

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 29, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. Via Teams, in Montreal.

Commissioners Present

Me Joe Ortona, Chair  
Mr. Agostino Cannavino, Vice-Chair – via TEAMS  
Mr. Mario Bentrovato, Commissioner – via TEAMS  
Ms. Maria Corsi, Parent Commissioner – via TEAMS  
Ms. Sophie De Vito, Commissioner – via TEAMS  
Mr. Julien Feldman, Commissioner – via TEAMS  
Mr. James Kromida, Commissioner – via TEAMS  
Mr. Joseph Lalla, Commissioner – via TEAMS  
Mr. Pietro Mercuri, Commissioner – via TEAMS  
Mr. Mario Pietrangelo, Commissioner – via TEAMS  
Mr. Tony Speranza, Parent Commissioner – via TEAMS  
Mr. Daniel Tatone, Parent Commissioner – via TEAMS

Commissioners Not Present

Mr. Jamie Fabian, Commissioner  
Ms. Ellie Israel, Commissioner  
Ms. Mubeenah Mughal, Parent Commissioner

Administrators Present:

Mr. Nicholas Katalifos, Director General  
Me Jack Chadirdjian, Assistant Director General, Administration Division  
Ms. Pelagia Nickoletopoulos, Assistant Director General, Education Division  
Me Nathalie Lauzière, Secretary General

Ms. Sandra Léveillé, Director, School Organization  
Me Magdalena Sokol, Director, Legal Services  
Mr. Mike Cohen, Manager, Communications & Marketing  
Ms. Brigida Sellato, Consultant, Secretariat General

1.	<p><u>Land Acknowledgement</u></p> <p>The Chair acknowledged that the English Montreal School Board is located on the traditional ancestral and unceded territory of the Kanien'kehá:ka. We are grateful to live, learn, and work in Tiohtià:ke which has long been a site of meeting and exchange for many First Nations and is currently home to diverse groups of indigenous and other peoples. As a School Board it is important that we acknowledge the historic and ongoing role of educational institutions in perpetuating injustices against indigenous communities. We are committed to educating staff and students about the true history and current realities of the indigenous peoples of what we now call Canada. Celebrating the cultures contributions and knowledge of the many First Nations Inuit and Métis communities, listening to and amplifying indigenous voices and partnering with local indigenous community members. We offer this acknowledgement as a first step and public commitment to our ongoing process towards reconciliation and justice for indigenous peoples and communities.</p>
2.	<p><u>Confirmation of Proper Notice of the Meeting</u></p> <p>Me Nathalie Lauzière confirmed that notice of this meeting was given.</p>
3.	<p><u>Adoption of the Agenda</u></p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. PIETRO MERCURI AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved, as presented.</p> <p>Vote: 11-0-0, Adopted (Mr. J. Feldman not present for the vote)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 22-08-29-3</u></p>
	<p>At 7:04 pm Mr. Julien Feldman joined the meeting.</p>
4.	<p><u>Question Period</u></p> <p>Questions by Mr. Chris Eustace with regards to the Bill 96 Challenge were addressed by the Chair, Mr. Joe Ortona.</p>
	<p>On a motion by Mr. Tony Speranza at 7:09 p.m. the meeting moved In Camera.</p> <p>The meeting returned from the In Camera session at 7:40 p.m.</p>
	<p>The Chair Mr. Ortona advised the public that there are agreements in principle with all of the bus transportation providers and that there will be regular services provided for the first day of classes, tomorrow August 30<sup>th</sup>. There are some issues for a very small portion of people and those parents have been advised.</p>
5.	<p><u>5.1 Student Transportation Contract between the English Montreal School Board and Autobus Dufresne Inc. – Contract No. 2022-2028.1</u></p> <p>It was moved by Mr. Daniel Tatone and unanimously resolved that the item be tabled.</p> <p>Vote: 12-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 22-08-29-5.1</u></p>

	<p><u>5.2 Student Transportation Contract between the English Montreal School Board and Autobus Dufresne Inc. – Contract No. 2022-2028.2</u></p> <p>It was moved by Mr. Joseph Lalla and unanimously resolved that the item be tabled.</p> <p>Vote: 12-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 22-08-29-5.2</u></p> <p><u>5.3 Student Transportation Contract between the English Montreal School Board and Gestion Michel &amp; Carole Leblanc Inc. – Contract No. 2022-2028.3</u></p> <p>This item was presented for information.</p> <p><u>5.4 Student Transportation Contract between the English Montreal School Board and Autobus Groupe Séguin Inc. – Contract No. 2022-2028.4</u></p> <p>This item was presented for information.</p> <p><u>5.5 Student Transportation Contract between the English Montreal School Board and Autobus TRANSCO (1988) Inc. – Contract No. 2022-2028.5</u></p> <p>This item was presented for information.</p>
6.	<p><u>Adjournment</u></p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. AGOSTINO CANNAVINO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:42 P.M.</p> <p>Vote: 12-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 22-08-29-6</u></p>
	<p>Signed in Montreal, _____</p>          <p>_____</p> <p>Me Joe Ortona, Chair</p> <p style="text-align: right;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Me Nathalie Lauzière, Secretary General</p>