

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

General Vanier Elementary 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 General Vanier Elementary School building located at 4700, Lavoisier 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 the General Vanier parents asked the EMSB to maintain their Deed of Establishment and relocate General Vanier Elementary School to another EMSB building for at least one year;

WHEREAS since the transfer of their original school building, General Vanier Elementary School has been cohabitating in the Pierre de Coubertin Elementary School building;

WHEREAS a more permanent and long term solution is required;

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

WHEREAS Pierre de Coubertin Elementary School, like General Vanier Elementary School, offers a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) and French Bilingual Programs;

WHEREAS Dante Elementary School, like General Vanier, serves the English students below the Metropolitan in Saint-Léonard and offers a Bilingual French Program and several elements of a STEAM program;

WHEREAS the long term vitality of all EMSB elementary schools is a priority;

WHEREAS the EMSB Long Range Planning Committee recommends that the Distinct and Program Boundaries of General Vanier be shared between Pierre de Coubertin and Dante Elementary Schools;

WHEREAS the EMSB Long Range Planning Committee further recommends:

- that the Principals of General Vanier, Dante and Pierre de Coubertin Elementary Schools work together to ensure the registration of all General Vanier students in their new schools, by the staffing deadline date of February 15, 2020;
- that Dante and Pierre de Coubertin Elementary Schools host an activity / orientation day in the Spring to welcome the General Vanier students to their new school;
- that Dante Elementary School give serious consideration to start a STEAM program;
- that the Regional Director of the area and the General Vanier Principal determine where the educational equipment owned by the Board and used at General Vanier will be relocated to, on June 30, 2020, while taking into consideration the recommendations outlined in the General Vanier Brief.

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

- the Deed of Establishment for General Vanier Elementary School be revoked and the School closed on June 30, 2020;
- the Deed of Establishment for Pierre de Coubertin Elementary School be amended accordingly;
- the EMSB's Three-Year Plan also be revised accordingly;
- the former Distinct and Program Boundaries for General Vanier Elementary School be divided equitably between Pierre de Coubertin and Dante Elementary Schools as follows:

To Pierre de Coubertin Elementary School: The General Vanier Territory above the Metropolitan, as well as a portion of the General Vanier Territory below the Metropolitan, West of Viau, North of Jean-Talon and East of Pie-IX, where 44 General Vanier students currently live;

To Dante Elementary School: The balance of the General Vanier Territory, below the Metropolitan, where 48 General Vanier students currently live;

- current (2019-20) General Vanier students who, following this Major School Change process, find themselves living in the new Dante Territory (according to the new boundaries outlined above), will, for compassionate reasons, be permitted to continue in the Pierre de Coubertin building as Pierre de Coubertin students, and busing will be provided to them for a transitional period of two (2) school years (2020-21 and 2021-22).

Adopted

Resolution #20-01-20-3.2

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