

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
ENGLISH MONTREAL SCHOOL BOARD

A Regular Board Meeting of the English Montreal School Board has taken place on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. in the Laurence Patterson Room, 6000 Fielding Avenue, Montreal.

Commissioners Present

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

Commissioners Not Present

Administrators Present:

Mr. Nicholas Katalifos, Director General  
Me Jack Chadirdjian, Assistant Director General, Administration  
Me Nathalie Lauzière, Secretary General

Ms. Darlene Kehyayan, Sector Director, East  
Ms. Angela Spagnolo, Sector Director, AEVS  
Ms. Sandra Léveillé, Director, School Organization  
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  
Ms. Angela Vaudry, Assistant Director, Human Resources  
Ms. Anna Villalta, Assistant Director, Educational Services  
Mr. Mauro Zampini, Assistant Director, Student Services  
Mr. Mike Cohen, Manager, Marketing & Communications  
Ms. Brigida Sellato, Consultant, Secretariat General

1.	<p><u>Land Acknowledgement</u></p> <p>We/I would like to acknowledge 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 Tiohtiá: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.</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Educating staff and students about the true history and current realities of the Indigenous Peoples of what we now call Canada.</li> <li>• Celebrating the cultures, contributions, and knowledge of the many First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities.</li> <li>• Listening to and amplifying Indigenous voices.</li> <li>• And partnering with local Indigenous community members.</li> </ul> <p>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 Pietro Lopez as Student of the Month</u></p> <p>The Student of the Month for June is Pietro Lopez from Lester B. Pearson High School.</p> <p>Pietro Lopez, a Grade 11 student at Lester B. Pearson High School is a fitting choice for our final Student of the Month of the school year. Recently, a fellow student had a seizure in the staircase and was badly injured. Without thinking twice, after hearing the fall, Pietro jumped into action, screaming for help and ran to the student's rescue. His quick thinking allowed the school to call the paramedics immediately and give the student the medical attention he needed. Due to Pietro's efforts, the student who suffered the seizure has since recovered and is back at school.</p> <p>When Pietro is not playing hero, he is described as a kind, caring person who is always smiling and enjoys making people laugh. He is most inspired by his parents. Following LBPHS, he will be attending Dawson College to pursue a Social Science degree. Congratulations Pietro!</p>
3.	<p><u>Prix Étincelle</u></p> <p>This item was presented by Ms. Anna Villalta, Assistant Director of Educational Services.</p>
4.	<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>➤ Executive Committee meetings</li> <li>➤ Mr. Eustace's ban from EMSB Board meetings</li> </ul> <p>Questions from Mr. Irwin Rapoport were read and addressed by the Chair, Mr. Joe Ortona, regarding the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Initiate a GoFundMe Campaign to raise money for schools and educational programs</li> <li>➤ Contract with Jonathan Goldbloom's Avenue Strategic Communications Firm</li> </ul>

5.	<p><u>Approval of Agenda</u></p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MS. MARIA CORSI AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved as presented.</p> <p>Vote: 14-0-0, Adopted (Mr. M. Pietrangelo not present for the vote)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 24-06-18-5</u></p>
6.	<p><u>In Camera</u></p> <p><u>6.1 Motion to Move In Camera</u></p> <p>On a motion by Ms. Rosemarie Federico the meeting went In Camera at 7:27 p.m., all in favor.</p> <p>The meeting returned from the In Camera session at 7:32 p.m.</p>
	<p>Mr. Mario Pietrangelo joined the meeting via Teams at 7:28 p.m.</p>
7.	<p><u>Adoption of Resolution(s) from In Camera</u></p> <p><u>6.2 Legal Procedures regarding the Partial Expropriation of Lot 1 983 844 (rue de La Paix)</u></p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> on June 5, 2024, legal proceedings bearing number SAI-M-320540-2212 were instituted by the Attorney General of Quebec against the English Montreal School Board (EMSB) regarding the partial expropriation of Lot 1 983 844 for the purpose of the construction of the Réseau Express Métropolitain (REM) by the Ministry of Transportation of Quebec;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the Council of Commissioners was informed of the said legal proceedings on June 18, 2024;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> discussions were held in camera with respect to the said legal proceedings;</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. JAMES KROMIDA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Council of Commissioners mandates the Administration to safeguard the rights and protect the interests of the EMSB, the whole within the scope of the terms and conditions discussed in camera with the Council of Commissioners.</p> <p>Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 24-06-18-6.2</u></p>
8.	<p><u>Adoption of Minutes</u></p> <p><u>8.1 Adoption of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on May 28, 2024</u></p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. JOSEPH LALLA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on May 28, 2024, be approved as presented.</p> <p>Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 24-06-18-8.1</u></p>
9.	<p><u>Business Arising Out of Minutes</u></p> <p>On the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on May 28, 2024, Mr. Agostino Cannavino spoke of item 11 – <i>Additional Money for Schools and Centres</i>.</p>

10. Chair's Report

Presented by the Chair, Mr. Joe Ortona:

- Mr. Ortona made the following statement:

I'd like to share some truly outstanding news about our School Board's remarkable achievements. I am immensely proud to announce that the English Montreal School Board has once again reached the pinnacle of success, achieving an astounding 95.9% success rate. This is not just a statistic, it is a testament to the extraordinary dedication, relentless hard work, and unwavering resilience of our students, educators and support staff. To put this into perspective, our success rate is a phenomenal 14.2% higher than the average success rate in the public sector and 2.4% higher than the success rate among private schools. These numbers are not just impressive, they are a clear indicator that we are setting the standard for educational excellence.

The EMSB serves schools across 14 of Montreal's 19 boroughs and six suburban municipalities, covering an area of 306 square kilometers, roughly about 2/3 of the island of Montreal. Among our 18,101 students in the youth sector, 19% are neurodiverse and 71% come from lower socioeconomic backgrounds. Despite these challenges, we have demonstrated that excellence is not just possible, it is our reality.

As Minister Bernard Drainville highlighted on March 17th, 2024, *inspirons-nous des bonnes pratiques pour être meilleur partout dans le réseau scolaire*. Mr. Drainville, I invite you to meet our incredible team and witness firsthand the innovative practices our Educators employ to ensure every student thrives.

At this moment, I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to our educators. You are the heartbeat of our success, your unwavering commitment to nurturing and inspiring our students is nothing short of heroic. To our students, your determination and perseverance inspire us all. You have shown that with grit and resilience there are no limits to what you can achieve. To the parents and community members, your unwavering support and encouragement have been instrumental in our journey. You play a vital role in our collective success. I also want to express my appreciation to the Council of Commissioners whose support over the past term has indirectly fostered our success by enabling our experts to excel in their roles. This achievement is far more than a number. It represents the bright and promising futures of our students. It is a powerful affirmation that excellence is achievable regardless of the obstacles we face. Together, we will continue to strive for and surpass new heights.

Thank you all for your continued support and dedication. Let us carry this momentum forward and continue to inspire, innovate and excel.

11. Director General's Report

Presented by the Director General, Mr. Nicholas Katalifos:

- Mr. Katalifos made the following statement:

On behalf of myself, Ms. Nickoletopoulos and Mr. Chadirdjian, I would like to take a moment to congratulate the entire EMSB family. Our teachers, in-school administrators, professionals, support staff and the entire team here at the Head Office that support our schools, have worked exceptionally hard to achieve this incredible milestone.

Together, I think we all work as a cohesive group to give our students every opportunity to succeed. And of course, we have to congratulate those students themselves for the work that they have put into this incredible success rate, as well as their parents for the support that they give to them on a daily basis. I think we all have a great deal to be proud of at the EMSB and I think that tonight is the sign of not only our success and our achievements, but the direction that we're heading in and what we should be focusing on as a community. Congratulations to all, and I know that we're going to continue to work together to continue to succeed.

- Mr. Katalifos announced the following in-school administrative appointments:
- F.A.C.E. School, Principal – Replacement, Jennifer Harriet
  - Honoré Mercier School, Principal – Replacement, Cynthia Canale
  - James Lyng High School, Principal – Replacement, Alex Kulczyk
  - LaurenHill Academy, Principal – Permanent, Carmen Nicolas
  - Rosemount High School, Principal – Replacement, Giovanni Iammarrone
  - St. Monica School, Principal – Permanent, Andrew Mangal
  - Westmount High School, Principal – Replacement, Luigi Santamaria
  - Willingdon School, Principal – Permanent, Silvana Crigna
  - EMSB Virtual School, Principal – Temporary, Steve Spetsieris
  - SHADD Health & Business Centre, Principal – Replacement, Harry Michalopoulos
  - WAGAR Adult Education Centre, Principal – Replacement, Demetra Droutsas
  - FACE School, Vice-Principal – Permanent, Mireille Tehbelian
  - James Lyng High School, Vice-Principal – Permanent, Lise Khun
  - John Grant and L.I.N.K.S. High Schools, Vice-Principal – Permanent, Angela Antonacci
  - Laurier MacDonald High School, Vice-Principal – Permanent, Jessica Monti
  - Mackay/Philip E. Layton School, Vice-Principal – Permanent, Rea Limperopoulos
  - Marymount Academy, Vice-Principal – Permanent, Amanda Foster
  - Parkdale School, Vice-Principal – Permanent, Christina Voggas
  - Parkdale School, Vice-Principal – Replacement, Karolyn Liverman
  - Roslyn School, Vice-Principal – Permanent, Cynthia Canale
  - Roslyn School, Vice-Principal – Replacement, Fabiana Ciacciarelli
  - Royal Vale Elementary and High School, Vice-Principal – Permanent, Ivan Spilak
  - Royal West Academy, Vice-Principal – Permanent, Catherine Lumsden
  - Westmount High School, Vice-Principal – Replacement, Jennifer Martins
  - Westmount Park School, Vice-Principal – Permanent, Chrisoula Pappas
  - JFK Adult Education Centre, Vice-Principal – Permanent, Bernard Osei Asamoah
  - Rosemount Technology Vocational Centre, Vice-Principal – Permanent, Danny Midlash
  - WAGAR Adult Education Centre, Vice-Principal – Permanent, Danica Lewington

Congratulations to all!

12. Final Adoption of By-Laws

12.1 By-Law No. 1 (2024) – To Affix the Date, Time and Place of the Regular Meetings of the English Montreal School Board

**WHEREAS** in conformity with Section 162 of the Education Act requires that the Council of Commissioners must establish, by by-law, the date, time and place of its Regular Board meetings;

**WHEREAS** by virtue of Resolution #24-04-30-13.1, provisional approval was given to Draft By-Law No. 1 (2024);

**WHEREAS** in accordance with Section 392 of the Education Act, public notice of 30 days has been given;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. JAMIE FABIAN AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT final approval be given to By-Law No. 1 (2024) – To affix the date, time and place of the Regular monthly meetings of the English Montreal School Board for the school session 2024-2025.

Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted

Resolution # 24-06-18-12.1

	<p><u>12.2 By-Law No. 4 (2024) – To Affix the Date, Time and Place of the Regular Meetings of the Executive Committee of the English Montreal School Board</u></p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> in conformity with Section 162 of the Education Act the Council of Commissioners must establish by by-law, the date, time and place of its Regular meetings of the Executive Committee;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> by virtue of resolution #24-04-30-13.2, provisional approval was given to Draft By-Law No. 4 (2024);</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> in accordance with Section 392 of the Education Act, public notice of 30 days has been given;</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. JAMIE FABIAN AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT final approval be given to By-Law No. 4 (2024) – To affix the date, time and place of the Regular meetings of the Executive Committee of the English Montreal School Board for the school session 2024-2025.</p> <p>Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 24-06-18-12.2</u></p>
13.	<p><u>Special Education Staffing Changes for 2024-2025</u></p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> clause 7-3.24 and 7-3.25 of the S18-FEESP-CSN Collective Agreement states that, no later than August 20th of each fiscal year, the Board shall adopt a Staffing Plan in the Special Education Sector;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the Board must submit a draft staffing plan to the Union for consultation five (5) days before it is adopted;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the concerned Union was consulted;</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MS. ROSEMARIE FEDERICO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Staffing Plan for the Special Education Sector personnel for the 2024-2025 school year, be approved as per the documentation submitted at the meeting of June 18, 2024.</p> <p>Vote: 14-0-1, Adopted (Mr. M. Bentrovato abstained)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 24-06-18-13</u></p>
14.	<p><u>2024-2025 Management Staffing Plan</u></p> <p><u>14.1 Board Level Administrators</u></p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> documentation pertaining to the Management Staffing Plan Head Office 2024-2025 was presented to the Central Management Advisory Committee - Resource Allocation Committee (CMAC-RAC);</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the Board did present additions and revisions to the Management Staffing Plan Head Office;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the additions and revisions to the Management Staffing Plan 2024-2025 reflect the changes to the EMSB Organizational Structure, approved by Board resolution on May 28, 2024;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the revisions to classifications for management staff were applied in accordance with the government regulations;</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. JAMES KROMIDA AND RESOLVED THAT the Management Staffing Plan Head Office 2024-2025 school session, be approved as per the documentation submitted at the meeting of June 18, 2024.</p> <p>Vote: 13-1-1, Adopted (Mr. J. Lalla voted against and Mr. M. Bentrovato abstained)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 24-06-18-14.1</u></p>

14.2 School and Centre Administrators

**WHEREAS** Article 3.001 of the Local Management Policy of the AMSA (Association of Montreal School Administrators) states that, as a matter of principle, and in accordance with Bill 107, school and centre administrators are to be consulted on all matters pertaining to Board policies and the management of schools;

**WHEREAS** documentation pertaining to the management staffing plan for schools and centres 2024-2025 was presented to the Central Management Advisory Committee – Resource Allocation Committee (CMAC-RAC);

**WHEREAS** the board did present additions and revisions to the staffing plan for school and centre administrators;

**WHEREAS** the revisions to classifications for administrators were applied in accordance with the government regulations;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. TONY SPERANZA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Council of Commissioners approve the Management Staffing Plan for School and Centre Administrators of the English Montreal School Board for the 2024-2025 school session, as per the documentation submitted at the meeting of June 18, 2024.

Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted

Resolution # 24-06-18-14.2

15. 2024-2025 Cafeteria Price List and Subsidy Structure

**WHEREAS** the English Montreal School Board (EMSB) Nutrition Policy requires the board to approve the cafeteria price list and subsidy structure on an annual basis;

**WHEREAS** the EMSB Nutrition Policy stipulates that the school cafeterias shall be operated in a manner so that the cost to students is the lowest possible based on the criteria of quality, quantity and nutritional value, and within self-financing parameters;

**WHEREAS** \$700,000 from Measure 15012 (Campaign Against Poverty) will serve to subsidize some items based on the criteria of nutritional quality;

**WHEREAS** the proposed price list and subsidy structure reflects current rises in costs of goods and services;

**WHEREAS** the Central Management Advisory Committee - Resource Allocation Committee (CMAC/RAC) recommends the proposed price list and subsidy structure be approved;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. JAMES KROMIDA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CENTRAL MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE-RESOURCE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE (CMAC/RAC), THAT the 2024-2025 Cafeteria Price List and Subsidy Structure be approved, as outlined in the documentation submitted to the meeting.

Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted

Resolution # 24-06-18-15

16. Following Consultation

16.1 Three-Year Plan for the Allocation and Destination of Immovables 2024-2027

**WHEREAS** the Education Act requires the Board to establish a Three-Year Plan for the allocation and utilization of its immovables on an annual basis;

**WHEREAS** the said Act also requires the Board to issue a Deed of Establishment for each school and adult education and vocational training centre under its jurisdiction;

**WHEREAS** by virtue of resolution # 24-05-6-7 the consultation on the Proposed Three-Year Plan for the Allocation and Destination of Immovables 2024-2027 concluded on June 3, 2024;

**WHEREAS** the Three-Year Plan for the Allocation and Destination of Immovables 2024-2027 will take effect July 1, 2024 and a Deed of Establishment for each school and centre will be issued;

**WHEREAS** the English Montreal School Board Long Range Planning Committee met on June 12, 2024 and recommended that the Proposed Three-Year Plan for the Allocation and Destination of Immovables 2024-2027 be approved and the applicable Deeds of Establishment be issued accordingly;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. JOSEPH LALLA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE, THAT the Proposed Three-Year Plan for the Allocation and Destination of Immovables 2024-2027 be approved and the applicable Deeds of Establishment be issued accordingly.

Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted

Resolution # 24-06-18-16.1

16.2 Parc-école Project at Dalkeith Elementary School

**WHEREAS** the English Montreal School Board (EMSB) has received a request from the Borough of Anjou to transform the vacant land adjacent to Dalkeith Elementary School into a Parc-école;

**WHEREAS** the Parc-école would be used by the students of the school during school hours and by residents of the area during off hours, the whole to be integrated into a formal partnership between the parties;

**WHEREAS** the Borough has indicated that all development and maintenance costs of the Parc-école will be assumed by the Borough;

**WHEREAS** in return the Borough is requesting a long-term lease of a minimum of 20-year term;

**WHEREAS** by virtue of resolution # 24-05-6-8 the consultation on the Parc-école project at Dalkeith Elementary School concluded on June 10, 2024;

**WHEREAS** the Dalkeith community requests to be consulted during the negotiations with the Borough in order to assure that the project respects the needs of the students of the school;

**WHEREAS** the Long Range Planning Committee met on June 12, 2024 and recommended that the Board approve the proposed Parc-école project at Dalkeith Elementary School and pursue the discussions with the Borough of Anjou and any other relevant parties;

	<p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. MARIO BENTROVATO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE, THAT the proposed Parc-école project at Dalkeith Elementary School be approved in principle and that the English Montreal School Board be authorized to pursue the discussions with the Borough of Anjou and any other relevant parties;</p> <p>IT WAS FURTHER UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Director General or an Assistant Director General be authorized to sign the pertinent documents on behalf of the Board.</p> <p>Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 24-06-18-16.2</u></p>
17.	<p><u>Director General’s Reporting – As per By-Law No. 10 – Delegation of Powers</u></p> <p>This item was presented by the Director General, Mr. Nicholas Katalifos, for information.</p>
18.	<p><u>Committee Reports</u></p> <p><u>18.1 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 Committee got to see what the website for the EMSB parent toolkit would look like and how to navigate it. It has not yet been officially launched as it is being translated to French to ensure that the toolkit be available in both languages. Once the translation is complete, the website will be updated and launched;</li> <li>➤ ACSES reviewed the draft brief regarding the opening of a new Elementary School in the Nesbitt building. Modifications were made and the final draft was submitted.</li> </ul> <p><u>18.2 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>➤ The Transportation Committee was scheduled to meet on June 5<sup>th</sup>, which was then postponed to June 11<sup>th</sup>, and unfortunately was also cancelled as they are still waiting on the budgetary parameters for 2024-2025. Now that the budget parameters have been received the Committee should be scheduling a meeting soon.</li> </ul> <p><u>18.3 EMSBPC (English Montreal School Board Parents’ Committee)</u></p> <p>Item presented by Parent Commissioner, Mr. Tony Speranza:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The Committee met on June 6<sup>th</sup> at the St. Pius Culinary Institute. Unfortunately they did not have quorum however the committee did have great discussions which let on to e-votes;</li> <li>➤ Following an e-vote discussion on the proposed Three-Year Plan, the Parents Committee accepted the Three-Year Plan with the following recommendations. Firstly, that the EMSB continues to find usefulness in its surplus properties to benefit the communities. That the Three-Year Plan for the Allocation and Destinations of Immovables be sent for consultation a little bit earlier next year in order to be reviewed accordingly and to provide proper feedback. The EMSBPC also requested that the administration verify and make any corrections to the tendency of enrolments at the schools, especially those with 204 status. There was a brief discussion on the trends and how they were computed moving forward;</li> <li>➤ Following an e-vote discussion, the Parents Committee accepted the proposal for the Parc-école Project at Dalkeith Elementary School with the following recommendations. Firstly, that the EMSB ensure that the project be a safe environment for all students and special needs students and that the Dalkeith Governing Board is kept in discussion and consulted on the final draft;</li> </ul>

- There was also a discussion on the surplus monies for schools where it was explained that the funds have been already budgeted.

#### 18.4 Governance and Ethics Committee

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

- The Committee held a special meeting to consider a minor procedural issue.

#### 18.5 Audit Committee

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

- A meeting was scheduled earlier this month, however as the budgetary parameters have not been received, a meeting will be scheduled sometime in the next few days or weeks to come.

#### 18.6 Human Resources Committee

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

- There has been no meeting since the last report.

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

Item presented by the Substitute Member on the Committee, Mr. Pietro Mercuri:

- The Comité received the budgetary parameters from the Ministry of Education on June 12<sup>th</sup>. More details will be provided on this in the next report;
- The Comité received the resolutions from all School Boards and Service Centres requesting the maximum allowable for the financing of local needs;
- The members reviewed the summary of the School Boards and Service Centres participation in the group purchasing system sponsored by the Comité. The EMSB participates in every category of purchasing;
- A presentation was given on the upgrades to the Comité de gestion's Information Technology infrastructure. The upgrades include better network connectivity, intrusion detection and security and surveillance. Other upgrades that were made are the creation of test environments that would accept data from School Boards and Service Centres as well as upgrades that would prevent the loss of data onto the dark web. Encryption has also been put into place for sensitive emails which would guarantee confidentiality.

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

Item presented by the Observer, Mr. Joseph Lalla:

- The next EMSAC meeting will take place in October once the new representatives have been appointed.

### 19. Commissioners' Report

Item presented by Commissioner, Mr. Jamie Fabian:

- Mr. Fabian addressed his concerns and disappointment about what is going on in the Jewish Community and acts of anti-semitism.

Item presented by Parent Commissioner, Ms. Maria Corsi:

- Ms. Corsi attended the Virtual Annual General Meeting of the Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations. To highlight some of the resolutions that were passed, firstly one was on French instruction availability, the resolution demanded that the Government delay the implementation of the French language requirements for Secondary and post-Secondary students to graduate until there is a sufficient supply of qualified teachers, instructors and professors. The second resolution was on the far reaching effects of the tuition fee increases on Quebec's English Universities, and they are urging the Quebec Government to reverse the decision to increase the tuition fees for out of province students. The third resolution resolved to continue to demand that upon turning 18 years of age, individuals who attended public schools in the English Sector be automatically registered on the permanent English voters list. They also advocated for a fully funded provincial in-school food program that will reduce food insecurity for children and youth across Quebec. Lastly, on the issue of cellphone ban, although they do support the ban restricting cellphone use in the classroom, the QFHSA suggests that rather than penalties, the focus be placed on promoting responsible use of cellphones by educating students on phone etiquette, media literacy, technology, addiction and so on. Ms. Corsi thanked them for their advocacy as these issues are relevant to us.

Item presented by Commissioner, Mr. James Kromida:

- Mr. Kromida addressed the concerns from parents about the rising temperatures and that schools are not equipped with air conditioners. Mr. Kromida suggested that there should be a concerted effort to push the Government to develop a plan to rectify these issues;
- Mr. Kromida attended many graduations from our schools, these are wonderful events that make us proud of being the EMSB and to have all our students succeed.

Item presented by Commissioner, Ms. Ellie Israel:

- Ms. Israel advocated for the traffic on Côte St. Luc Rd and as a result elected officials have voted to lower the traffic to 30km in front of Marymount Academy. The new signs will be in place before school starts in August. With regards to the safety on the corner of Decarie and Côte St. Luc Rd at any given time there are between 6-8 homeless people who camp there and also solicit money. Ms. Israel has brought this to the attention of the borough and they will be looking into this issue;
- Ms. Israel attended the graduation of St. Raphael School which took place at Ruby Foo's and the graduation of Marymount Academy which took place at Vanier College. Ms. Israel will also be attending the graduations of Carlyle, Coronation and Dunrae Gardens.

Item presented by Commissioner, Mr. Joseph Lalla:

- On June 7<sup>th</sup>, the Willingdon Home & School Association organized an End of Year bash for its community. The event was well attended and a good time was had by all including students and parents;
- A breakfast was organized by the administration at St. Monica to recognize the contribution of the volunteers of the breakfast program. A special mention was made to the coordinator of the breakfast program who started in 2007 and has coordinated it ever since;
- St. Monica also held recently a very successful car wash fundraiser during the week of June 3<sup>rd</sup>;
- Mr. Lalla had the honor of attending both the Secondary 5 and Elementary graduation ceremonies at Royal Vale. Congratulations to the graduating students of the class of 2024 and wishing the a bright future ahead;
- Congratulations to the Royal Vale team, the Royal Raptors for finishing first at the Zone 01 National Finals which took place recently at the Montreal Science Center;
- The Edinburgh Home and School Association organized a very successful Spring Fair, serving food and refreshments to students, parents and also to the community. Many activities were also organized for the students;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Royal West Academy ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in the world, in the Future Problem-solving International competition. RWA students competed against 1300 student competitors representing 242 schools and groups from 12 countries and 29 states in the USA. As they came together at the Indiana University at Bloomington to compete in the various components of FPS, by solving a problem placed 30 years into the future on the topic of air quality. Mr. Lalla congratulated the champions for their achievement;</li> <li>➤ At Mackay, a mural spanning the entire length of the pool hallway was recently completed, representing the student population. The mural was created by Concordia Art stagiaire students based on a design by the students and the teachers;</li> <li>➤ Also at Mackay, the Leaders on Wheels celebrated a decade of supporting the Montreal Children’s Hospital Foundation by presenting a cheque for \$7,069 to the Children’s Foundation. This donation is the largest they have given in the past ten years through selling their homemade brownies, spiced rubs and sauces. The School has contributed over \$30,000 to the Children’s Foundation;</li> <li>➤ Travis Hall, EMSB Educational Consultant, announced that Mackay won for the best entrepreneurship project in LEADERSproject. This entrepreneurship project will now advance to the local level in Montreal for further consideration;</li> <li>➤ Lastly on June 13<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Lalla had the honor of attending Mackay School graduation ceremony. Congratulations to those students of the class of 2024.</li> </ul>
20.	<p><u>Report of the Executive Committee Meeting held on , 2024</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CGTSIM – Group Purchasing Program for Tenders from March 1, 2025 to November 30, 2026</li> <li>- Group Purchasing – Centre d’acquisitions gouvernementales – Tender 2024-7520-80 – Acquisition et renouvellement de licences Microsoft pour l’éducation</li> <li>- Awarding of Service Contract – PS24-0204 – Board-Wide Lawn Maintenance Services</li> <li>- Awarding of Construction Contract – P-2301-EG – St. Pius X Career Centre – Addition of Two New Vocational Training Kitchens Project</li> <li>- Awarding of Construction Contract – P-2211-EG – Dunrae Gardens Elementary School – Major Renovation Project</li> <li>- Awarding of Construction Contract – P-1852-EG – Honoré Mercier Elementary School – Replacement of the Roof, Heating System and Electrical Panels</li> </ul>
21.	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p><u>21.1 Calendrier et lieu des séances du Comité de gestion 2024-2025</u></p> <p>This item was presented for information purposes.</p>
22.	<p><u>Other Business</u></p> <p>None.</p>
23.	<p><u>Adjournment</u></p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. JAMIE FABIAN AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:25 p.m.</p> <p>Vote: 15-0-0 Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 24-06-18-23</u></p>
	<p>Signed in Montreal, _____</p>  <p>_____ Mr. Joe Ortona, Chair</p> <p style="text-align: right;">_____ Me Nathalie Lauzière, Secretary General</p>