

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE
ENGLISH MONTREAL SCHOOL BOARD

A Regular Board Meeting of the English Montreal School Board has taken place on Tuesday, November 8, 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
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. Tony Speranza, Parent Commissioner
Mr. Daniel Tatone, Parent Commissioner

Commissioners Not Present

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. Mario Cardin, Director, Material Resources
Mr. Jimmy Giannacopoulos, Sector Director
Ms. Nathalie Lacroix-Maillette, Sector Director
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
Mr. Charalambos Thomas, Director, Information Technology
Ms. Ann Watson, Director, Human Resources
Mr. Mike Cohen, Manager, Marketing & Communications
Ms. Brigida Sellato, Consultant, Secretariat General

1.	<p><u>Swearing in of Parent Commissioners</u></p> <p>The Oaths of Office were taken by the newly elected Parent Commissioners and will be filed in the archives of the Secretary General.</p>
2.	<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>
3.	<p><u>Approval of Agenda</u></p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MS. SOPHIE DE VITO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved, as presented.</p> <p>Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 22-11-08-1</u></p>
4.	<p><u>Nomination of Kiara Idemudia-Hankey as Student of the Month</u></p> <p>The EMSB's Student of the Month for October is Kiara Idemudia-Hankey, a Grade 11 student at Rosemount High School.</p> <p>Kiara has been instrumental in providing the school and extended community with opportunities to experience real life situations that have encouraged our students' self-esteem, self-awareness, and an appreciation for giving back. Her talents, leadership, and good heartedness have always made her a welcome addition to any of our school projects and programs.</p> <p>Kiara was selected as Rosemount High School's Master of Ceremony for their 2021 Black History Month celebration. She was also chosen as an ambassador and served as one of the coordinators for the school's recent indigenous commemoration. Furthermore, in November, Kiara will be taking part in community action program where students learn about the needs of their community and then to address said needs through volunteering.</p>
5.	<p><u>EMSB Educational Entente with Quebec Board of Black Educators</u></p> <p>This item was presented by the Director General, Nick Katalifos, for information.</p>

6. In Camera

6.1 Motion to Move In Camera

On a motion by Mr. Tony Speranza the meeting went In Camera at 7:17 p.m.

The meeting returned from the In Camera session at 7:26 p.m.

7. Adoption of Resolution(s) from In Camera

6.2.1 2022-2028 Student Transportation Contract between the English Montreal School Board and Gestion Michel & Carole Leblanc Inc. (Taxi Leblanc) – Contract No. 2022-2028.1

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 Gestion Michel & Carole Leblanc Inc., 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;

WHEREAS the estimated annual amount of the Contract is \$ 134,000.00, excluding applicable taxes, for the 2022-2023 school year;

WHEREAS the total estimated amount of the Contract for the 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025, 2025-2026, 2026-2027, 2027-2028 school years exceeds \$ 250,000.00;

WHEREAS 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;

WHEREAS the Advisory Committee on Transportation has been consulted and recommends that the EMSB concludes the said Contract;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. PIETRO MERCURI AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Council of Commissioners authorizes the English Montreal School Board (EMSB) to enter into a student transportation contract with Gestion Michel & Carole Leblanc Inc. for the following school years: 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025, 2025-2026, 2026-2027, 2027-2028;

IT WAS FURTHER 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 Gestion Michel & Carole Leblanc Inc.

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

Resolution # 22-11-08-6.2.1

6.2.2 2022-2028 Student Transportation Contract between the English Montreal School Board and Autobus Beaconsfield Inc. – Contract No. 2022-2028.2

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 Beaconsfield Inc., 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;

WHEREAS the estimated annual amount of the Contract is \$ 78,844.74, excluding applicable taxes, for the 2022-2023 school year;

WHEREAS the total estimated amount of the Contract for the 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025, 2025-2026, 2026-2027, 2027-2028 school years exceeds \$ 250,000.00;

WHEREAS 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;

WHEREAS the Advisory Committee on Transportation has been consulted and recommends that the EMSB concludes the said Contract;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. PIETRO MERCURI AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Council of Commissioners authorizes the English Montreal School Board (EMSB) to enter into a student transportation contract with Autobus Beaconsfield Inc. for the following school years: 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025, 2025-2026, 2026-2027, 2027-2028;

IT WAS FURTHER 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 Beaconsfield Inc.

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

Resolution # 22-11-08-6.2.2

8. Question Period

Questions from Mr. Chris Eustace with regards to the Public Question Periods, Bill 40 Campaign and Bill 96 Challenge were addressed by the Chair, Mr. Joe Ortona.

9. Adoption of Minutes

9.1 Adoption of the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on August 29, 2022

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. JOSEPH LALLA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on August 29, 2022, be approved as presented.

Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted

Resolution # 22-11-08-9.1

9.2 Adoption of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on September 6, 2022

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. JAMIE FABIAN AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on September 6, 2022, be approved as presented.

Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted

Resolution # 22-11-08-9.2

	<p><u>9.3 Adoption of the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on October 11, 2022</u></p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. JAMES KROMIDA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on October 11, 2022, be approved as presented.</p> <p>Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 22-11-08-9.3</u></p>
10.	<p><u>Business Arising Out of Minutes</u></p> <p>None.</p>
11.	<p><u>Chair's Report</u></p> <p>Presented by the Chair, Mr. Joe Ortona:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the 2022 Quebec General Election Campaign, Mr. Ortona had the opportunity to meet with 5 party leaders, various candidates from various parties all across the island. The purpose of these meetings was for the Chair to introduce himself and to give them a chance to learn about the EMSB and about some of the issues that are important to the English-speaking community; • A meet and greet was held where Governing Board Chair's and Parent Delegates of each schools Governing Board were invited. It gave the opportunity to engage in a great discussion about what was done last year and what our plans are for some of the major issues this year. Discussions about the meetings that took place with the candidates from the Elections, along with discussions about some of the issues that were broadcasted in the media in the last year, issues with Dunrae Gardens, how we want to safeguard and protect our infrastructure, our schools and our land in short-term and in long-term. Updates on Bill 40, Bill 21, and Bill 96 were given.
12.	<p><u>Director General's Report</u></p> <p>Presented by the Director General, Mr. Nicholas Katalifos:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Director General thanked Alix Adrien from the Quebec Board of Black Educators for being there and for signing the historic entente with the EMSB; • On October 19, 2022, the 22nd Annual EMSB Career Fair took place at the St. Pius X Career Centre. It was the first Career Fair done in person since the beginning of the pandemic. It was a huge success, over 2,000 Secondary 5 students attended. It was a huge success not only because of all the students who came to discover all the programs, but because the fair was also open during the evening. This gave the opportunity to many parents to come with their children, so they could speak to some of our professionals as well, about the wide variety of vocational and academic programs that we have within our AEVS Centre. More than 500 people attended the fair in the evening. The Director General congratulated everyone who worked very hard on the committee to organize this event: Mario Argiropoulos, Julie René de Cotret, and their entire team, as well as all the Principals and Departments who participated and the entire team of consultants. Finally, a word of thank you to the team at Pius for hosting such a successful event. Our intent is to continue this tradition next year and to give our students every opportunity possible to find out about these programs and future career paths; • On October 25, 2022, two senior leaders from the LEGO Education Organization visited Royal Vale School. Their Manager of Strategic Markets Villy Outzen from Denmark and Manager of Americas Claudette Munoz from Mexico were excited to see the school's robotics program in action. They visited the robotics lab with club coordinator and then with specialist Avelino Morais. The visit was made possible by Éric Patenaude, the Director of Pedagogical Development of Brault et Bouthillier. A very big thank you to them for organizing this event;

- Schools throughout the EMSB are organizing all sorts of events and efforts to commemorate Remembrance Day through unique in class activities, events and field trips. To view all the activities planned through our School Board please visit our website;
- On October 17, 2022, for the second year in a row, every student enrolled in James Lyng High School was presented with a pair of free sneakers. The shoe drive was initiated by 3rd year McGill University Social Work student, Julian Grau-Brown. Julian attended 3 EMSB school, Edward Murphy Elementary School, Dante Elementary School and Laurier Macdonald High School. With a generous donation from retired EMSB employee Eddy Hong, his intention is to be able to get a pair of sneakers for all the children at James Lyng. A big thank you to him and the organization;
- Our Holocaust Education Program was supported by a Nova grant from the Jewish Community Foundation of Montreal, and it continues throughout the month of November. November is Holocaust Education Month, a number of school visits are planned to the Montreal Holocaust Museum as well as guest speakers who will going to some of our schools to speak to students;
- Simon Chang, the very wellknown clothing designer, made a special commitment to our School Board and more specifically the special needs community via Inspirations Newspaper. The recipients for Fall 2022 are Cynthia Yee, Teacher and Natalina Melillo, Special Education Technician from Parkdale Elementary School. These 2 EMSB employees have been recognized by Simon Chang and his foundation and a special ceremony took place at their school on November 2nd. The Director General thanked Simon Chang and his organization for supporting the EMSB;
- Education Professionals Week is from November 15th-19th. There are 10,000 professionals who are members of the FPPE who reach out in many small and large ways everyday to Students, Teachers and Principals in Elementary, Secondary and Adult Education and Vocational programs. These professionals include guidance counsellors, psychologists, pedagogical consultants, archivists, spiritual community animators and speech and language pathologists. Every professional plays an essential role in school success. Mr. Katalifos took a moment to recognize the invaluable work of public education professionals and expressed a huge word of thanks to them on behalf of the entire School Board;
- School Executives Day will be celebrated throughout Quebec on December 1, 2022. The Association Québécoise des Cadres Scolaires (AQCS) is a proud initiator of this event. This year's theme is from the field of Vanguard, which highlights the role of school administrators and educational success as well as their innovative practices;
- Finally, there is a new service being offered at the EMSB that will benefit employees of local businesses, it's called a service to business group. It provides customized training to businesses aiming to provide creative, advanced and modern training practices designed to assist companies to build better performance and productivity within their corporate structure. These tailor-made instructional packages are specifically customized to meet each business training needs and instruction can be done in person and online. Please consult www.sbg.emsb.qc.ca, for information;
- A reminder that there is a press release on the EMSB website that talks about our success rate 91.6%, the highest in the province. Congratulations to our entire school community for these results.

13.

Committee Reports

13.1 ACSES (Advisory Committee on Special Education Services)

Item presented by Parent Commissioner, Ms. Rosemarie Federico:

- Elections of the Executive Members took place;
- The Commitment to Success Plan Consultation was presented with Tracy Mangal. It went very well, the members actively participated and were very impressed with what was presented.
- Last year the Committee sent a letter to the Premier regarding their concerns about Bill 96 and how it would affect the special needs community. A response has not yet been received. The said letter was translated to French and was sent to all party leaders. Two responses were received by the NDP and the Conservative Party. Their response was an invitation to some of their events. Also received was an email from the desk of the Prime Minister Justin Trudeau reassuring us that he is aware of our concerns and that he intends to ensure that the Bill does not violate any of the minority rights.

13.2 Transportation and Safety Advisory Committee

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

- Two of the bus contracts have been approved at this meeting. The rest of the contracts are still being negotiated between the companies and the Quebec Government. It is important to note that even though the contracts are still pending, services are still being provided;
- There is an update with the mTransport Application that continues to be rolled out throughout our network here at the EMSB. This application locates the students with a QR code that is scanned when they get on the bus and when they disembark. It allows parents to be aware of their children's whereabouts. The drivers are being trained on how to use the application in order to scan the QR codes. The Parents Committee will be receiving a presentation on mTransport for their next meeting;
- The STM representative that sits on the committee informed us that the Service Rapid Bus (SRB) on Boulevard Pie-IX is now online. This will allow for a 30% time savings;
- The Committee also discussed an inquiry made by a group of parents in Rivière-des-Prairies, requesting STM services from that area to Rosemount High School. The STM representative is aware of the request and assures us that the STM will be studying the request and it was made known that it is an urgent matter;
- The 2021-2022 budget ended better than expected with a smaller deficit than what was initially projected. The 2022-2023 budget is greater than last years due to the higher expenses related to fuel and human resources.

13.3 EMSBPC (English Montreal School Board Parents' Committee)

Item presented by Parent Commissioner, Mr. Tony Speranza:

- EMSBPC held its Annual General Assembly on Thursday, October 20th, the elections took place that evening. There are 50%-60% more new parents on the EMSB Parents Committee;
- The Educational Consultants presented the Commitment to Success Plan to the delegates. The delegates were then consulted in which they had the opportunity to give their input.

Item presented by Parent Commissioner, Mr. Daniel Tatone:

- The Parent Conference Report was provided. In summary, the Annual Parent Conference was held on May 29th, 2022, online, with a keynote address on Student Mental Health. Multiple workshops and resources were offered to parents including a virtual exhibition. The event was very successful;
- The EMSBPC approved at their last meeting to plan and host another Parent Conference for 2023. The format and execution of the event may change based on those from previous years, however the goal is to provide important and quality workshops and resources to parents. Parents and stakeholders can follow EMSBPC online on social media for additional details about the Parents Committee;
- The EMSBPC re-established the anti-racism subcommittee for its 3rd year. In the past the committee provides resources and toolkits for parents on anti-racism.

13.4 Governance and Ethics Committee

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

- There has been no new ethics complaints between the Council of Commissioners which reflects that the Council works well together and is effective;
- The major objective for the new term of the Committee is to do a post Bill 40 By-Law review. In order to get that underway we are waiting for the Superior Court decision, which will give us guidance on how to review our By-Laws;

13.5 Audit Committee

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

- The results of the auditors and their approach to the audit was reviewed. Questions were posed by the members, why variances were there. The department was able to answer all questions with regards to the changes that were done from last year;
- The auditors also indicated the testing of student files. They were wonderfully completed, very few errors were found. The training at the school level has definitely reflected the work that has been done;
- The Committee also went through the grid of internal situations/control in order to review the discrepancies, all was well done;
- Mr. Kromida congratulated the entire team on the great work that was done.

13.6 Human Resources Committee

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

- There has been no meeting as yet.

13.7 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 maximum short-term borrowings were approved and are in line with the parameters established by the Government guidelines;
- Budget and tax projections have been reviewed;
- The Committee revised and adopted the Operating Rules, the policy on protection and confidentiality on personal information. The Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest for its members. The subcommittee is to review all committee Policies and By-Laws to better reflect the current needs;
- The Committee will be meeting to review the Policy on Harassment;
- The Director General's evaluation was completed and adopted by the members;
- The Committee hired its new Manager of Material Resources;
- The financial statements for the year end of June 30, 2022, showed a deficit of 2.4 million dollars and a cumulative surplus of 11 million dollars were presented by the auditors Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton and approved by the members;
- The Cooperative Purchasing Program was reviewed and with the arrival of the new Manager, discussions will be held with the 5 member Boards and Service Centres to assure maximum use of the program. This will also guarantee better pricing and savings for its members;
- Sales of 42 properties due to non-payment of taxes will be held on January 17, 2023;
- The fee structure for accessing the tax role, usually used by notaries, lawyers and financial institutions was reviewed.

13.8 EMSAC (English Montreal Student Advisory Committee)

Item presented by the Observer, Mr. Joseph Lalla:

- The new student delegates were introduced to EMSAC. A short workshop was held on how parliamentary style meetings are run and to become familiar with how EMSAC meetings are held. Members were introduced to the history of EMSAC and the types of items they could expect to discuss throughout the school year;

- EMSAC members were presented with sample Rules of Internal Management from the EMSBPC as well as Lester B. Pearson High School Governing Board. Members were asked to seek out their own school's documentation as research. The EMSAC members were asked to compose their own guidelines for a future meeting;
- EMSAC was consulted on the Commitment to Success Plan. Discussions took place to this regard;
- EMSAC at its second meeting adopted its first ever Rules of Internal Management;
- Members from each school elaborated on their respectful environmental initiatives such as composting, school gardens, reduction in the number of plastic bottles, etc.

13.9 QESBA (Quebec English School Boards Association)

Item presented by the Chair, Mr. Joe Ortona, Member on the QESBA:

- Awaiting a judgement on Bill 40;
- A consultation period is in process with regards to Bill 96 on the implementation of the articles that are directly affecting the education network. QESBA is one of the groups being consulted. The Executive Committee of QESBA is supportive of the EMSB's position;
- An Annual General Meeting took place at the end of October. A Professional Development session was held during this time. Mr. Ortona was very impressed with the guest speaker who spoke about Truth and Reconciliation;
- QESBA will be making representations at the Court of Appeal with regards to Bill 21.

14.

Commissioners' Report

Item presented by Commissioner, Mr. Pietro Mercuri:

- At East Hill Elementary School, it was Media Literacy Week during the week of October 24 to October 28. Students from Grade 3 to 6 learned about media, advertisements and how to be a good digital citizen through several activities that included conducting proper online research, understanding advertising, Digital Citizens Day and an activity that is called The Rules of the Game, where students were taught the importance of setting boundaries when playing together online;
- At Leonardo da Vinci Academy, the Grade 6 students Remembrance Day Project was featured on CTV News on November 1st. Students took on the roles of different occupations from World War 1 and reflected on the sacrifices that were made by men, women and children during the first World War;
- Leonardo da Vinci Academy also started their after school extracurricular hockey program;
- Michelangelo International Elementary School held their first ever student council elections. The campaigns were very creative, the students were excited to learn about elections, the electoral process and to participate in a real voting experience;
- Michelangelo International Elementary School also began an initiative that is based on Ash Manuel's 5 Habits of Happiness. This initiative revolves around the idea that there cannot be respect or peace if we cannot find happiness within ourselves and around us. Anytime, anyone from the Michelangelo School community spotted a student who demonstrated the 5 habits which are empathy, service, positive reflection, kindness, and gratitude were offered tickets. These tickets are put around the school to create a year long chain of peace.

Item presented by Commissioner, Mr. Agostino Cannavino:

- After 3 years, the John F. Kennedy Adult Centre held its graduation on October 13th, the event was great. It was a nice sight, seeing the graduates and their families come together to celebrate the hard work and determination to complete their studies;
- On October 19th, Rosemount High School organized a meeting with Chief Sky-Deer of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawake. She gave a profound and informative talk on indigenous issues and injustices they incurred, and ways to initiate a dialogue to move forward. The Rosemount Symphonic Winds Band together with students from Nesbitt Elementary School performed exceptionally well for the guests;

- Finally, Congratulations to the Student of the Month Kiara Idemudia-Hankey from Rosemount High School for her involvement and passion towards her school and community.

Item presented by Commissioner, Mr. Mario Benvato:

- After 2 years of pandemic, Edward Murphy and Dalkeith Elementary Schools welcomed back in-person Annual General Assemblies, Governing Board meetings and Open House;
- On September 23rd, at the Laurier Macdonald Vocational Centre open house took place where fancy cars were showcased and a BBQ was held. The turnout was great and a huge word of thanks to the staff for such a successful event.

Item presented by Commissioner, Mr. Julien Feldman:

- There are dramatic demographic changes occurring in Ward 3. Griffintown has built many condo towers in the last year or so which has impacted some of our schools. Several parents are receiving rejection letter from the schools as they are full to capacity. Mr. Feldman wanted to bring this issue to the attention of the Council.

Item presented by Commissioner, Mr. James Kromida:

- Mr. Kromida took the opportunity to praise all the work done for the children throughout our Board. All the experiences and activities done throughout our network make a difference in everyone's life. We are proud to be the EMSB!

15. 2021-2022 Audited Financial Statements

WHEREAS in conformity with Section 284 of the *Education Act*, *Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton* (RCGT) were appointed as external auditors for the English Montreal School Board (EMSB) for the 2021-2022 school year, by virtue of resolution #22-03-23-12;

WHEREAS the official 2021-2022 Financial Report (*Rapport Financier 2021-2022*) has been duly audited by the Board's external auditors prior to submission to the Ministère de l'Éducation du Québec on October 13, 2022;

WHEREAS a set of financial summaries representing information extracted from the official 2021-2022 Financial Report, indicating the results for the year ended June 30, 2022, has been reviewed by the Board's external auditors, RCGT;

WHEREAS these summarized financial statements were reviewed by the Audit Committee on October 13, 2022;

WHEREAS public notice was given in conformity with section 286 of the *Education Act*;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. JAMES KROMIDA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Financial Statements of the English Montreal School Board for the year ended June 30, 2022, as audited by the Board's external auditors, Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton, be deposited.

Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted

Resolution # 22-11-08-15

16.

Executive Committee

16.1 Election of Members

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 term of office of the Members on the Executive Committee is 2 years, as per resolution no. 20-11-11-10.2;

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 Acting Secretary General, Me Magdalena Sokol and forwarded to the Council of Commissioners on October 28, 2022;

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:

Mario Bentreovato
Agostino Cannavino
Maria Corsi
Julien Feldman
James Kromida
Ellie Israel
Joseph Lalla
Pietro Mercuri

WHEREAS the Members of Council proceeded to a secret ballot vote;

WHEREFORE IT WAS MOVED BY MR. MARIO PIETRANGELO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

THAT, effective November 8, 2022, the following Commissioners be designated as members of the Executive Committee:

Joe Ortona
Mario Bentreovato
Agostino Cannavino
Maria Corsi
James Kromida
Ellie Israel
Pietro Mercuri

Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted

Resolution # 22-11-08-16.1

16.2 Chair of the Committee

As per section 10.2.2 of By-Law no. 11 on Internal Governance, 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.

17.

Governance and Ethics Committee

17.1 Election of Members

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

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

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

Maria Corsi
Sophie De Vito
Julien Feldman
Ellie Israel
Joseph Lalla
Mario Pietrangelo
Daniel Tatone

WHEREAS Ms. Maria Corsi withdrew her candidacy;

WHEREAS the Members of Council proceeded to a secret ballot vote;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. TONY SPERANZA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT effective November 8, 2022, the following Commissioners be designated as Members to the Governance and Ethics Committee:

Sophie De Vito
Julien Feldman
Ellie Israel
Mario Pietrangelo
Daniel Tatone

Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted

Resolution # 22-11-08-17.1

17.2 Election of Chair

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners elects the Chair of the Governance and Ethics Committee, pursuant to sections 10.1.2 and 10.1.3 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, elected member on the Governance and Ethics Committee, has submitted his candidacy for the election of Chair of the Governance and Ethics Committee:

Julien Feldman

IT WAS MOVED BY MS. SOPHIE DE VITO AND RESOLVED THAT effective November 8, 2022, Mr. Julien Feldman be designated as Chair of the Governance and Ethics Committee.

Vote: 14-1-0 Adopted, (Mr. J. Lalla against)

Resolution # 22-11-08-17.2

17.3 Election of Vice-Chair

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners elects the Vice-Chair of the Governance and Ethics Committee, pursuant to sections 10.1.2 and 10.1.3 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, elected members on the Governance and Ethics Committee, have submitted their candidacy for the election of Vice-Chair of the Governance and Ethics Committee:

Mario Pietrangelo
Daniel Tatone

WHEREAS Mr. Daniel Tatone withdrew his candidacy;

IT WAS MOVED BY MS. SOPHIE DE VITO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT effective November 8, 2022, Mr. Mario Pietrangelo be designated as Vice-Chair of the Governance and Ethics Committee.

Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted

Resolution # 22-11-08-17.3

18. QESBA – Replacement of Nominee to Board of Directors – 2021-2023

WHEREAS Ms. Mubeenah Mughal was nominated to sit on the QESBA Board of Directors for a two year term on December 15, 2021, as per resolution #21-12-15-16.1;

WHEREAS Ms. Mughal will no longer be able to attend the QESBA meetings and the EMSB needs to appoint a replacement;

Nominations:

Mr. Jamie Fabian nominates Mr. Joseph Lalla who accepted the nomination.
Mr. James Kromida nominates Mr. Julien Feldman who accepted the nomination.
Mr. James Kromida nominates Ms. Rosemarie Federico who accepted the nomination.

Nominations ceased by Mr. Mario Pietrangelo.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. DANIEL TATONE AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT Mr. Julien Feldman be nominated to QESBA Board of Directors for 2021-2023, for the unexpired portion of the term.

Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted

Resolution # 22-11-08-18

19. Recommendations from the Long Range Planning Committee

19.1 Proposal for Expansion of MIND High School to add Secondary 1 and 2 – For Consultation

WHEREAS MIND High School is an alternative school for independent and socially engaged students;

WHEREAS MIND High School currently serves students in Secondary 3, 4 and 5;

WHEREAS MIND High School proposes the addition of Secondary 1 and 2 classes to offer their programs to junior high school students;

WHEREAS presently no other public school in the English sector offers an alternative academic setting below secondary 3;

WHEREAS the EMSB Long Range Planning Committee recommends that MIND High School add Secondary 1 and 2 to their academic program;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. AGOSTINO CANNAVINO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Board proceed to a consultation process, as recommended by the Long Range Planning Committee with respect to the expansion of MIND High School to add Secondary 1 and 2 for the start of the 2023-2024 school year;

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the MIND High School governing board, EMSB Parents' Committee, Rosemount High School governing board and Westmount High School governing board be invited to submit their views by no later than December 9, 2022.

Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted

Resolution # 22-11-08-19.1

19.2 Quebec Board of Black Educators Renting Space at Marymount Academy – For Consultation

WHEREAS the Quebec Board of Black Educators (QBBE) was founded in 1968 and has been a partner of the English Montreal School Board (EMSB) for many years;

WHEREAS the QBBE's mission is to promote the development of educational services for black youths and other youths between the ages of 5 and 25 who reside in the Greater Montreal area;

WHEREAS the QBBE has approached the EMSB about leasing out the Annex at Marymount Academy to make it their main office;

WHEREAS the Annex at Marymount Academy being now vacant, QBBE is interested in the second (2nd) and third (3rd) floor of the Annex;

WHEREAS the EMSB Long Range Planning Committee recommends that the EMSB rent the available space to the QBBE;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. JOSEPH LALLA AND MR. PIETRO MERCURI AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Board proceed to a consultation process, as recommended by the Long Range Planning Committee with respect to the Quebec Board of Black Educators renting space at Marymount Academy;

	<p>IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Marymount Academy governing board be invited to submit their views by no later December 9, 2022.</p> <p>Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 22-11-08-19.2</u></p>
20.	<p><u>Amendment to By-Laws No. 1 and No. 4 (2022) – To Affix the Day, Time and Place of the Board and Executive Committee Meetings of the English Montreal School Board</u></p> <p>WHEREAS in accordance with By-Law No. 1 (2022) and By-Law No. 4 (2022) to affix the day, time and place of the Board and Executive Committee meetings of the English Montreal School Board, public meetings of the Board and Executive Committee are held in the Administration Building and any change in location, day or time must be approved first by Board resolution;</p> <p>WHEREAS the regular meetings of the Board and Executive Committee for 2023 are scheduled for Tuesdays January 24th, February 28th, March 28th, April 25th, May 23rd and June 20, 2023 at the Administration Building of the English Montreal School Board, located at 6000 Fielding Avenue, Montreal;</p> <p>WHEREAS the Board and Executive Committee Meetings of January 2023 and April 2023 should be held instead at the St. Pius X Culinary Institute located at 9955 Papineau Avenue, Montreal, same day and time;</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. JAMIE FABIAN AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the regular meetings of the Executive Committee and Board, scheduled for Tuesday, January 24, 2023, and Tuesday, April 25, 2023, will be held at the St. Pius X Culinary Institute located at 9955 Papineau Avenue, Montreal, same day and time;</p> <p>IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED to proceed to the amendment of By-Laws No. 1(2022) and By-Law No. 4 (2022) to affix the day, time and place of the Board and Executive Committee meetings of the English Montreal School Board accordingly, and in conformity with the Education Act.</p> <p>Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 22-11-08-20</u></p>
21.	<p><u>AEVS Request for Permanent Vocational Training Program Authorizations for 5842-Contemporary Professional Pastry Making and 5894-Pharmacy Technical Assistance</u></p> <p>WHEREAS the English Montreal School Board (EMSB) through its Adult Education and Vocational Services (AEVS) Department is seeking to augment its permanent program authorizations in Vocational Training;</p> <p>WHEREAS the AEVS department has been offering the 5894-Pharmacy Technical Assistance vocational training program with a provisional authorization since the school year 2012-2013;</p> <p>WHEREAS the AEVS department has been offering the 5842-Contemporary Professional Pastry Making vocational training program with a provisional authorization since the school year 2013-2014;</p> <p>WHEREAS the Table des responsables de l'éducation des adultes de la formation professionnelle de l'île de Montréal (TRÉAFP) on September 9th, 2022 is in support of the EMSB requests for the permanent program authorizations of 5894-Pharmacy Technical Assistance and 5842-Contemporary Professional Pastry Making;</p> <p>WHEREAS the Provincial Organization of Continuing Education Directors, English (PROCEDE) Table on November 3rd, 2022 is in support of the EMSB requests for the permanent program authorizations of 5894-Pharmacy Technical Assistance and 5842-Contemporary Professional Pastry Making;</p>

	<p>WHEREAS the English Language Vocational Education Council (ELVEC) Table on November 4th, 2022 is in support of the EMSB requests for the permanent program authorizations of 5894-Pharmacy Technical Assistance and 5842-Contemporary Professional Pastry Making;</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. PIETRO MERCURI AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the English Montreal School Board requests permanent program authorizations for 5894-Pharmacy Technical Assistance and 5842-Contemporary Professional Pastry Making;</p> <p>IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Regional Director of AEVS and Director General or the Assistant Directors General be authorized to sign the Ministère de l'Éducation du Québec (MEQ) - Application Forms for Provisional or Permanent Vocational Training Program Authorization on behalf of the English Montreal School Board.</p> <p>Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 22-11-08-21</u></p>
22.	<p><u>Long Term Lease – Parc-école Laurier-Macdonald</u></p> <p>This item was presented for information.</p>
23.	<p><u>Partial Rental – Surplus Property Land – Rue Notre-Dame, Pointe-aux-Trembles, Québec</u></p> <p>This item was presented for information.</p>
24.	<p><u>Correspondance</u></p> <p><u>24.1 Lester B. Pearson School Board Resolution #2022-09-#01 – Statement Regarding Bill 96</u></p> <p>This item was presented for information.</p>
25.	<p><u>Report of the Executive Committee Meeting held on September 6, 2022</u></p> <p>- Services provided by the Montreal Oral School for the Deaf (MOSD) to Integrated Students with Hearing Impairments of the EMSB – 2022-2023</p>
26.	<p><u>Other Business</u></p> <p>None.</p>
27.	<p><u>Adjournment</u></p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. AGOSTINO CANNAVINO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:17 p.m.</p> <p>Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 22-11-08-27</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>