mario Pietrangelo:

- A special thanks to Mr. Cohen and his Communications team for this successful campaign and for allowing the Council of Commissioners to participate in the campaign.

Item presented by Commissioner, Ms. Ellie Israel:

- Ms. Israel is very pleased that the EMSB understands and is teaching Holocaust Education in our schools. She expresses her thoughts on the Holocaust and hatred and the effect it has in our society.

16. Appointment of Student Ombudsman – Following Consultation

**WHEREAS** in accordance with section 220.2 of the Education Act, the Student Ombudsman is designated after consultation with the parents’ committee and on the recommendation of the Governance and Ethics committee;

**WHEREAS** on December 5, 2022, the Governance and Ethics Committee members made a recommendation to the Council of Commissioners regarding the candidate to be appointed as Student Ombudsman of the EMSB;

**WHEREAS** the Council of Commissioners approved resolution #22-12-13-20 to consult the EMSB Parents Committee regarding the appointment of the recommended candidate;

**WHEREAS** the consultation period ended on January 18th, 2023;

**WHEREAS** the EMSB Parents Committee approved the appointment of the recommended candidate;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. JULIEN FELDMAN AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT Me Laurence Sarrazin be appointed as Student Ombudsman for the EMSB, effective on January 24, 2023.

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Director General and/or the Assistant Directors General be authorized to sign all pertinent documents concerning the appointment of the Student Ombudsman.

Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted

Resolution # 23-01-24-16

17. Budget Building Process 2023-2024 – For Consultation

**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;

**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);

**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;

**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;

**WHEREAS** Appendix A of the document describes the Objectives, Guiding Principles, Criteria and related Orientations proposed for 2023-2024;

**WHEREAS** the CMAC/RAC and the Management Table have reviewed and endorsed this document;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. JAMES KROMIDA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

1) the document entitled Budget Building Process for 2023-2024 be approved and forwarded to the school and centre governing boards and the EMSB Parents’ Committee for purposes of consultation as per Section 275 of the Education Act, as outlined in the documentation submitted at this meeting;

	<p>2) the document entitled Budget Building Process for 2023-2024 be also forwarded to ACSES and EMSAC for feedback, as outlined in the documentation submitted at this meeting;</p> <p>3) the results of the consultation be returned to the Director of Financial Services, Ms. Livia Nassivera, no later than March 24, 2023.</p> <p>Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 23-01-24-17</u></p>
18.	<p><u>Rollovers from 2021-2022 to 2022-2023</u></p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> as per Section 96.24 of the Education Act the School Board may credit all or part of the schools’ and centres’ surpluses to the school or centre or another educational institution if the Resource Allocation Committee recommends it and the Council of Commissioners implements the recommendation;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> as per Section 193.4 of the Education Act the Resource Allocation Committee must annually make a recommendation to the Council of Commissioners regarding the allocation of the surpluses of the School Board’s educational institutions;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> 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><b>WHEREAS</b> the CMAC/RAC has reviewed and endorsed the proposed distribution of school and centre surpluses and the school and centre deficits to be covered for the school year 2021-2022;</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. PIETRO MERCURI AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CENTRAL MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE/RESOURCE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE THAT, the school and centre surpluses and deficits at June 30, 2022 be allocated to the 2022-2023 fiscal year, as outlined in the documentation submitted at this meeting.</p> <p>Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 23-01-24-18</u></p>
19.	<p><u>Draft Calendars (Teachers) for the youth, adult and vocational sectors for 2023-2024 – For Consultation</u></p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the Human Resources Department has drafted the calendars (teachers) for the youth, adult and vocational sectors for 2023-2024;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the calendars (teachers) for the youth, adult and vocational sectors for 2023-2024 must be sent out for the purposes of official consultation to the following groups:</p> <p><i>English Montreal School Board Parents Committee (EMSBPC);</i>  <i>Central Management Advisory Committee - Resource Allocation Committee (CMAC-RAC);</i>  <i>Association of Montreal School Administrators (AMSA);</i>  <i>Montreal Teachers Association (MTA);</i></p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the end date for consultation purposes with the aforementioned committees, unions/associations will be THIRTY (30) days following the date of this Board meeting;</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. JOSEPH LALLA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the proposed calendars (teachers) for the youth, adult, and vocational sectors for 2023-2024 be approved and sent out, for purposes of consultation, to:</p>

*English Montreal School Board Parents Committee (EMSBPC);  
 Central Management Advisory Committee - Resource Allocation Committee (CMAC-RAC);  
 Association of Montreal School Administrators (AMSA);  
 Montreal Teachers Association (MTA);*

and the results of the consultation be returned to Ann Watson, Director of Human Resources no later than February 23, 2023, in accordance with the documentation submitted at the meeting.

Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted

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20.

The item was removed.

21.

Rate of Fees for Legal Defence of Commissioners

**WHEREAS** pursuant to Section 177.2 of the Education Act the Board shall assume the defence of any member of the Council of Commissioners who is prosecuted by a third person for an act done in the exercise of council functions;

**WHEREAS** Section 177.2 of the Education Act applies to ethics complaints, civil actions and penal or criminal proceedings brought against any member of the Council of Commissioners;

**WHEREAS** section 7.6 b) of EMSB By-Law no. 3 (2020) entitled *Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct for the Members of the Council of Commissioners* provides that, upon recommendation of the Governance & Ethics Committee, the Council of Commissioners shall establish by resolution a prescribed hourly rate for the legal representation of a Commissioner;

**WHEREAS** the Governance & Ethics Committee recommends to the Council of Commissioners to apply an hourly rate provided in Schedule II of the *Regulation respecting the fees for certain legal services rendered to bodies of the Government*, chapter C-65.1, r. 7.3;

IT WAS MOVED BY MS. ROSEMARIE FEDERICO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT, as recommended by the Governance & Ethics Committee, the applicable hourly rate provided in Schedule II below of the *Regulation respecting the fees for certain legal services rendered to bodies of the Government*, chapter C-65.1, r. 7.3 shall be paid by the Board to assume the legal defence of a Commissioner who is prosecuted by a third person for an act done in the exercise of council functions, as provided under Section 177.2 of the Education Act:

SCHEDULE II - HOURLY RATES ACCORDING TO THE POSITION, CLASS AND EXPERIENCE OF THE PERSON WORKING ON THE PERFORMANCE OF A LEGAL SERVICE CONTRACT

<b>POSITION and CLASS</b>	<b>EXPERIENCE</b>	<b>MAXIMUM HOURLY RATE (\$)</b>
ADVOCATE		
— Class 4	More than 15 years	300
— Class 3	11 to 15 years	250
— Class 2	6 to 10 years	200
— Class 1	0 to 5 years	135

	<p>IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the applicable hourly rate shall remain in force until it is reviewed by the Council of Commissioners, upon recommendation of the Governance &amp; Ethics Committee.</p> <p>Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 23-01-24-21</u></p>
22.	<p><u>Revised Allocation – Ministère de l'Éducation du Québec (MEQ) Funded Pre-K Classes 2022-2023</u></p> <p>This item was presented for information, documentation was included in the package.</p>
23.	<p><u>Christmas/Holiday Break</u></p> <p>This item was presented by Commissioner, Mr. Agostino Cannavino, for information.</p>
24.	<p><u>Government Exams in December</u></p> <p>This item was presented by Commissioner, Mr. Agostino Cannavino, for information.</p>
25.	<p><u>Report of the Executive Committee Meeting held on December 13, 2022</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Election of Vice-Chair of the Executive Committee</li> <li>- Awarding of Contracts – various projects;</li> <li>- P-1805 – Elizabeth Ballantyne – Major Building Renovation Project;</li> <li>- P-2205 – Architect Firm Selection for Option Venture Elizabeth – Major Renovation Project</li> <li>- P-2208 – Architect Firm Selection for Marymount Academy – Major Renovation Project</li> <li>- P-2210 – Architect Firm Selection for Shadd Business Centre – Major Renovation Project</li> <li>- P-2211 – Architect Firm Selection for Dunrae Gardens – Major Renovation Project</li> <li>- P-2212 – Architect Firm Selection for Edinburgh – Major Renovation Project</li> <li>- P-2213 – Architect Firm Selection for Gardenview – Major Renovation Project</li> <li>- PS22-0922 – Inspection, Maintenance and Repairs of Water Fountains</li> </ul>
26.	<p><u>Other Business</u></p> <p>None.</p>
27.	<p><u>Adjournment</u></p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. AGOSTINO CANNAVINO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:59 p.m.</p> <p>Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 23-01-24-27</u></p>
	<p>Signed in Montreal, _____</p>  <p>_____</p> <p>Me Joe Ortona, Chair</p> <p style="text-align: right;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Me Nathalie Lauzière, Secretary General</p>