

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
ENGLISH MONTREAL SCHOOL BOARD

A Regular Board Meeting of the English Montreal School Board has taken place on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. in the Laurence Patterson Room, 6000 Fielding Avenue.

Commissioners Present

Me Joe Ortona, Chair  
Mr. Agostino Cannavino, Vice-Chair  
Mr. Mario Benvolato, Commissioner – via TEAMS  
Ms. Maria Corsi, Parent Commissioner  
Ms. Sophie De Vito, Commissioner  
Mr. Jamie Fabian, Commissioner  
Ms. Rosemarie Federico, Parent Commissioner  
Mr. Julien Feldman, Commissioner  
Ms. Ellie Israel, Commissioner  
Mr. James Kromida, Commissioner  
Mr. Joseph Lalla, Commissioner  
Mr. Pietro Mercuri, Commissioner  
Mr. Mario Pietrangelo, Commissioner  
Mr. Daniel Tatone, Parent Commissioner

Commissioners Not Present

Mr. Tony Speranza, Parent Commissioner

Administrators Present:

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

Mr. Jimmy Giannacopoulos, Sector Director, West  
Ms. Angela Spagnolo, Sector Director, AEVS  
Ms. Sandra Léveillé, Director, School Organization  
Ms. Livia Nassivera, Director, Financial Services  
Ms. Julie René de Cotret, Director, Student Services  
Ms. Anna Sanalidro, Director, Educational Services  
Me Magdalena Sokol, Director, Legal Services  
Ms. Ann Watson, Director, Human Resources  
Ms. Marilyn Ramlakhan, Assistant Director, Human Resources  
Mr. Mike Cohen, Manager, Marketing & Communications  
Ms. Brigida Sellato, Consultant, Secretariat General  
Ms. Tracy Mangal, Consultant, Educational Services

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| 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>Nomination of Kitana Nesfield as Student of the Month</u></p> <p>Kitana Nesfield has been chosen as the EMSB Student of the Month for June. Kitana is a Secondary 2 student who started the year with Quebec Virtual Academy. Kitana has proved to be a very mature, determined and intrinsically motivated student who excels academically and is mutually respected by her peers. Kitana is a well-rounded student who enjoys playing tennis and has a keen interest in E-Commerce, Entrepreneurship and Coding. Congratulations to Kitana!</p>   |
| 3. | <p><u>Presentation of the Global Issues Problem-Solving Winners</u></p> <p>Tonight, we are pleased to celebrate our students' achievements at the Affiliate/National Bowl that earned them an invitation to the Future Problem-Solving International Competition at the University of Massachusetts – Amherst.</p> <p>The EMSB can boast as the only Canadian team to reach the finals in two competitive components of the Future Problem-Solving International, namely the Global Issues Problem-Solving, a team-based competition and the Scenario Writing Problem-Solving, an individual competition!</p> <p>Global Issues Problem-Solving delves into global issues, real-life situations, and the ability to creatively problem-solve. This program enables students to think creatively and explore collaboratively a selected inquiry topic from a diverse range of contemporary global topics, such as Digital Realities, Robotic Workforce and Throw Away Society. Four competitions took place throughout the year amongst primary and secondary students in 36 countries.</p> <p>Four elementary schools and one high school at EMSB put forward the teams with Pierre de Coubertin Elementary and Royal West Academy achieving exceptional results!</p> <p>Pierre de Coubertin's Rocco Palmieri, Eva Ciarlo, Graziella Corsi-House, Gianmassimo Antonio Pietrangelo – all in Grade 6 – qualified for the final international competition in the global issues problem-solving component.</p> <p>Four students from Royal West Academy reached the finals. Grade 9 students, Sumin Woo, Sophie Iny, Anya Figlarz-Grassino and Jake Gurevitch travelled to University Massachusetts Amherst from June 7-11 to compete in the final GIPS team competition.</p> <p>Finally, but not the least, at Willingdon Elementary School in NDG, Grade 4 student Sky Fraser qualified in the finals for her individual written work in the Scenario Writing Future Problem Solving component on the topic of Throw Away Society. The task was to write a piece consisting of 1,500 words or less, set at least 20 years in the future about imagined but logical outcome of actions or events taking place in the world.</p> |

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|    | <p>Congratulations on such exceptional performance!</p> <p><u>From Pierre de Coubertin Elementary :</u><br/> Eva Ciarlo<br/> Graziella Corsi-House<br/> Rocco Palmieri<br/> Gianmassimo Antonio Pietrangelo</p> <p><u>From Royal West Academy:</u><br/> Anya Figlarz-Grassino<br/> Jake Gurevitch (attending the final competition, June 7-11, University of Massachusetts Amherst)<br/> Sophie Iny<br/> Sumin Woo</p> <p><u>From Willingdon Elementary G4:</u><br/> Sky Fraser</p>  |
| 4. | <p><u>Skills Olympic Medal Winners</u></p> <p>This item was presented by Ms. Angela Spagnolo, Regional Director, Adult Education and Vocational Services. The Olympiades québécoises des métiers et des technologies allow vocational and technical training students to compete in their respective trades. We are proud to recognize our very own medal winners from the Rosemount Technology Centre and the Laurier Macdonald Vocational Centre listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eduardo Gutierrez Madariaga from Rosemount Technology Centre won the gold medal in Industrial Drafting.</li> <li>• Austin Bertone from Laurier Macdonald Career Centre won the silver medal in Automobile Mechanics.</li> <li>• Tommaso Maffei from Rosemount Technology Centre won the Bronze medal in Cabinetmaking.</li> </ul> <p>Due to an age criteria that is applied only one finalist participated in the world competition and won the National Bronze medal for Cabinetmaking, Tomasso Maffei.</p> |
| 5. | <p><u>Prix de reconnaissance en lecture 2022-2023</u></p> <p>This item was presented by Ms. Anna Sanalidro, Director of Educational Services. Two EMSB employees have been recognized for their influence in encouraging and instilling the love of reading in children.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Danielle Juneau, Librarian, Educational Services</li> <li>• Ms. Louise Moreau, Teacher, Royal West Academy</li> </ul>  |
| 6. | <p><u>Approval of Agenda</u></p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MS. ROSEMARIE FEDERICO AND RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved, as presented.</p> <p>Vote: 13-1-0 Adopted, (Mr. J. Lalla against)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 23-06-20-6</u></p>  |

7. In Camera  
7.1 Motion to Move In Camera  
On a motion by Mr. Mario Pietrangelo the meeting went In Camera at 7:29 p.m.  
The meeting returned from the In Camera session at 7:43 p.m.

8. Adoption of Resolution(s) from In Camera  
7.2 Recommendation of the Student Ombudsman – File SO 04-2023  
**WHEREAS** the Plaintiff filed a complaint on March 3rd, 2023, in disagreement with a decision rendered on February 8th, 2023, by the administration and said complaint was not subject to reconsideration by the Council of Commissioners, as per section 9 to 12 of the Education Act;  
**WHEREAS**, as established in sec. 220.2 of the Education Act, the Student Ombudsman has jurisdiction over a complaint, filed by a parent or student, which concerns the services the School Board provides under this Act and involves dissatisfaction with the handling of the complaint or with the outcome;  
**WHEREAS** on April 17th, 2023, the Student Ombudsman, Me Laurence Sarrazin, received a complaint by the Plaintiff and she concluded in her report dated May 17th, 2023, that the complaint was founded, as per section 8.1.8 of EMSB By-Law No.8 (2020) on Complaint Examination Procedure;  
**WHEREAS**, although there was a recommendation from the Student Ombudsman to require a communication from a teacher to a student when the student’s real presence and/ or participation in a virtual class is questioned, the 2022-2023 Student Handbook has already been updated to that effect and will continue to be in the future;  
**WHEREAS** according to section 8.1.9 of said By-Law no. 8, the Council of Commissioners, at its next sitting or as soon as possible thereafter, will inform the complainant of the Student Ombudsman’s opinion on the merits of the complaint and of any recommendation in relation to his case provided by the Student Ombudsman, as well as of any action to be taken with respect to these recommendations;  
IT WAS MOVED BY MS. ROSEMARIE FEDERICO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Council of Commissioners agree with the decision rendered by the Student Ombudsman and that the recommendations outlined in the Student Ombudsman’s report are already taken into account;  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Secretary General inform the parents in writing, of the decision made by the Council of Commissioners.  
Vote: 13-0-1, Adopted (Ms. M. Corsi abstained)  

Resolution # 23-06-20-7.2

7.3 Student Transportation Contract between the English Montreal School Board and Autobus TRANSCO (1988) Inc. – Contract No. 2022-2028.6  
**WHEREAS** under Section 291 of the Education Act, the English Montreal School Board (hereinafter the: "EMSB") is authorized to provide transportation for all or part of its students;  
**WHEREAS** the EMSB negotiated a student transportation contract by agreement (hereinafter the: "Contract") with Autobus TRANSCO, the whole in conformity with the Regulation respecting student transportation;  
**WHEREAS** the Contract is for a duration of six (6) school years, more specifically for the following school years: 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025, 2025-2026, 2026-2027, 2027-2028;

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|     | <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the estimated annual amount of the Contract is \$ 7,498,456.11, excluding applicable taxes, for the 2022-2023 school year;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> under Section 114.1 of By-Law 10 (Delegation of Powers), a service contract involving an expenditure of \$ 250,000.00 or more must be authorized by the Council of Commissioners;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the Advisory Committee on Transportation has been consulted and recommends that the EMSB concludes the said Contract;</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. JAMES KROMIDA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Council of Commissioner’s authorizes the EMSB to enter into a student transportation contract with Autobus TRANSCO (1988) Inc. for the following school years: 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025, 2025-2026, 2026-2027, 2027-2028;</p> <p>IT WAS FURTHER UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Director General be authorized to sign the Contract on behalf of the EMSB, as well as all documents that may be required to give full effect to the Contract negotiated between the EMSB and Autobus TRANSCO (1988) Inc.</p> <p>Vote: 14-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 23-06-20-7.3</u></p> |
| 9.  | <p><u>Question Period</u></p> <p>Questions from Mr. Chris Eustace were read and addressed by the Chair, Mr. Joe Ortona, regarding the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legal Fees spent on Bill 40 Challenge</li> <li>• QESBA Membership Fees</li> </ul>   |
| 10. | <p><u>Adoption of Minutes</u></p> <p><u>10.1 Adoption of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on May 23, 2023</u></p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. PIETRO MERCURI AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on May 23, 2023, be approved as presented.</p> <p>Vote: 14-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 23-06-20-10.1</u></p> <p><u>10.2 Adoption of the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on June 6, 2023</u></p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MS. SOPHIE DE VITO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on June 6, 2023, be approved as presented.</p> <p>Vote: 12-2-0, Adopted (Mr. A. Cannavino and Mr. J. Lalla against)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 23-06-20-10.2</u></p>   |
| 11. | <p><u>Business Arising Out of Minutes</u></p> <p>Discussions took place with regards to the Proposed Electoral Divisions for the 2024 School Board Elections, concerning the process and management of the new boundaries brought forward at the Special Board meeting held on June 6, 2023.</p>  |

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| 12. | <p><u>In Memoriam</u></p> <p><u>12.1 Tribute for June 2023</u></p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the Board values the contributions made by its employees;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the Board wishes to take official cognizance of the passing of any member of its large family of employees;</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. JOE ORTONA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Board note with regret the passing of:</p> <p>Gilles Boudreau, Retired Analyst, Information Technology Services</p> <p>and that an expression of sympathy be sent to the bereaved family.</p> <p>Vote: 14-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 23-06-20-12.1</u></p> |
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| 13. | <p><u>Chair's Report</u></p> <p>Presented by the Chair, Mr. Joe Ortona:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On May 27<sup>th</sup>, more than 1300 members of the EMSB family came together to watch CF Montreal beat Inter Miami 1-0. Before the start of the game, two students Simona Ouzounis from Leonardo da Vinci Academy in Grade 6 and Liam Daoust, Grade 11 student from Lauren Hill Academy were recognized by president of CF Montreal, Gabriel Gervais on the field for their excellence in both academics and athletics. A portion of each ticket sold was donated to the Inspirations Newspaper;</li> <li>• On May 28<sup>th</sup>, the EMSB Parent Conference took place at Rosemount High School where Mr. Ortona attended alongside several Parent Commissioners;</li> <li>• On June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Leonardo da Vinci Academy held the Light Up the Night for the Neuro and Mr. Ortona was very proud of the schools achievements where they had many students on stage singing and performing for the parents and for the public. They raised more than \$23,000 for this event;</li> <li>• On June 10<sup>th</sup>, more than 250 members of the EMSB family attended the Montreal Alouettes home opener. Prior to the game, Gerald McShane Elementary School's Morgan Rinaldi and Westmount High School's Jessica Lo Raso were honored by the Alouettes President and CEO, Mark Weightman. Mr. Ortona was present alongside the Director General, Mr. Nick Katalifos and Assistant Director General, Mr. Jack Chadirdjian and the students were recognized for their excellence in athletics and academics and were also presented with bursaries from the Montreal Alouettes;</li> <li>• As this was the last Regular Board meeting of the year, Mr. Ortona presented the following message for the members of the English Montreal School Board community, about the remarkable accomplishments that we had over the past year: As we reflect upon the challenges that we faced, we also celebrate the numerous achievements that have shaped our educational landscape. First and foremost, as we reflect upon the end of this year, I want to commend our exceptional students whose dedication and resilience have truly been inspiring, as we've seen throughout the year the students that we've honored as student of the month and all the students that have achieved awards. In the face of unprecedented circumstances, they have all demonstrated remarkable adaptability, determination and most of all a thirst for knowledge. I believe that the English Montreal School Board has been at the forefront of educational innovation, ensuring that our students have access to the tools and resources necessary for success. We've invested in state-of-the-art technology, enabling seamless digital learning</li> </ul> |
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experiences and fostering the development of essential digital literacy skills. By embracing technology we've expanded educational opportunities beyond the confines of the classroom, reaching students in new and creative ways. Moreover, we've placed a renewed focus on mental health and wellbeing, recognizing the importance of emotional support. We've implemented comprehensive programs and initiatives aimed at promoting the mental wellbeing of our students and staff through counselling services, mindfulness practices and community partnerships. We've created a nurturing environment that fosters both academic and personal growth. The EMSB has also prioritized inclusivity and diversity. We worked tirelessly to create safe inclusive spaces where all students feel valued and respected. Our commitment to equity and diversity is evident in our curriculum which highlights the contributions and experiences of individuals from various backgrounds, cultures and perspectives. By embracing diversity, we are preparing our students to become compassionate global citizens who appreciate and celebrate our multicultural society. Furthermore, our partnership with parents and guardians has been instrumental in shaping our success. We have fostered open lines of communication, encouraging parental involvement and collaboration through parent teacher conferences, workshops and community events. We have created a strong network of support, ensuring that the needs of our students are met holistically. Finally, I would like to acknowledge the dedication and professionalism of our teachers and staff. Despite the numerous challenges they faced, they have gone above and beyond to provide quality education and support to our students. Their unwavering commitment to their profession and their genuine care for the wellbeing of our students have been instrumental in our collective achievements. In conclusion, the EMSB has achieved remarkable milestones this year. We've embraced innovation, supported our students wellbeing, promoted diversity and inclusivity and fostered strong partnerships with our parents and guardians. Together we have weathered the storm and through our collective efforts, we have continued to provide a nurturing educational environment that prepares our students for the challenges of tomorrow. A big thank you for all that you do and enjoy a well-deserved summer holiday and let us carry the spirit of these accomplishments forward as we embrace the opportunities that lie ahead.

14. Director General's Report

Presented by the Director General, Mr. Nicholas Katalifos:

- The Montreal Canadians' captain, Nick Suzuki, visited Dalkeith Elementary School in his capacity as an ambassador for the Assista Foundation, which focuses on rescuing dogs from difficult situations and giving them a new lease on life by training them to be service animals. Dalkeith has two service dogs Keira and Jessie fostered by Principal, John Wright. The dogs help students with their social interactions, reduce stress and anxiety and assist children in the recovery phase of a crisis. Some students get to spend time with one of the dogs as a reward as well and for hard work in the classroom. Such students can spend 15 minutes with Keira and Jessie and take them for a walk, etc. Nick Suzuki spent time with the dogs and sat down with a number of student groups and talked about life in class, their long term goals and the impact of the two canines have on them. The Assista Foundation officials maintain that rehabilitating dogs takes a lot of hard work and sustained effort but the rewards are priceless when those lovely animals pay it forward by helping people cope with mental health conditions, one of the most important issues in our society today;
- The Habilitas Foundation and its partners, the EMSB and the CIUSSS West Central Montreal welcomes cyclist Matt Devine during his stop at the Philip E. Layton and Mackay Centre Schools. As they bike across Canada, Matt and his wife Nicole who's driving the support vehicle alongside him for the entire trip, are partnering with Edmonton based charitable organization, You Can Ride Too, for this transformative cycling journey. The Philip E. Layton and Mackay Centre Schools were tapped as the Montreal recipients and welcomed the Devine's with a modest celebration. The Devine's have gifted the schools an electronic inventory system to help track the assignment and maintenance of their fleet of adapted bikes;

- On May 11<sup>th</sup>, the Voices of Olympia Canada Competition and ceremony awards were held in Concordia's John Molson School of Business. The Laurier Macdonald High School team represented by Gianna Simancas, Hannah Tinkler, Andrea Vaccaro, Giovana Wendling and led by teacher Ms. Valérie Barnabé had an extremely successful evening. Their project on Online Gender based Violence was recognized and won the following awards: the Jury Mention for Community Impact Project, the Nobel Art for Earth Prize for Creativity with Social Impact and Le Prix Coup de Coeur des Jeunes de la Fondation Dr. Julien. Congratulations to them!
- The primary and secondary levels of F.A.C.E. School from both English and French sectors are expected to be relocated to 2 buildings beginning in the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 academic years in order for major renovations to occur at their historic home at 3449 University Street, downtown. The work will take several years to complete and the schools operated jointly by the Centre de services scolaire de Montréal and the EMSB. The elementary school student will move first in the summer of 2024 to 4835 Christophe Colomb and a year later the secondary school students will move to 4251 St-Urbain, this same building once housed the iconic Baron Byng High School and following that was the home of the Sun Youth Organization;
- Our series of school visits by alumni continues. On the eve of their appearance at the Ottawa Natural Bodybuilding Championship later this month, the Serour brothers visited their former Elementary School, Gardenvue. Also alumni, award-winning journalist and author Julian Sher who graduated from Coronation School 58 years ago visited the school. One of his favorite teachers was Pearl Grubert, so many credits to her for inspiring him to follow his dreams. Honoré Mercier Elementary School alumni Philip Santagata returned to his former Elementary School to speak to the grade 6 class about the important lessons brought forward from his public education when creating his successful business called MANMADE, which actually appeared on CBC's Dragon's Den. Finally, the QESBA Executive Director and former MNA Russell Copeman returned to his old school Willingdon to talk to the students;
- Students from 8 high schools including host Options Alternative School collaborated on the unique project on June 8<sup>th</sup> called "Lifting the Weight of Oppression". Inspired by the fight of women for equal rights in Iran, students wanted to demonstrate their support and honor the strength of the protesters by undertaking an incredible physical challenge. 40 students collectively lifted 250,000 pounds in 40 minutes. In planning this event the students wanted to fundraise for the protestors but because it is very difficult to channel the funds to Iran, the students decided to support Chez Doris, locally. Mr. Katalifos congratulated the students for their efforts;
- Principal, Derrek Cauchi and his comfort dog Penny, teacher Melanie Reis Carreira and some grade five students from Sinclair Laird Elementary School took part in the recording of a Global TV commercial for EMSB registration which will air in August. Broadcaster Eramelinda Boquer did the weather from the school all morning on June 8<sup>th</sup> and you can watch for the commercial in August;
- The EMSB also hosted an exhibit and ceremony on April 26<sup>th</sup> at its Head Office, at which time students from three integrated Italian Pelo programs, "Le programme d'enseignement des langues d'origine (PELO)", were recognized for their participation in the Colors of Peace activity. Feel free to watch the report that aired on Italian television that is available on our website;
- On June 2<sup>nd</sup>, in the school yard of Leonardo da Vinci Academy, the evening took on a magical transformation as they lit up the night for the Montreal Neurological Institute. The community came together to enjoy a fabulous evening with delicious food, musical entertainment by students including a dance choreography with 50 grade 6 students, individual music performances, a choir that performed and was accompanied by alumni David Marino and a fabulous walk or run. Together, they raised over \$23,000 and what was particularly touching was the fact that the evening was filled with tributes to those we have lost including courageous words from Giulia Garofano, the mother of CF Montreal's soccer player Jason Di Tullio, who lost his battle to an aggressive brain tumor. Jason Di Tullio was an inspiration to Leonardo DaVinci Academy's passionate soccer students and the community was thrilled to hear the breaking announcement that night that the adjacent park to the school will be renamed the Jason Di Tullio Park. A big thank you to all the sponsors, those who donated online and the 600 people in attendance at this fabulous event;



- On May 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, Winnipeg hosted the 27<sup>th</sup> Skills Canada National Competition, a big competition that deals with vocational education. Quebec represented by 47 competitors who qualify for the Olympiades Québécoise. A blue wave swept across the Canadian competition with team Quebec taking home 32 medals and 29 trades representing 24 School Service Centres, School Boards and CEGEP's across Quebec. These results reward the excellence and the know how of the entire vocational technical training network. EMSB medal winners include Tommaso Maffei from Rosemount Technology Centre. He was accompanied by his coach Christopher Honce, academic advisor Nadia Zuccaro and education counsellor Miriam Furfaro. We also honored some of our students tonight who captured third place in cabinetmaking;
- As the last Regular Board meeting, Mr. Katalifos took a moment to thank all of our students for an exceptional school year. A particular word of thanks to the two Assistant Director's General for their constant support, all of our management team for the incredible work they've put into the school year and the efforts that they make to ensure the success of our students, and of course all of our staff members, teachers, support staff who work very hard on a daily basis. Finally, congratulations to the most important people here at our School Board, our students, for another excellent year. We are very proud of them and their accomplishments.

15. Committee Reports

15.1 ACSES (Advisory Committee on Special Education Services)

Item presented by Parent Commissioner, Ms. Rosemarie Federico:

- There are vacant positions on ACSES for the coming year. The candidate forms will be sent out if they haven't already for those who are interested in joining;
- The Student Services Department and ACSES parents have teamed up for a project called the Parent Toolkit which will contain information such as: What is an IEP? What role do parents have in their child's IEP? What kind of questions they might want to ask? What support is out there for their different types of needs? This is to help new parents who are faced with their children's challenges. We will build on it as this will remain an ongoing work in progress. Parent members of ACSES requested that follow-ups be made at the end of each year to verify the status of the different matters that were brought to the table during the year.

15.2 Transportation and Safety Advisory Committee

Item presented by the Chair of the Committee, Mr. Pietro Mercuri:

- A discussion took place on busing High School students from Rivières-des-Prairies to Rosemount High School. The STM representative explained that the STM would not be able to provide services to High School students from Rivières-des-Prairies going to Rosemount High School even if those services would be twinned with existing buses that go to Vincent Massey Collegiate. This is due to budgetary reasons within the STM, however we did receive reassurance from the STM representative that they would look at this again next year;
- There was also discussions about the resolution that is brought to this meeting on the 6 year contract with Autobus TRANSCO from 2022-2028, which was adopted;
- There is a transportation budget update for the 2022-2023 year which shows a surplus of just over \$500,000;
- Also discussed was the budget projections for 2023-2024. The budget for the coming year will be slightly greater than the past year by approximately \$800,000. The total budget would be approximately \$13.5 million and the budget bottom line projection would indicate a surplus of approximately \$110,000;
- Finally, it was discussed at the last transportation meeting that the EMSB will provide monetary compensation to parents who experienced service disruptions with Autobus Dufresne during this academic year. The compensatory amount would vary from family to family and it would be based on the following criteria. Firstly, it would be based on per day and per period of service whether AM and/or PM of use of the transportation services. Secondly, if siblings were on the same transport, compensation would be associated for each sibling. Lastly, the calculation for the compensation would be four dates ranging between August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 until February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

### 15.3 EMSBPC (English Montreal School Board Parents' Committee)

Item presented by Parent Commissioner, Mr. Daniel Tatone:

- On May 28<sup>th</sup>, the Parent Conference keynote was held at Rosemount High School followed by a week of lunch and learn workshops. This event was live webcast and the videos are now available online and can be accessed on [www.emsbparents.ca](http://www.emsbparents.ca). Also online is a great list of speakers and external resources. Mr. Tatone gave a special thank you to the EMSB Educational and Student Services Departments and St. Gabriel School for their resources. Also, a special thank you to Ms. Pela Nickoletopoulos and Brigida Sellato for their amazing support and the IT staff. A special thank you to the Principal at Rosemount High School, Mr. Lino Buttino and music teacher, Mr. Anthony Cooperwood along with the Rosemount High School Jazz Band as well as the caretaker staff. A special thank you to the external presenters including the Montreal Oral School for the Deaf, LEARN, Media Smarts, Chabad Lifeline, Ensemble, Bowser and Blue and additional sponsors and support from the Adult Educational Centres from the EMSB including Oxford Learning, Scouts Canada, Cadets 06 Victory, Gamers Universe, Yoga Balance and Joey Ceno Productions who helped live webcast and put all the videos online. Parent organizer, Marika Raimundo did an amazing job of organizing and directing the conference, a special thank you to her;
- At the last meeting, two letters were approved to send to the administration regarding parent concerns on uniforms and the other on mental health;
- A motion was unanimously approved to openly support Mr. Antony Housefather in his challenge with Bill C-13 on behalf of the English minority communities or within Quebec.

Item presented by Parent Commissioner, Ms. Maria Corsi:

- A subcommittee was formed and met to provide input in order to prepare a brief on Bill 23. The committee, of course, is not in favor of the provisions of Bill 23 which would see the government appointing our Directors General;
- This year the committee was very dynamic and active. The committee welcomed many new delegates in which brought new energy and ideas such as Ms. Marika Raimundo who completely reformatted the Parent Conference. The Parents Committee collectively represented the school communities very well on a wide range of issues and consultations. On behalf of the entire committee, Ms. Corsi expressed their thanks to the Assistant Director General, Ms. Pela Nickoletopoulos and the Regional Directors for being present at the meetings and providing information to the delegates on a range of topics and for engaging the Parents Committee in many constructive discussions on issues of importance to parents. This underscores the collaborative nature of work that is done together for the benefit of all the students. Throughout the year, many EMSB educational consultants came to give presentations on many topics which were then taken back to the Governing Boards to inform them of the latest information. Brigida Sellato always deserves a big thank you for the excellent work that she does and for all the support, she keeps the committee organized and running well. Also, a special thank you to Michael Cohen and the Marketing and Communications team. It was noted on the Parents Committee, how this year the marketing was just over the top exceptional, the team is doing a great job highlighting the best in all of our schools and the parents love to see more stories of all the achievements of the students.

### 15.4 Governance and Ethics Committee

Item presented by the Chair of the Committee, Mr. Julien Feldman:

- Discussed were the activities and policies of both the Ethics Commissioner and the Student Ombudsman. It should be noted that all Student Ombudsmen at School Boards and Service Centres across Quebec are now going to be migrating under Bill 9 to a National Ombudsman. Bill 9 will operate with one Regional Ombudsman per School Board. One has already been appointed to serve in our School Board. More will be reported with this regard in the upcoming school year;

- Also, the Committee started discussing about Bill 23, the new legislation from the Government concerning our Directors General which is a concern to all;
- Ms. Rosemarie Federico was nominated to join the Human Resources Committee. Congratulations to Ms. Federico;
- A decision on Bill 40 is foreseen before the end of judicial calendar, June 23, 2023. With this decision coming, the Committee will eventually start reviewing the By-Laws.

#### 15.5 Audit Committee

Item presented by the Chair of the Committee, Mr. James Kromida:

- The meeting was cancelled to prioritize the budget as the parameters from the Ministry were received and as the budget needs to be submitted by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

#### 15.6 Human Resources Committee

Item presented by the Chair of the Committee, Mr. Mario Bentrovato:

- There has been no meeting since the last report. Mr. Bentrovato welcomed Ms. Federico to the Committee.

#### 15.7 CGTSIM (Comité de gestion de la taxe scolaire de l'île de Montréal)

Item presented by the Vice-Chair, Mr. Agostino Cannavino, Alternate Member on the Committee:

- The Committee's projected surplus at fiscal year end keeps growing. The revised amount will be close to \$4 million than the amounts that were previously reported. This is due to higher interest rates, new billing rates and overall efficiencies that were introduced that contributed to this change of amount. This will result to members receiving an increase in their respective allocations;
- The Government also announced the peg rate that will be used for 2023-2024 school taxes calculation. This year's rate is 0.0973 cents per \$100 and this is compared to 10.21 cents per \$100 of last year;
- The Committee is also embarking on a new project to obtain ISO 27001 certification for IT Services. This will not only secure the information of its over 600,000 files and taxpayers personal data but will open the door for potential additional services that the committee can offer other non-member School Boards and Service Centres throughout the province;
- The Committee's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary evening held on June 1<sup>st</sup> was a great success. The EMSB was well represented and to top it off, the Rosemount High School band Class Act performed and entertained the guests with optimal performance. Mr. Cannavino thanked the students that performed, the music teachers Ms. Best and Mr. Cooperwood and of course Ms. Pomilio and Mr. Buttino for organizing the participation at this event showcasing the bands tremendous talent;
- The Committee's subcommittee will meet over the summer months to continue reviewing existing By-Laws and Policies and propose new ones to address new realities in the workplace;
- Finally, the Minister of Education inquired and started the process to fill the open position on the Committee's Council which has been vacant for years. Parent Committee members will be consulted to possibly name someone by end of year.

#### 15.8 EMSAC (English Montreal Student Advisory Committee)

Item presented by the Observer, Mr. Joseph Lalla:

- There has been no meeting since the last report.

16. Commissioners' Report

Item presented by Commissioner, Mr. Jamie Fabian:

- Mr. Fabian gave a shout out to Merton Elementary School for their graduation on this night. Congratulations to the graduating class of Merton Elementary School for 2023, best of wishes to them.

Item presented by Commissioner, Mr. Pietro Mercuri:

- The Light the Night fundraiser event took place at Leonardo da Vinci Academy. This event was to benefit the Neuro which is a cause that is near and dear to the heart of the Leonardo da Vinci Academy community. This year over \$23,000 was raised. The event featured musical numbers from the students as well as from our very own alumni Mr. David Marino who sang for us. Following all of the musical acts and the show there was a family walk/run that was lit up by glow sticks;
- On June 6<sup>th</sup>, Michelangelo School held a fundraiser, a walkathon that benefited the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and raised \$20,500;
- Mr. Mercuri had the distinct pleasure and honor to attend East Hill's grade 6 graduation ceremony. It was truly remarkable to watch and listen to the valedictorians of the class transition with ease between the English and French language. This is a testament to the exceptional work that the school does, the principal and staff members that take the time to teach the kids and give them exceptional lessons in the French language;
- Lastly, Mr. Mercuri wished all the students, parents, principals and teachers of his ward a very safe and restful summer.

Item presented by Commissioner, Mr. James Kromida:

- Mr. Kromida attended Lauren Hill's graduation on May 30<sup>th</sup>, where students received many awards. During the intermission there was a band playing and then it paused and one of the graduates came on stage and proposed to another, to go to prom together. It was a beautiful event and of course she said yes;
- Mr. Kromida also attended on June 13<sup>th</sup> at Gardenview School, the Bodybuilding activity with the Serour brothers. It was nice to see how it inspired all the students including the girls which was impressive. The gymnasium was full of people and it was very heartening to Mr. Kromida to see how sports made a difference to a young life and commended Mr. Cohen for all his hard work for such a great event.

Item presented by Commissioner, Mr. Mario Benvolato:

- On June 15<sup>th</sup>, Edward Murphy School held its grade 6 graduation where they turned the school's gymnasium into a fairy tale. Congratulations to all the team for putting together a fantastic event;
- Dalkeith Elementary School will be having their grade 6 graduation on June 21<sup>st</sup>;
- Mr. Benvolato visited Dalkeith Elementary School along with Nick Suzuki from the Montreal Canadiens. It was a great event, and it is just amazing what dogs can do to help our students;
- Lastly, Mr. Benvolato gave a shout to the principals in his ward, Mr. John Wright from Dalkeith Elementary School, a man with energy, drive and always full of ideas. Ms. Christina Chillelli from Edward Murphy School, she has done a great job in transforming the school into a beautiful place to learn and have fun and to Principal, Ms. Franca Cristiano from Vincent Massey Collegiate and her team for dealing with the everyday teenage problems and situations that occur;
- Mr. Benvolato wished everyone in our system a restful summer.

Item presented by Commissioner, Mr. Julien Feldman:

- Mr. Feldman attended the graduation at Westmount Park and many more to come. A congratulations to all the families in Mr. Feldman's ward who have children graduating this year;

- A special mention of the spring concert at St. Gabriel School. It was a remarkable event where there were 1,000 people present. It was great to see the gymnasium filled with people as 5 to 6 years ago the school was close to shutting their doors due to the low enrollment of students. Congratulations to Mr. Daskalakis, the principal and all the teachers and administration supporting the families and their children at St. Gabriel School.

Item presented by Commissioner, Mr. Joseph Lalla:

- As the Commissioner for Royal West Academy and Willingdon Elementary School, Mr. Lalla congratulated the four students from Royal West Academy who reached the finals in the Global Issues Problem-Solving Competition. The team of four Secondary 3 students from Royal West Academy travelled to the University Massachusetts Amherst from June 7 to June 11 to compete in the final Global Issues Problem Solving team competition. Mr. Lalla also congratulated Sky Fraser, a Grade 4 student from Willingdon School, who qualified in the finals;
- At the last Council meeting, Mr. Lalla reported that Grade 6 students at Edinburgh School undertook an immersive environmental design project with Youth Fusion that would culminate in the inauguration of the outdoor classroom. The outdoor classroom is now a reality, and students, parents and the community are extremely pleased with the results. Congratulations to the students and staff for this tremendous initiative;
- Quebec is hoping to train up to 5,000 new PABs by the end of the year. To do this, the Health Ministry will bring back its accelerated three-month training program. Students who enroll will get an \$8,000 bursary and once they complete the program, they will get another \$4,000 bursary and a guaranteed job. The EMSB will be offering the training program at our Shadd Health and Business Center;
- In May, students from Royal West Academy attended the Zone 01 Robotics Competition, bringing 16 students that made up 5 teams. In the Sumo Competition, the team of Masha A., Daniel P. and Nate R. placed second out of twenty-eight teams. Several other teams from Royal West Academy placed in the top ten. The team of Jacob F. and Danny H. qualified for the nationals in the Survival Mode Competition;
- Congratulations to the students, parents and staff of St. Monica Elementary School for holding a successful car wash fundraising activity;
- Lastly, a word of thanks to Mr. Katalifos, Ms. Nickoletopoulos, Mr. Chadirdjian and all of Management and the staff here at the Head Office for their daily work in support of our students and schools.

Item presented by Commissioner, Ms. Ellie Israel:

- Recently, Ms. Israel has been attending many graduation ceremonies. She expressed how we don't need to teach diversity or talk about it because we are diversity. The leaders of today are producing the leaders of tomorrow and the English Montreal School Board can be very proud of the graduates that are graduating from our schools who are bilingual. This is the future of our country and she also expressed that she is proud to be a Commissioner of the EMSB and hopes that we continue to be a School Board as per the constitution.

17. Decision of Ethics Commissioner – File 4186-8

**WHEREAS** Me Vincent Guida, English Montreal School Board (EMSB) Ethics Commissioner, has rendered a decision on June 5, 2023, regarding the complaint case of Plaintiff vs. Giuseppe (Joe) Ortona (hereinafter the “Defendant Commissioner”) dated March 14, 2023, file 4186-8;

**WHEREAS** the mandate of the Ethics Commissioner is to apply the Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct for the Members of the Council of Commissioners of the EMSB (hereinafter the “Code of Ethics”) and to provide for sanctions in accordance with the Education Act;

**WHEREAS** the Ethics Commissioner decided that the above-mentioned complaint was unfounded and that the Defendant Commissioner did not commit any of the infractions to the Code of Ethics and the Education Act alleged by the Complainant;

**WHEREAS** the Defendant Commissioner performed in good faith in the discharge of his functions with regard to the complaint received;

**WHEREAS** according to section 8.8.7 of the Code of Ethics applicable, the decision rendered is public and recorded in the minutes of the Council of Commissioners;

IT WAS MOVED BY MS. ROSEMARIE FEDERICO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Board acknowledges and deposits the decision rendered on June 5, 2023 by Me Vincent Guida, Ethics Commissioner, in the case of Plaintiff against Giuseppe (Joe) Ortona, file 4186-8.

Vote: 11-0-1, Adopted (Mr. J. Ortona abstained, Mr. J. Kromida and Mr. D. Tatone not present for the vote)

Resolution # 23-06-20-17

18. Recommendations from the Long Range Planning Committee

18.1 Three-Year Plan for the Allocation and Destination of Immovables 2023-2026 – Following Consultation

**WHEREAS** the Education Act requires the Board to establish a Three-Year Plan for the allocation and utilization of its immovables on an annual basis;

**WHEREAS** the said Act also requires the Board to issue a Deed of Establishment for each school and adult education and vocational training centre under its jurisdiction;

**WHEREAS** by virtue of resolution # 23-04-25-15.1 the consultation on the Proposed Three-Year Plan and List of Schools - Allocation and Destination of Immovables 2023-2026 concluded on June 2, 2023;

**WHEREAS** the Three-Year Plan and List of Schools - Allocation and Destination of Immovables 2023-2026 will take effect July 1, 2023 and a Deed of Establishment for each school and centre will be issued;

**WHEREAS** the English Montreal School Board Long Range Planning Committee met on June 7, 2023 and recommended that the Three-Year Plan and List of Schools - Allocation and Destination of Immovables 2023-2026 be approved and the applicable Deeds of Establishment be issued accordingly;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. PIETRO MERCURI AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE, THAT the Three-Year Plan and List of Schools - Allocation and Destination of Immovables 2023-2026 be approved and the applicable Deeds of Establishment be issued accordingly.

Vote: 12-0-0, Adopted (Mr. J. Kromida and Mr. D. Tatone not present for the vote)

Resolution # 23-06-20-18.1

18.2 Proposal for Expanding the Academic Program at Programme Mile End to Include Secondary 3 – Following Consultation

**WHEREAS** at the Board meeting on April 25, 2023 the Council of Commissioners approved for consultation purposes, in Resolution # 23-04-25-15.2, a proposal for the expansion of Programme Mile End High School to add Secondary 3 for the start of the 2023-2024 school year;

**WHEREAS** the Program Mile End High School principal, the EMSB Parents' Committee, and Coronation governing board were invited to submit their views by no later than May 29, 2023;

**WHEREAS** the English Montreal School Board Long Range Planning Committee met on June 7, 2023 and recommended that Programme Mile End High School add Secondary 3 to their academic program for the start of the 2023-2024 school year;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. PIETRO MERCURI AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE, THAT the Board approve the expansion of Programme Mile End High School to add Secondary 3 for the start of the 2023-2024 school year.

Vote: 12-0-0, Adopted (Mr. J. Kromida and Mr. D. Tatone not present for the vote)

Resolution # 23-06-20-18.2

### 18.3 Opening of a Specialized School in the Nesbitt Building – For Consultation

**WHEREAS** the needs of our growing population of students with special needs within the English Montreal School Board (EMSB) has increased over the last several years;

**WHEREAS**, in the last six years, the EMSB has opened numerous self-contained groups, which include SEEDS, WINGS, Early Stimulation, Roots and Welcoming classes, in order to address the specific needs of students;

**WHEREAS** the Administration of the EMSB is proposing to open a specialized school, with its own deed of establishment, in the Nesbitt School building;

**WHEREAS** the Administration of the EMSB believes such an endeavor would set the standard for the future of special needs education at the EMSB by consolidating our resources in one building;

**WHEREAS** such an endeavor would ensure the long-term vitality of the EMSB Community by providing high-level services to students who would otherwise be referred to specialized schools not belonging to the EMSB;

**WHEREAS** the EMSB Policy on Maintenance or Closure of Schools (DG-18) provides for a process of consultation with its community prior to implementing any change to the level of instruction or closure of a school;

**WHEREAS** on June 7th, 2023, the Long-Range Planning Committee recommended that the Council of Commissioners approves the consultation process for the opening of the specialized school in the Nesbitt building;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. AGOSTINO CANNAVINO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE, THAT a 1 year consultation for the purpose of opening a specialized school in the Nesbitt building be launched;

IT WAS FURTHER UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the consultation would involve the Governing Boards of the schools and centers listed in the consultation document in accordance with sections 40 and 101 of the Education Act, The Parents' Committee, the Special Needs Advisory Committee, as well as any municipality or boroughs whose territory is situated entirely or partially within the Board's own territory;

IT WAS STILL FURTHER UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the consultative process be conducted in such a manner as to encourage the participation of, and input from, all Board stakeholders including all associations, unions, community groups, municipalities and individuals;

IT WAS STILL FURTHER UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the consultation period ends June 20th, 2024 and that Special Board meetings be scheduled in the fall of 2024 at which time the consulted partners may share the highlights of their briefs and a final decision be made by the Council of Commissioners.

Vote: 12-0-0, Adopted (Mr. J. Kromida and Mr. D. Tatone not present for the vote)

Resolution # 23-06-20-18.3

19. Final Adoption of By-Laws

19.1 By-Law No. 1 (2023) – To Affix the Date, Time and Place of the Regular Meetings of the English Montreal School Board

**WHEREAS** in conformity with Section 162 of the Education Act requires that the Council of Commissioners must establish, by by-law, the date, time and place of its Regular Board meetings;

**WHEREAS** by virtue of Resolution #23-04-25-18.1, provisional approval was given to Draft By-Law No. 1 (2023);

**WHEREAS** in accordance with Section 392 of the Education Act, public notice of 30 days has been given;

IT WAS MOVED THAT final approval be given to By-Law No. 1 (2023) – To affix the date, time and place of the Regular monthly meetings of the English Montreal School Board for the school session 2023-2024.

**Amendment by Mr. Joe Ortona, Chair**

Mr. Ortona moved to add to article 2 of the By-law the following:

*Notwithstanding section 5.4 of By-Law No. 12 on Internal Rules of Management of the Council of Commissioners and the Executive Committee, the meetings shall commence at 7:00 p.m. and end no later than 10:00 p.m.*

Vote on amendment: 11-0-1, Adopted (Mr. J. Lalla abstained, Mr. J. Kromida and Mr. D. Tatone not present for the vote)

Vote on the Main motion including the amendment:

IT WAS MOVED BY MS. SOPHIE DE VITO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT final approval be given to By-Law No. 1 (2023) – To affix the date, time and place of the Regular monthly meetings of the English Montreal School Board for the school session 2023-2024.

Vote: 11-0-1, Adopted (Mr. J. Lalla abstained, Mr. J. Kromida and Mr. D. Tatone not present for the vote)

Resolution # 23-06-20-19.1

19.2 By-Law No. 4 (2023) – To Affix the Date, Time and Place of the Regular Meetings of the Executive Committee of the English Montreal School Board

**WHEREAS** in conformity with Section 162 of the Education Act the Council of Commissioners must establish by by-law, the date, time and place of its Regular meetings of the Executive Committee;



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|     | <p><b>WHEREAS</b> by virtue of resolution #23-04-25-18.2, provisional approval was given to Draft By-Law No. 4 (2023);</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> in accordance with Section 392 of the Education Act, public notice of 30 days has been given;</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. PIETRO MERCURI AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT final approval be given to By-Law No. 4 (2023) – To affix the date, time and place of the Regular meetings of the Executive Committee of the English Montreal School Board for the school session 2023-2024.</p> <p>Vote: 12-0-0, Adopted (Mr. J. Kromida and Mr. D. Tatone not present for the vote)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 23-06-20-19.2</u></p>   |
| 20. | <p><u>Filipino Heritage Month</u></p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> in 2018, the House of Commons declared June of every year as <i>Filipino Heritage Month</i> to recognize the contributions that Filipino-Canadians have made to Canadian society, the richness of the Filipino language and culture, and the importance of reflecting upon Filipino heritage for future generations;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the English Montreal School Board (EMSB) has students in our youth and adult sectors of Filipino heritage;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the EMSB believes that such initiative is important, not only for students of Filipino heritage but the EMSB population at large;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> this represents a step forward in strengthening the quilt of multiculturalism and diversity, and in fostering understanding and inclusivity towards a harmonious and thriving environment both in and outside of the schools, in the communities, and in the entire nation;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the EMSB wishes to recognize the month of June as <i>Filipino Heritage Month</i> and June 12<sup>th</sup> as <i>Philippine Independence Day</i>, in the School Board's calendar of school activities and multicultural commemorations and celebrations;</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. MARIO PIETRANGELO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT beginning in the 2023-24 academic year, the EMSB mark <i>Filipino Heritage Month</i> in June and recognize June 12<sup>th</sup> as <i>Philippine Independence Day</i>.</p> <p>Vote: 14-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 23-06-20-20</u></p> |
| 21. | <p><u>2023-2027 Commitment-to-Success Plan – Following Consultation</u></p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> school boards are required, according to revised section 209.1 of Bill 105, an Act to Amend the Education Act, to establish a Commitment-to-Success Plan that is consistent with the strategic directions and objectives of the Ministry of Education’s Policy on Educational Success;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the Board Administrators have completed the process required to develop the Commitment-to-Success Plan for the 2023-2027 school year;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> extensive consultation on the orientations and challenges to be addressed by the Commitment-to-Success Plan were carried out (the following groups were consulted):</p>   |

- ACSES (Advisory Committee on Special Education Services)
- AMSA (Association of Montreal School Administrators)
- APPA (Association professionnelle du personnel administratif)
- CMAC (Central Management Advisory Committee)
- EMSAC (English Montreal Students Advisory Committee)
- EMSBPC (English Montreal School Board Parents Committee)
- MTA (Montreal Teachers Association)
- QFL (Union des employés et employées de service, section local 800)
- SPPMEM (Syndicat des professionnelles et professionnels du milieu de l'éducation de Montréal)
- EPC (Educational Policies Committee)

**WHEREAS** the responses to consultation have been incorporated into the final Commitment-to-Success Plan, as outlined in the document submitted;

**WHEREAS**, upon approval, the draft Commitment-to-Success Plan will come into effect in the 2023-2027 school year;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. JAMES KROMIDA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the proposed draft Commitment-to-Success Plan for the 2023-2027 school year be approved;

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board shall send its draft Commitment-to-Success Plan to the Ministère de l'Éducation du Québec (MEQ) for approval.

Vote: 14-0-0, Adopted

Resolution # 23-06-20-21

22. 2023-2024 Cafeteria Price List and Subsidy Structure

**WHEREAS** the English Montreal School Board (EMSB) Nutrition Policy requires the board to approve the cafeteria price list and subsidy structure on an annual basis;

**WHEREAS** the EMSB Nutrition Policy stipulates that the school cafeterias shall be operated in a manner so that the cost to students is the lowest possible based on the criteria of quality, quantity and nutritional value, and within self-financing parameters;

**WHEREAS** \$600,000 from Measure 15012 (Campaign Against Poverty) will serve to subsidize some items based on the criteria of nutritional quality;

**WHEREAS** the proposed price list and subsidy structure reflects current rises in costs of goods and services;

**WHEREAS** the CENTRAL MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE-RESOURCE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE (CMAC/RAC) recommends the proposed price list and subsidy structure be approved;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. PIETRO MERCURI AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CENTRAL MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE-RESOURCE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE (CMAC/RAC), THAT the 2023-2024 Cafeteria Price List and Subsidy Structure be approved, as outlined in the documentation submitted to the meeting.

Vote: 14-0-0, Adopted

Resolution # 23-06-20-22

23. Appointment of a Complaints Officer

**WHEREAS** section 24 of the Act respecting the National Student Ombudsman stipulates that the person in charge of processing complaints is designated from among the Board's personnel by the Council of Commissioners;

**WHEREAS** Decree 621-2023 provides for the Complaints Officer to take office on August 28, 2023;

**WHEREAS** considering the expertise developed by the Secretary General in handling complaints;

**WHEREAS** considering the Director General's recommendation;

IT WAS MOVED BY MS. ROSEMARIE FEDERICO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT Nathalie Lauzière be appointed as Complaints Officer, effective August 28, 2023.

Vote: 14-0-0, Adopted

Resolution # 23-06-20-23

24. Recommendations from the Governance and Ethics Committee

24.1 Human Resources Committee – Election of a Member

**WHEREAS** pursuant to section 193.1 of the Education Act, the Council of Commissioners must establish a Human Resources Committee;

**WHEREAS** it is recommended by the Governance and Ethics Committee that the Human Resources Committee be composed of five (5) members of the Council of Commissioners;

**WHEREAS** pursuant to section 10.1.3 of By-Law no. 11 on Internal Governance, the Governance and Ethics Committee recommends nominations of Members for the Human Resources Committee;

**WHEREAS** the Council must elect five (5) members among the Commissioners;

**WHEREAS** the following Commissioners were elected Members to the Human Resources Committee on December 13, 2022, as per resolution # 22-12-13-17.1:

Mario Bentrovato  
Sophie De Vito  
Joseph Lalla  
Mario Pietrangelo

**WHEREAS** there was a vacant position and one more member had to be elected to the Human Resources Committee following a recommendation by the Governance and Ethics Committee, as per resolution #22-12-13-17.1;

**WHEREAS** all submission forms sent by Commissioners who wanted to present themselves as Members of the Human Resources Committee were received and acknowledged by the Secretary General, and forwarded to the Chair and Members of the Governance and Ethics Committee for their final recommendation to the Council of Commissioners, as per section 10.1.3 of By-Law no. 11 on Internal Governance;

**WHEREAS** the Governance and Ethics Committee met on June 6, 2023 and recommended Ms. Rosemarie Federico as the fifth Member to be elected on the Human Resources Committee;

WHEREFORE IT WAS MOVED BY MS. SOPHIE DE VITO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNANCE AND ETHICS COMMITTEE, THAT effective June 20, 2023 Ms. Rosemarie Federico be designated as Member to the Human Resources Committee.

Vote: 14-0-0, Adopted

Resolution # 23-06-20-24.1

24.2 Draft By-Law No. 13 – Procedure for the Examination of Complaints Relating to the Functions of the School Board (220.2 of the Education Act) – For Consultation

**WHEREAS** every school service centre and school board shall establish, by by-law, a procedure for the examination of complaints related to its functions, as per section 220.2 of the Education Act;

**WHEREAS** section 220.2 of the Education Act require that the English Montreal School Board Parents' Committee (EMSBPC) be consulted on this By-Law;

**WHEREAS** sections 96.25 and 183 of the Education Act require that the Central Management Advisory Committee/Resource Allocation Committee (CMAC/RAC) participate in the defining of the by-laws of the EMSB and therefore be consulted;

**WHEREAS** the Governance and Ethics Committee recommended on June 6th, 2023 the approval of Draft By-Law no. 13 - Procedure for the Examination of Complaints Relating to the Functions of the School Board (220.2 of the Education Act) ;

**WHEREAS** public notice of the By-Law must be given at least 30 days prior to its adoption, according to section 392 of the Education Act;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. DANIEL TATONE AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNANCE AND ETHICS COMMITTEE, THAT the proposed Draft By-Law No. 13 – Procedure for the Examination of Complaints Relating to the Functions of the School Board falling under section 220.2 of the Education Act, be approved and sent out, for purposes of consultation, to the English Montreal School Board Parents' Committee (EMSBPC) and the Central Management Advisory Committee/Resource Allocation Committee (CMAC/RAC), and the results of the consultation be returned to the Secretary General, Me Nathalie Lauzière, no later than August 25, 2023, as outlined in the documentation submitted at the meeting.

IT WAS FURTHER UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT a public notice of 30 days be given indicating the English Montreal School Board's (EMSB) intent to adopt the By-Law, as per section 392 of the Education Act.

Vote: 14-0-0, Adopted

Resolution # 23-06-20-24.2

25. Special Education Staffing Changes for 2023-2024

**WHEREAS** clause 7-3.24 and 7-3.25 of the S18-FEESP-CSN Collective Agreement states that, no later than August 20th of each fiscal year, the Board shall adopt a Staffing Plan in the Special Education Sector;

**WHEREAS** the Board must submit a draft staffing plan to the Union for consultation five (5) days before it is adopted;

**WHEREAS** the concerned Union was consulted;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. JAMIE FABIAN AND RESOLVED THAT the Staffing Plan for the Special Education Sector personnel for the 2023-2024 school year, be approved as per the documentation submitted at the meeting of June 20, 2023.

Vote: 12-1-1, Adopted (Mr. M. Pietrangelo voted against and Mr. M. Bentrovato abstained)

Resolution # 23-06-20-25

26. 2023-2024 Management Staffing Plan

26.1 Board Level Administrators

**WHEREAS** documentation pertaining to the Management Staffing Plan Head office 2023-2024 was presented to the Central Management Advisory Committee - Resource Allocation Committee (CMAC-RAC);

**WHEREAS** the board did present additions and revisions to the staffing plan for Management Head Office;

**WHEREAS** the additions and revisions to the management Staffing Plan 2023-2024 reflect the changes to the EMSB Organizational Structure, approved by Board resolution on May 23, 2024;

**WHEREAS** the revisions to classifications for management staff were applied in accordance with the government regulations;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. MARIO PIETRANGELO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Management Staffing Plan Head Office 2023-2024 school session, be approved as per the documentation submitted at the meeting of June 20, 2023.

Vote: 14-0-0, Adopted

Resolution # 23-06-20-26.1

26.2 School and Centre Administrators

**WHEREAS** Article 3.001 of the Local Management Policy of the AMSA (Association of Montreal School Administrators) states that, as a matter of principle, and in accordance with Bill 107, school and centre administrators are to be consulted on all matters pertaining to Board policies and the management of schools;

**WHEREAS** documentation pertaining to the management staffing plan for schools and centres 2023-2024 was presented to the Central Management Advisory Committee – Resource Allocation Committee (CMAC-RAC);

**WHEREAS** the board did present additions and revisions to the staffing plan for school and board administrators;

**WHEREAS** the revisions to classifications for administrators were applied in accordance with the government regulations;

IT WAS MOVED BY MS. ROSEMARIE FEDERICO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Council of Commissioners approve the Management Staffing Plan for School and Centre Administrators of the English Montreal School Board for the 2023-2024 school session, as per the documentation submitted at the meeting of June 20, 2023.

Vote: 14-0-0, Adopted

Resolution # 23-06-20-26.2

27. Money from Accumulated Surplus for Schools and Centres

On a motion by Mr. Pietro Mercuri the item was deferred to the Finance Committee.

Vote: 9-3-2, Adopted

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| In favor | J. Ortona, M. Corsi, S. De Vito, J. Fabian, R. Federico, J. Feldman, J. Kromida, E. Israel, P. Mercuri |
| Against  | A. Cannavino, M. Bentrovato, M. Pietrangelo  |
| Abstain  | J. Lalla, D. Tatone  |

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| 28. | <p><u>Guidelines</u></p> <p><u>28.1 Complaints Process According to Bill 9 and Flowchart – SG-01-2023</u></p> <p>The guidelines submitted were presented for information.</p> <p><u>28.2 EMSB Guidelines Concerning Unreasonable Complaints – SG-02-2023</u></p> <p>The guidelines submitted were presented for information.</p>  |
| 29. | <p><u>Director General’s Reporting – As per By-Law No. 10 – Delegation of Powers</u></p> <p>This item was presented by the Director General, Mr. Nicholas Katalifos, for information.</p>   |
| 30. | <p><u>Volunteer Appreciate Event</u></p> <p>This item was presented by Mr. Mario Bentrovato, Commissioner, for information to relook at the format for the event in the next school year.</p>   |
| 31. | <p><u>Report of the Executive Committee Meeting held on May 23, 2023</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Awarding of Construction Contract – P-2010 – Rosemount High School and Technology Center – Renovation of Sanitary Blocks and Other Maintenance Work Project</li> <li>- Awarding of Construction Contract – P-2102 – Willingdon School – Major Renovation Project</li> <li>- Awarding of Construction Contract – P-2103 – Vincent Massey Collegiate – Major Renovation Project</li> <li>- Awarding of Construction Contract – P-2104 – Hampstead Elementary School – Major Renovation Project</li> </ul> |
| 32. | <p><u>Other Business</u></p> <p>None.</p>   |
| 33. | <p><u>Adjournment</u></p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. AGOSTINO CANNAVINO UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:49 p.m.</p> <p>Vote: 14-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 23-06-20-33</u></p>  |
|     | <p>Signed in Montreal, _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Me Joe Ortona, Chair</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Me Nathalie Lauzière, Secretary General</p>   |