

EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ENGLISH MONTREAL SCHOOL BOARD HELD IN THE CITY OF MONTREAL ON THE TWENTIETH DAY OF JANUARY TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY

John Paul I Junior High School and Laurier Macdonald High School

GENERAL CONTEXT

WHEREAS the Long Range Planning Committee recommended to the EMSB Council of Commissioners in the Spring of 2019 that a Major School Change Consultation be launched;

WHEREAS the overall purpose of this Major School Change was to rationalize and consolidate some EMSB schools in the North-East End Sector of the EMSB Territory;

WHEREAS on June 26, 2019, by virtue of Resolution # 19-06-26-6, the English Montreal School Board (EMSB) Council of Commissioners launched a Major School Change Consultation process;

WHEREAS the EMSB Long Range Planning Committee recommended scenarios for consultation;

WHEREAS in accordance with the Education Act, all stakeholders implicated by the proposed scenarios were consulted – including the Governing Boards, the Boroughs or Municipalities, the Management Associations, the Employee Unions, the EMSB Parents Committee and the Advisory Committee on Special Education Services;

WHEREAS the detailed Major School Change proposal document and all supporting documents were made available to the public on the EMSB website;

WHEREAS all consulted stakeholders were invited to submit a written brief to the Long Range Planning Committee, outlining their views pertaining to the various scenarios under consultation by December 16, 2019;

WHEREAS public hearings presided over by EMSB Trustee, Marlene Jennings, were held on January 8 and 9, 2020, whereby all consulted stakeholders were invited to provide verbal feedback on the scenarios proposed in the Major School Change document;

WHEREAS the Long Range Planning Committee met on several occasions in December 2019 and January 2020, to review the written briefs submitted and give consideration to the feedback received during the public hearing;

SPECIFIC CONTEXT

WHEREAS the John Paul I Junior High School building originally located at 7355 Viau in Saint-Léonard, was transferred by the Quebec government to the *Commission scolaire de la Pointe-de-l'Île* (CSPI) at the end of June 2019;

WHEREAS John Paul I Junior High School has since been cohabitating in the same building as the Laurier Macdonald Senior High School;

WHEREAS a cohabitation in one building between two schools from the same school board requires a duplication of many services and resources;

WHEREAS both John Paul I Junior High School and Laurier Macdonald Senior High School serve the same community, both offer one IB (International Baccalaureate) continuous program from Secondary 1-5, and both educate the same students;

WHEREAS combining these Junior and Senior high school programs would allow for more efficient use and sharing of human, material and educational resources;

WHEREAS the junior students could continue to benefit from a Junior school model within the larger high school context;

WHEREAS the EMSB Long Range Planning Committee recommends that John Paul I Junior High School merge with Laurier Macdonald Senior High School to create one Secondary 1-5 high school under one administration;

WHEREAS the EMSB Long Range Planning Committee further recommends:

- that the current administration of Laurier Macdonald High School (LMAC) give serious consideration to the implementation of a distinct junior school model within the larger high school context when planning for next year;
- that the current administration of Laurier Macdonald High School invite the Principal and Governing Board Chair at John Paul I Junior High School to a meeting to consult them on the most important elements of a junior school model;
- that the current administration of Laurier Macdonald High School conduct a review of the *LMAC Code of Conduct and Student Safety Guidelines* to ensure that elements specific to the best interest of junior students be included for July 1, 2020.
- that the Regional Director for the area and the Regional Director of Adult Education and Vocational Services review the circumstances by which the youth sector and adult students cross over in the LMAC building, and determine how this might be minimized or even eliminated;

IT WAS MOVED BY THE EMSB TRUSTEE MARLENE JENNINGS AND RESOLVED THAT:

- John Paul I Junior High School merge into Laurier Macdonald High School as of July 1, 2020, to form one high school from Secondary 1-5, under one administration called Laurier Macdonald High School;
- the Deed of Establishment for John Paul I Junior High School be revoked and the school closed on June 30, 2020;

- the Laurier Macdonald High School and the Laurier Macdonald Vocational Centre's Deeds of Establishment be amended accordingly;
- the EMSB's Three-Year Plan also be revised accordingly.

Adopted

Resolution # 20-01-20-3.1

CERTIFIED that the foregoing is a true and correct extract from the Minutes of a Special Meeting of the ENGLISH MONTREAL SCHOOL BOARD held on January 20, 2020.



Me Nathalie Lauzière, Secretary General
English Montreal School Board
January 21, 2020