

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE
ENGLISH MONTREAL SCHOOL BOARD

A Regular Board Meeting of the English Montreal School Board has taken place on Wednesday, November 11, 2020, at 6:00 P.M. in the Laurence Patterson Conference Room, 6000 Fielding Avenue.

Commissioners Present:

Me Joe Ortona, Chair
Mr. Mario Bentrovato, Commissioner
Mr. Agostino Cannavino, Commissioner
Ms. Maria Corsi, Parent Commissioner
Ms. Sophie De Vito, Commissioner
Mr. Jamie Fabian, Commissioner
Mr. Julien Feldman, Commissioner
Mr. Norm Gharibian, Parent Commissioner
Mr. James Kromida, Commissioner
Mr. Joseph Lalla, Commissioner
Mr. Pietro Mercuri, Commissioner
Ms. Mubeenah Mughal, Parent Commissioner
Mr. Mario Pietrangelo, Commissioner
Mr. Tony Speranza, Parent Commissioner
Mr. Daniel Tatone, Parent Commissioner

Administrators Present:

Ms. E. Alfonsi, Interim, Director General
Me B. Duhême, Assistant Director General, Administration Division
Ms. Nathalie Lacroix-Maillette, Sector Director High School
Me N. Lauzière, Secretary General
Ms. Pela Nickoletopoulos, Sector Director Elementary School
Ms. Angie Spagnolo, Sector Director AEVS
Mr. Mike Cohen, Communications & Marketing Specialist
Ms. B. Sellato, Consultant, Communications

1. Composition of the New Council of Commissioners

ACCORDING TO SECTION 162 OF THE ACT RESPECTING SCHOOL ELECTIONS
COMPOSITION OF THE NEW COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS IS THE FOLLOWING:

CHAIR	Joe Ortona
WARD 1	Ellie Israel
WARD 2	Joseph Lalla
WARD 3	*
WARD 4	Jamie Fabian
WARD 5	James Kromida
WARD 6	Agostino Cannavino
WARD 7	Sophie De Vito
WARD 8	Mario Pietrangelo
WARD 9	Mario Bentrovato
WARD 10	Pietro Mercuri

*Since more than one candidate has filed a nomination paper for Ward 3, the previously elected candidate, Julien Feldman, remains in office, pursuant to Decree 1039-2020 adopted on October 7, 2020, until the election resumes.

PARENT COMMISSIONERS:

ELEMENTARY Maria Corsi
SECONDARY Tony Speranza
AT LARGE Daniel Tatone
ACSES Mubeenah Mughal

2. Filing of Oaths of Office

The Secretary General reported that the necessary oaths of office had been completed by all elected Commissioners and all Parent Commissioners, as per section 164 of the act respecting school elections.

3. Chair's Address

The Chair, Mr. Ortona, addressed the EMSB Commissioners, administration and the public watching.

4. Approval of Agenda

IT WAS MOVED BY J. LALLA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved, with the following additions:

- 18.1 Podcast Special Meetings of the Council of Commissioners – Notice of Motion;
- 18.2 New Secondary III and IV History Program – Update for Commissioners at the next regular meeting;
- 18.3 School Budgets 2019-20 and 2020-21 – update for Commissioners at the next regular meeting;
- 18.4 Mental Health.

Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted

Resolution #20-11-11-4

5. In Camera

5.1 Motion to Move In Camera

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. P. MERCURI AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to move in camera at 6:57 P.M.

5.2 Convention d'Indemnité (Transfert d'Immeuble Scolaire)

The Council of Commissioners returned from In Camera at 7:42 P.M.

<p>6.</p>	<p><u>Adoption of the Resolution from the In Camera</u></p> <p><u>Convention d'Indemnité (Transfert d'Immeuble Scolaire)</u></p> <p>WHEREAS the Ministry of Education (MEQ) recently submitted to the EMSB a Convention d'Indemnité (transfert d'immeuble scolaire) following the transfers of two of its schools in June 2019, pursuant to s. 477.1.2 of the <i>Education Act</i>;</p> <p>WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners took cognizance of the Convention d'Indemnité (transfert d'immeuble scolaire);</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY J. KROMIDA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Council of Commissioners mandate the Director General and/or the Assistant Directors General to take any appropriate steps and measures in order to protect the interests of the EMSB, as per the terms and conditions discussed In Camera.</p> <p>Vote: 14-0-1, Adopted (Mr. D. Tatone abstained)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution #20-11-11-5.2</u></p>
<p>7.</p>	<p><u>Question Period</u></p> <p>Questions posed by Mr. Chris Eustace, regarding Bill 40 and the Director General were responded to by Chair, Mr. Joe Ortona.</p> <p>Questions posed by Ms. Kim Segal, regarding the purchase of air purifiers for schools were responded to by Chair, Mr. Joe Ortona.</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p><u>Procedure re Election of Offices</u></p> <p>WHEREAS School Elections were to be held on November 1, 2020;</p> <p>WHEREAS pursuant to Decree 1039-2020 adopted on October 7, 2020, the School Elections were postponed because of Covid-19 for an undetermined period, and the candidates elected without opposition were proclaimed elected on November 6, 2020;</p> <p>WHEREAS in an explanatory letter dated October 9, 2020, the Deputy Minister of Education stipulated that where more than one candidate sought the same seat, the previously elected candidate shall continue his mandate, while the candidacies deposited remain valid for the postponed election;</p> <p>WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners must elect, on an annual basis, its officers on various EMSB Governance Committees, the whole according to section 10.1.1 of By-Law no. 11 on <i>Internal Governance</i>;</p> <p>WHEREAS according to section 9.6.3 of By-Law no. 12 on <i>Internal Rules of Management of the Council of Commissioners and the Executive Committee</i>, the Chair decides on the voting procedure (verbal, show of hands or secret ballot) for the election of Members on EMSB Governance Committees, unless otherwise specifically provided for in the EMSB's By-Laws or the applicable legislation, including the <i>Education Act</i>;</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY A. CANNAVINO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT each of the positions for the election of offices on the Council of Commissioners of the EMSB and all its other committees be voted on separately verbally, the whole according to section 9.6 of By-Law no. 12 on <i>Internal Rules of Management of the Council of Commissioners and the Executive Committee</i>.</p> <p>Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution #20-11-11-8</u></p>

9. Election of Vice-Chair of the Board

WHEREAS according to section 9.3 of By-Law no. 11 on *Internal Governance*, the Vice-Chair is elected from among the members of the Council of Commissioners;

WHEREAS according to section 9.3 of said By-Law, all submission forms sent by Commissioners who want to present themselves as Vice-Chair of the Board were received and acknowledged by the Secretary General, and forwarded to the Council of Commissioners on November 6, 2020;

WHEREAS for the election of the Vice-Chair of the Board, the Council of Commissioners considered the qualities of servant leadership, recognized integrity, ethical standards, honesty, transparency, diligence, pragmatism, efficiency, communication skills and consensus-builder, pursuant to By-Law no. 11;

WHEREAS the following Commissioner has submitted his candidacy for the election of Vice-Chair of the Board;

Agostino Cannavino

WHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT, effective November 11, 2020, Agostino Cannavino be designated as Vice-Chair of the Board.

Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted

Resolution #20-11-11-9

10. Executive Committee

10.1 Executive Committee - Composition

WHEREAS pursuant to section 179 of the *Education Act* and section 10.2.2 of By-Law no. 11 on *Internal Governance*, the Council of Commissioners shall establish an Executive Committee composed of the number of Commissioners it determines, by resolution, including the chair, at least one Commissioner representing the parents' committee and at least one Co-opted Commissioner, if any;

WHEREAS the Chair of the Council of Commissioners acts as Chair of the Executive Committee, unless he decides otherwise, and the Vice-Chair of the Executive Committee is appointed from among its members, as per section 10.2.2 of By-Law no. 11 on *Internal Governance*;

WHEREAS a newly elected Council of Commissioners designates the members of the Executive Committee at its first meeting, as per section 10.2.3 of By-Law no. 11 on *Internal Governance*;

IT WAS MOVED BY J. ORTONA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Executive Committee of the English Montreal School Board will be composed of 7 Members, including the Chair of the Board as Chair of the Executive Committee, at least one Parent Commissioner and a Co-opted Commissioner if any.

Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted

Resolution #20-11-11-10.1

10.2 Term of Office for the Members of the Executive Committee

WHEREAS pursuant to section 179 of the *Education Act* and section 10.2.2 of By-Law no. 11 on *Internal Governance*, the Council of Commissioners shall determine the term of office of the members of the Executive Committee by resolution;

IT WAS MOVED BY P. MERCURI AND RESOLVED THAT the term of office of the members on

the Executive Committee is 2 years.

Vote: 14-1-0, Adopted
(Mr. D. Tatone voted against)

Resolution #20-11-11-10.2

10.3 Chair of the Executive Committee

This item was for information purposes

10.4 Election of Members to the Executive Committee

WHEREAS pursuant to section 179 of the *Education Act* and section 10.2.2 of By-Law no. 11 on *Internal Governance*, the Council of Commissioners shall establish an Executive Committee composed of the number of Commissioners it determines, by resolution, including the Chair, at least one Commissioner representing the parents' committee and at least one Co-opted Commissioner, if any;

WHEREAS a newly elected Council of Commissioners designates the members of the Executive Committee at its first meeting, as per section 10.2.3 of By-Law no. 11 on *Internal Governance*;

WHEREAS the Executive Committee is composed of 7 members, as per resolution no. 20-11-11-10.1, including the Chair of the Board as the Chair of the Executive Committee, at least one Parent Commissioner and a Co-opted Commissioner if any;

WHEREAS all submission forms sent by Commissioners who want to present themselves as members of the Executive Committee were received and acknowledged by the Secretary General, and forwarded to the Council of Commissioners on November 6, 2020;

WHEREAS the Council must elect 6 members among the Commissioners;

WHEREAS the following Commissioners have submitted their candidacy for the election of Members on the Executive Committee:

Agostino Cannavino
Maria Corsi
Mario Benvolato
Ellie Israel
James Kromida
Pietro Mercuri

WHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT, effective November 11, 2020, the following Commissioners be designated as members of the Executive Committee:

Agostino Cannavino
Maria Corsi
Mario Benvolato
Ellie Israel
James Kromida
Pietro Mercuri

Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted

Resolution #20-11-11-10.4

11.

Governance and Ethics Committee

11.1 Governance and Ethics - Composition

WHEREAS pursuant to section 193.1 of the *Education Act*, the Council of Commissioners must establish a Governance and Ethics Committee;

WHEREAS pursuant to section 10.3.2 of By-Law no. 11 on *Internal Governance*, the Governance and Ethics Committee is composed of three (3) or five (5) members of the Council of Commissioners, as determined by resolution of the Council;

WHEREAS a newly elected Council of Commissioners designates the members of the Governance and Ethics Committee at its first meeting, as per section 10.3.4 of By-Law no. 11 on *Internal Governance*;

IT WAS MOVED BY J. ORTONA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Governance and Ethics Committee of the English Montreal School Board will be composed of 5 members.

Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted

Resolution #20-11-11-11.1

11.2 Election of Members to the Governance and Ethics Committee

WHEREAS pursuant to section 193.1 of the *Education Act*, the Council of Commissioners must establish a Governance and Ethics Committee;

WHEREAS the Governance and Ethics Committee is composed of 5 members of the Council of Commissioners, as per resolution no. 20-11-11-11.1;

WHEREAS pursuant to section 10.3.4 of By-Law no. 11 on *Internal Governance*, a newly elected Council of Commissioners designates the members of the Governance and Ethics Committee at its first meeting;

WHEREAS the Commissioners sitting on this Committee have experience in governance, in ethics, in risk management as well as a good knowledge of legal principles in matters of public administrators' duties, obligations and their civil liability, as per section 10.3.3 of By-Law no. 11 on *Internal Governance*;

WHEREAS all submission forms sent by Commissioners who want to present themselves as members of the Governance and Ethics Committee were received and acknowledged by the Secretary General, and forwarded to the Council of Commissioners on November 6, 2020;

WHEREAS the Council must elect 5 members among the Commissioners;

WHEREAS the following Commissioners have submitted their candidacy for the election of members on the Governance and Ethics Committee:

Sophie De Vito
Julien Feldman
Ellie Israel
Mario Pietrangelo
Daniel Tatone

WHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT, effective November 11, 2020, the following Commissioners be designated as members of the

Governance and Ethics Committee:

Sophie De Vito
Julien Feldman
Ellie Israel
Mario Pietrangelo
Daniel Tatone

Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted

Resolution #20-11-11-11.2

11.3 Election of Chair of the Governance and Ethics Committee

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners elects the Chair of the Governance and Ethics Committee, as per section 10.3.4 of By-Law no. 11 on *Internal Governance*;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners shall consider if the Commissioner meets the minimal requirements of the Governance and Ethics Committee, including the qualities of Chair as per section 10.1.2 of By-Law no. 11 on *Internal Governance*;

WHEREAS the Chair of the Governance and Ethics Committee shall have the highest personal standards with regard to honesty, reliability and commitment to the role, pursuant to section 10.1.2 of By-Law no. 11 on *Internal Governance*;

WHEREAS the following Commissioner has submitted his candidacy for the election of Chair of the Governance and Ethics Committee:

Julien Feldman

WHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT, effective November 11, 2020, Julien Feldman be designated as Chair of the Governance and Ethics Committee.

Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted

Resolution #20-11-11-11.3

11.4 Election of Vice-Chair of the Governance and Ethics Committee

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners elects the Vice-Chair of the Governance and Ethics Committee, as per section 10.3.4 of By-Law no. 11 on *Internal Governance*;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners shall consider if the Commissioner meets the minimal requirements of the Governance and Ethics Committee, including the qualities of Vice-Chair as per section 10.1.2 of By-Law no. 11 on *Internal Governance*;

WHEREAS the Vice-Chair of the Governance and Ethics Committee shall have the highest personal standards with regard to honesty, reliability and commitment to the role, pursuant to section 10.1.2 of By-Law no. 11 on *Internal Governance*;

WHEREAS the following Commissioners have submitted their candidacy for the election of Vice-Chair of the Governance and Ethics Committee:

Mario Pietrangelo

WHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

	<p>THAT, effective November 11, 2020, Mario Pietrangelo be designated as Vice-Chair of the Governance and Ethics Committee.</p> <p>Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution #20-11-11-11.4</u></p>
12.	<p><u>Election of Alternate to the Comité de gestion de la taxe scolaire de l'île de Montréal (CGTSIM)</u></p> <p>WHEREAS on October 14, 2020, Joe Ortona was designated as member of the Comité de gestion de la taxe scolaire de l'île de Montréal (CGTSIM), as per resolution number 20-10-14-7;</p> <p>WHEREAS an alternate can be appointed by the Council of Commissioners to the Comité de gestion de la taxe scolaire de l'île de Montréal (CGTSIM);</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY J. ORTONA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT, effective November 11, 2020, Agostino Cannavino be designated as alternate member to the Comité de gestion de la taxe scolaire de l'île de Montréal (CGTSIM).</p> <p>Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution #20-11-11-12</u></p>
13.	<p><u>Election of Member to the Board of Directors of the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA)</u></p> <p>WHEREAS the English Montreal School Board (EMSB) has three (3) members sitting on the Board of Directors of the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA);</p> <p>WHEREAS the members elected sit for a term of two (2) years, the latter ending in 2021, as per resolution no. 19-06-26-13.1 adopted by the Council of Commissioners on June 26, 2019;</p> <p>WHEREAS EMSB needs to fill one (1) vacant seat at the QESBA Board of Directors, as it was filled by an outgoing Commissioner;</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY J. ORTONA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT, effective November 11, 2020, Jamie Fabian be designated as member to the Board of Directors of the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) for the unexpired portion of the term ending in 2021.</p> <p>Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution #20-11-11-13</u></p>
14.	<p><u>Disposal of Ballots (if required)</u></p> <p>This item was tabled, as it was not required.</p>
15.	<p><u>Schedule of Governance Committee Meetings 2020-2021</u></p> <p>This item was for information purposes</p>

16. Expression of Thanks to Outgoing Commissioners
 The Chair, Mr. Ortona, expressed thanks to the outgoing Commissioners and stated that a formal celebration will be held when normal social functions can be resumed, to give proper thanks that they deserve.

17. Revised School Calendar 2020-2021 for Youth Sector

WHEREAS on October 29, 2020, Minister Roberge announced an amendment to the Basic School Regulation;

WHEREAS to promote conditions conducive to the deployment of distance education services, which have now become part of the education landscape in Québec, to facilitate the sharing of best practices, and to enable school teams to better plan for the months ahead, the Basic School Regulation has been amended;

WHEREAS this amendment adds three training and planning days to the calendar of all institutions offering preschool education, elementary education or secondary education (general education in the youth sector), regardless of the alert level in the zone where they are located;

WHEREAS these three days must be added to the already established school calendar and must be scheduled between October 29 and the end of the 2020-2021 school year as well as account for a maximum of one additional day per month;

WHEREAS the following plan has been proposed;

DAY 1: Regional Ped. Day Cobblestone workshops	DAY 2: Regional Ped. Day Consultant workshops
January 8 – Secondary East	February 5 – Secondary East
January 15 – Secondary West	February 12 – Elementary East
January 22 – Elementary East	February 19 – Secondary West
January 29 – Elementary West	February 22 – Elementary West

DAY 3: Local Ped. Day
Scheduled at the school level any time between Oct. 29 and end of the school year except January and February.

WHEREAS the revised School Calendar 2020-2021 for Youth Sector was sent out for the purposes of consultation to the following groups: Montreal Teachers’ Association (MTA), English Montreal School Board Parents’ Committee (EMSBPC), Central Management Advisory Committee (CMAC), and The Association of Montreal School Administrators (AMSA);

WHEREAS the feedback from the consultation groups were reviewed, discussed and taken into consideration by the Interim Director General;

IT WAS MOVED BY T. SPERANZA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the revised School Calendar 2020-2021 for Youth Sector be approved with the proposed amendments.

Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted

Resolution #20-11-11-17

<p>18.</p>	<p><u>Other Business</u></p> <p>18.1 NOTICE OF MOTION was given by Commissioner J. Lalla that, at a subsequent meeting of Council, the item regarding the Webcast of Special Meetings of the Council of Commissioners will be submitted to Council for Adoption;</p> <p>18.2 New Secondary III and IV History Program – Update for Commissioners at the next regular meeting;</p> <p>18.3 School Budgets 2019-20 and 2020-21 – Update for Commissioners at the next regular board meeting;</p> <p>18.4 Mental Health – Update for Commissioners at the next regular board meeting.</p>
<p>19.</p>	<p><u>Adjournment</u></p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. P. MERCURI AND UNAINMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 P.M</p> <p>Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution #20-11-11-19</u></p>
	<p>Signed in Montreal, _____</p> <p>_____ Me Joe Ortona, Chair</p> <p style="text-align: right;">_____ Me Nathalie Lauzière, Secretary General</p>