

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

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Our Lady of Pompei Elementary School and St. Dorothy 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** St. Dorothy and Our Lady of Pompei Elementary Schools have student enrolments below 50% of their school's capacity;

**WHEREAS** the two schools, while officially in different boroughs, are only 1.2 kilometers apart and each is able to accommodate all of the English students in that area;

**WHEREAS** both schools offer the Bilingual French Program and both offer enriched integrated technology programs;

**WHEREAS** both schools are located in low socio-economic areas and have high poverty index designations, so beyond offering excellent academic programs, both schools provide additional much needed services and resources to their students and families;

**WHEREAS** small schools offer some benefits, often larger schools have more resources and opportunities for vitality in the longer term;

**WHEREAS** the St. Dorothy building has a Municipal Evaluation that is slightly higher than the Municipal Evaluation of the Our Lady of Pompei building;

**WHEREAS** the location and visibility of the Our Lady of Pompei building is deemed superior;

**WHEREAS** the EMSB Long Range Planning Committee recommends that St. Dorothy and Our Lady of Pompei Elementary Schools be merged together into one school building as one school;

**WHEREAS** the EMSB Long Range Planning Committee further recommends:

- that the Principals of St. Dorothy and Our Lady of Pompei Elementary Schools work together to ensure that all students are registered in their new schools by the staffing deadline date on February 15, 2020;
- that Our Lady of Pompei host an activity / orientation day in the Spring to welcome the St. Dorothy students to their new school;
- that Our Lady of Pompei give serious consideration to start a music program similar to the one presently offered at St. Dorothy;
- that the Regional Director of the area and both Principals determine where the educational equipment owned by the Board and used at St. Dorothy will be relocated to, on June 30, 2020, while taking into consideration any recommendations outlined in the St. Dorothy Brief;
- that the much needed poverty monies to support the St. Dorothy students, that may be diminished as a result of the move to the Our Lady of Pompei building, be ensured by the Board as much as possible with the available financial resources;

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

- the Deed of Establishment for St. Dorothy Elementary School be revoked and the school closed on June 30, 2020;
- the Distinct and Program Boundaries of St. Dorothy Elementary School be annexed to the Territory of Our Lady of Pompei Elementary School;
- the EMSB's Three-Year Plan also be revised accordingly.

Adopted

Resolution #20-01-20-3.3

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