

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE
ENGLISH MONTREAL SCHOOL BOARD

A Special Board Meeting of the English Montreal School Board has taken place on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, 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 Bentrovato, Commissioner
Ms. Maria Corsi, Parent Commissioner
Mr. Jamie Fabian, Commissioner
Mr. Julien Feldman, Commissioner
Ms. Ellie Israel, Commissioner – via TEAMS
Mr. James Kromida, Commissioner – via TEAMS
Mr. Joseph Lalla, Commissioner
Mr. Pietro Mercuri, Commissioner
Mr. Mario Pietrangelo, Commissioner
Mr. Tony Speranza, Parent Commissioner
Mr. Daniel Tatone, Parent Commissioner

Commissioners Not Present

Ms. Sophie De Vito, 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 Magdalena Sokol, Acting Secretary General and Director of Legal Services

Mr. Jimmy Giannacopoulos, Regional Director, West Sector
Ms. Nathalie Lacroix-Maillette, Regional Director, East Sector
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
Ms. Angela Spagnolo, Director, AEVS
Mr. Bob Thomas, Director, Information Technology Services
Ms. Ann Watson, Director, Human Resources

Mr. Mike Cohen, Manager, Communications & Marketing
Ms. Brigida Sellato, Consultant, Secretariat General

2 members of the public were present.

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 Magdalena Sokol, Acting Secretary General, confirmed that notice of this meeting was given.</p>
3.	<p><u>Adoption of the Agenda</u></p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. JAMIE FABIAN AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved, as presented.</p> <p>Vote: 10-0-0 (Mr. J. Feldman, Mr. J. Kromida and Ms. E. Israel not present for the vote), Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 22-10-11-3</u></p>
	<p>At 7:02 p.m. Mr. Julien Feldman joined the meeting</p> <p>At 7:05 p.m. Mr. James Kromida joined the meeting</p>
4.	<p><u>Question Period</u></p> <p>Questions by Ms. Cettina Borsellino with regards to COVID-19 Measures were addressed by the Chair, Mr. Joe Ortona.</p> <p>Questions by Mr. Chris Eustace with regards to the QESBA Bill 40 fundraising campaign were addressed by the Chair, Mr. Joe Ortona.</p>
5.	<p><u>Budget Allocations to Schools and Centres and the MEQ Measures 2022-2023</u></p> <p>WHEREAS a committee comprised of the Director General, the Assistant Directors General, the Regional Directors, Directors of departments and some school Principals has reviewed the Budget Allocations to Schools and Centres and the MEQ Measures for 2022-2023;</p> <p>WHEREAS the CMAC/ RAC committee has reviewed all documentation at their meeting of September 29, 2022;</p> <p>WHEREAS the CMAC/ RAC committee recommends to the Board the approval of the Budget Allocations to Schools and Centres as well as the allocation of the MEQ Measures for 2022-2023, as per the documentation submitted at the meeting;</p>

	<p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. PIETRO MERCURI AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT, as recommended by the CMAC/RAC committee, the Board approve the Budget Allocations to Schools and Centres as well as the allocation of the MEQ Measures for 2022-2023, as per the documentation submitted at the meeting.</p> <p>Vote: 11-0-0 Adopted, (Mr. M. Bontrovato and Ms. E. Israel not present for the vote)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 22-10-11-5</u></p>
6.	<p><u>Appointment of Acting Secretary General</u></p> <p>In accordance with Section 72 of By-Law No. 10 on Delegation of Powers, the Director General names Me Magdalena Sokol as Acting Secretary General during the absence of Secretary General, Me Nathalie Lauzière from October 7 to October 31, 2022.</p>
7.	<p><u>Student Ombudsman's Remuneration</u></p> <p>WHEREAS on December 19, 2018, the English Montreal School Board (EMSB) Council of Commissioners appointed Me Isabelle Turgeon as the Student Ombudsman for the EMSB, effective on January 1, 2019, as per resolution # 18-12-19-14.3;</p> <p>WHEREAS on January 26, 2022, the Council of Commissioners of the EMSB extended Me Isabelle Turgeon's contract as Student Ombudsman from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022, under the same conditions provided in the agreement between the English Montreal School Board and Me Isabelle Turgeon, as per resolution #22-01-26-12.1;</p> <p>WHEREAS Section 7.1 of the Contract between EMSB and the Student Ombudsman (hereafter described as the "Contract") stipulates that the EMSB undertakes to pay to the Student Ombudsman, for the services rendered and described in the Contract, a fixed hourly amount of \$145.00, being expressly understood that the totality of the hours invoiced cannot exceed for each calendar year (January 1st to December 31st) the total sum of \$15,000.00 plus taxes;</p> <p>WHEREAS Section 7.1 (2) of said Contract stipulates that if the annual limit of \$15,000.00 is exceeded, the EMSB agrees to pay to the Student Ombudsman, for the services described in the contract, an hourly fee of \$100.00 plus taxes, the whole with the prior approval of the EMSB Council of Commissioners;</p> <p>WHEREAS the Student Ombudsman, Me Isabelle Turgeon, has reached the annual limit of \$15,000.00 in honoraries for her services rendered under her extended contract until December 31, 2022, as per the documentation submitted to the meeting;</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. JOSEPH LALLA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the remuneration of Me Isabelle Turgeon, Student Ombudsman for the EMSB, be adjusted to an hourly fee of \$100.00 plus taxes, for services rendered and described in the Contract until December 31, 2022, as per the documentation submitted to the meeting.</p> <p>Vote: 11-0-0, Adopted (Mr. M. Bontrovato and Ms. E. Israel not present for the vote)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 22-10-11-7</u></p>
	<p>At 7:31 p.m. Ms. Ellie Israel joined the meeting.</p>
8.	<p><u>QESBA Annual Fees</u></p> <p><u>8a. QESBA Membership Fees 2022-2023</u></p> <p>WHEREAS the Quebec English School Board Association (QESBA) membership fees are payable in two installments: 75% of the annual membership fees, which are based on the September 30th actual student enrolment for the 2021-2022 school year at the rate of \$11.00 per student, and the final membership fees, the balance of 25%, based on the September 30th actual student enrolment for the 2022-2023 school year;</p>

	<p>WHEREAS the QESBA Board of Directors met on May 27, 2022 to approve the budget for the 2022-2023 school year;</p> <p>WHEREAS the membership fees are due no later than July 1, 2022 for the first installment and February 1, 2023 for the second installment;</p> <p>WHEREAS the EMSB paid 75% of the annual membership fees under the current rate of \$8.33 per student;</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. JAMIE FABIAN AND RESOLVED THAT the English Montreal School Board (EMSB) Council of Commissioners approve the \$11.00 per student QESBA membership fee for the 2022-2023 QESBA financial year, which begins on July 1st;</p> <p>IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the EMSB Council of Commissioners authorize the disbursement of the QESBA 2022-2023 membership fees on the following dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the difference between 75% of the total fees and the amount already paid on or around July 1, 2022, payable immediately; - 25% of the fees payable by February 1, 2023. <p>Vote: 10-3-0 Adopted, (Mr. A. Cannavino, Mr. M. Bentreovato and Mr. J. Lalla against)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 22-10-11-8a</u></p> <p><u>8b. QESBA Reimbursement of Membership Fees</u></p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. JOSEPH LALLA AND RESOLVED THAT The English Montreal School Board (EMSB) Council of Commissioners approve the payment of \$79,178 to the QESBA, to be reimbursed over the next two school years, with half being deducted from the payment of our annual fees during the 2023-2024 school year and the other half being deducted from our annual fees during the 2024-2025 school year, as per the written agreement in principle between the director general of the EMSB and the executive director of QESBA.</p> <p>Vote: 11-2-0, Adopted (Mr. A. Cannavino and Mr. M. Bentreovato against)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 22-10-11-8b</u></p>
	<p>As this was the last meeting for the Parent Commissioners before the election at the Parents' Committee General Assembly, the Chair, Mr. Joe Ortona thanked the Parent Commissioners, Ms. Corsi, Ms. Mughal, Mr. Speranza, and Mr. Tatone for their commitment and service to the Board.</p>
9.	<p><u>Adjournment</u></p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. AGOSTINO CANNAVINO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:37 P.M.</p> <p>Vote: 13-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 22-10-11-9</u></p>
	<p>Signed in Montreal, _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Me Joe Ortona, Chair</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Me Magdalena Sokol, Acting Secretary General</p>