

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE
ENGLISH MONTREAL SCHOOL BOARD

A Special Board Meeting of the English Montreal School Board has taken place on Monday, August 31, 2020, at 3:00 p.m. in the Laurence Patterson Conference Room, 6000 Fielding Avenue.

Chairman

Ms. M. Jennings, Trustee

Administrators Present:

Ms. E. Alfonsi, Interim Assistant Director
Me B. Duhême, Assistant Director General, Administration Division
Me N. Lauzière, Secretary General
Mr. B. Thomas, Director, Information Technology Services
Ms. A. Watson, Director, Human Resources
Ms. B. Sellato, Consultant, Communications

2 members of the public were present

1.	<p><u>Proper Notice of the Special Meeting</u></p> <p>Me Nathalie Lauzière confirmed that proper notice of this meeting was given.</p>
2.	<p><u>Approval of the Agenda</u></p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY THE TRUSTEE, MS. M. JENNINGS, AND RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved:</p> <p>Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution #20-08-31-2</u></p>
3.	<p><u>Question Period</u></p> <p>Ms. Evelyne Alfonsi, Interim Director General, responded to questions posed by Ms. Maria Corsi regarding notification of student exemptions, medical note procedure, back to school, virtual learning, teacher exemptions, teacher vacant posts, and homeschooling.</p>
4.	<p><u>Proposed Revision of Administrative Organization Chart 2020-2021</u></p> <p>WHEREAS the EMSB Transformation Steering Committee led by Trustee Marlene Jennings approved, for consultation, the proposed revision of the Administrative Organization Chart for 2020-2021;</p> <p>WHEREAS the Directors of service have been met with at Management Table, and individually, regarding the proposed revision of the Administrative Organization Chart;</p>

WHEREAS the Association of English Montreal Board Administrators (AEMBA), the Association Québécoise des Cadres Scolaires – EMSB Section (AQCS), and the Association of Montreal School Administrators (AMSA) were consulted on the proposed revision of the Administrative Organization Chart and invited to submit their views in writing;

WHEREAS the responses to consultation are part of the documentation submitted;

WHEREAS the draft proposed revision of the Administrative Organization Chart was corrected to include the scale for the Director of Internal Audit;

IT WAS MOVED BY THE TRUSTEE, MS. M. JENNINGS, AND RESOLVED THAT the proposed revision of the Administrative Organization Chart 2020-2021 be approved.

Adopted

Resolution #20-08-31-4

5.

Anti-Racism Resolution

WHEREAS recent tragic events in North America have confirmed the need to acknowledge and address the presence of systemic racism and other forms of discrimination in Canada and in our own communities;

WHEREAS the English Montreal School Board (EMSB) hereby declares that we condemn racism in any form;

WHEREAS recent racist incidents documented in Québec require us to re-examine our responsibility, as part of the educational community, for the prevention and intolerance of discrimination in all of our schools, centres and head office;

WHEREAS the public education system should offer inclusionary curriculum for all;

WHEREAS the EMSB believes in the respect and dignity of all individuals, that no individual or group should be made to live in fear or should be excluded from society;

IT WAS MOVED BY MS. M. JENNINGS, TRUSTEE, AND RESOLVED THAT The English Montreal School Board denounces any form of racism or discrimination, and supports its schools and centres in their efforts to educate students within a caring, safe and inclusive learning community.

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT EMSB requests that the Ministry of Education develop and mandate a provincial task force to examine systemic racism in the education network and make recommendations on the changes needed to combat systemic racism. Such a task force should include representatives of the diverse communities.

Adopted

Resolution #20-08-31-5

6. Authorization to Join Collecto Group Purchase: Tender for Server and Storage Solutions

WHEREAS the *Act Respecting Contracting by Public Bodies* requires school boards to proceed by means of a public call for tender for the procurement of goods or services in excess of \$100,000;

WHEREAS the acquisition of goods or services over \$250,000 requires approval from the Trustee;

WHEREAS pursuant to resolution E19-03-27-7, the Executive Committee approved that the English Montreal School Board (the "EMSB") participate up to an amount of \$240,000 in the acquisition of servers and storage solutions and related professional services with supplier(s) tendered by the Collecto Group Services (SAR135-2019) for three (3) years;

WHEREAS SAR135-2019 is on-going until May 31, 2022;

WHEREAS the Information Technology Services of the EMSB has been assessing its needs for the current mandate as well as those related to backup servers and wishes to add to its initial mandate with Collecto Group Services an amount not exceeding \$250,000 (before taxes);

WHEREAS the additional budget has been secured and comes from measures from the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur;

IT WAS MOVED BY THE TRUSTEE, MS. M. JENNINGS, AND RESOLVED THAT the English Montreal School Board extend its participation to SAR135-2019 with Collecto Group Services for an amount up to \$250,000, before taxes, in the acquisition of backup servers and related professional services for its systems.

Adopted

Resolution #20-08-31-6

7. Adjournment

On a motion by the Trustee, Ms. M. Jennings, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Adopted

Resolution #20-08-31-7

Signed in Montreal, _____

Ms. Marlene Jennings, Chairman

Me Nathalie Lauzière, Secretary General