

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE
ENGLISH MONTREAL SCHOOL BOARD

A Special Board Meeting of the English Montreal School Board has taken place on Tuesday, November 22, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. Via Teams, in Montreal.

Commissioners Present

Me Joe Ortona, Chair
Mr. Agostino Cannavino, Vice-Chair – via TEAMS
Mr. Mario Bentrovato, Commissioner – via TEAMS
Ms. Maria Corsi, Parent Commissioner – via TEAMS
Mr. Jamie Fabian, Commissioner – via TEAMS
Ms. Rosemarie Federico, Commissioner – via TEAMS
Mr. Pietro Mercuri, Commissioner
Mr. Mario Pietrangelo, Commissioner
Mr. Tony Speranza, Parent Commissioner
Mr. Daniel Tatone, Parent Commissioner – via TEAMS

Commissioners Not Present

Ms. Sophie De Vito, Commissioner
Mr. Julien Feldman, Commissioner
Ms. Ellie Israel, Commissioner
Mr. James Kromida, Commissioner
Mr. Joseph Lalla, Commissioner

Administrators Present:

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

Mr. Jimmy Giannacopoulos, Sector Director, West
Ms. Brigida Sellato, Consultant, Secretariat General

1.	<p><u>Land Acknowledgement</u></p> <p>The Chair acknowledged that the English Montreal School Board is located on the traditional ancestral and unceded territory of the Kanien'kehá:ka. We are grateful to live, learn, and work in Tiohtià:ke which has long been a site of meeting and exchange for many First Nations and is currently home to diverse groups of indigenous and other peoples. As a School Board it is important that we acknowledge the historic and ongoing role of educational institutions in perpetuating injustices against indigenous communities. We are committed to educating staff and students about the true history and current realities of the indigenous peoples of what we now call Canada. Celebrating the cultures contributions and knowledge of the many First Nations Inuit and Métis communities, listening to and amplifying indigenous voices and partnering with local indigenous community members. We offer this acknowledgement as a first step and public commitment to our ongoing process towards reconciliation and justice for indigenous peoples and communities.</p>
2.	<p><u>Confirmation of Proper Notice of the Meeting</u></p> <p>Me Nathalie Lauzière confirmed that notice of this meeting was given.</p>
3.	<p><u>Adoption of the Agenda</u></p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. MARIO PIETRANGELO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved, as presented.</p> <p>Vote: 10-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 22-11-22-3</u></p>
4.	<p><u>Question Period</u></p> <p>Questions by Mr. Chris Eustace with regards to the EMSB's Governance and Ethics Committee and the Fundraising Campaign against Bill 40 were read and addressed by the Chair, Mr. Joe Ortona.</p>
5.	<p><u>In Camera</u></p> <p><u>5.1 Motion to Move In Camera</u></p> <p>On a motion by Mr. Tony Speranza at 7:10 p.m. the meeting moved In Camera.</p> <p>The meeting returned from the In Camera session at 7:24 p.m.</p>
6.	<p><u>Adoption of Resolution(s) from In Camera</u></p> <p><u>5.2.1 Creation of an Ad Hoc Committee to review decisions – Ref. R3-1122 – Nomination of Chair</u></p> <p>WHEREAS parent complaints were submitted for the reconsideration of decisions on March 17 and May 6, 2022;</p> <p>WHEREAS in accordance with section 7 of EMSB By-Law no. 8 on Complaint Examination Procedure, an Ad Hoc Committee must be established to examine the Complaints;</p> <p>WHEREAS in accordance with section 7.3 (b) of By-Law no. 8 on Complaint Examination Procedure the Chair of this Ad Hoc Committee must be a Parent Commissioner;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The Council of Commissioners proceeded with the nomination of Chair:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Mr. Tony Speranza nominated Mr. Daniel Tatone, who accepted the nomination;</p>

There were no other nominations or self-nominations;

On a motion by Mr. Mario Pietrangelo the nominations ceased, all were in favor.

WHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT there be created an Ad Hoc Committee to review decisions regarding parent complaints dated March 17 and May 6, 2022, Ref. R3-1122;

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT in accordance with section 7.3 (b) of By-Law no. 8 on Complaint Examination Procedure, the appointed Chair of this Ad Hoc Committee is Mr. Daniel Tatone;

IT WAS STILL FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Chair of this Committee shall remit a final report and recommendations to the Council of Commissioners within the best delay after the committee meets;

IT WAS STILL FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the minutes or notes of the meetings that will be taken by the Members of the Ad Hoc Committee are confidential and to be distributed only to the Members of Council, in order to render a final decision.

Vote: 10-0-0, Adopted

Resolution # 22-11-22-5.2.1

5.2.2 Creation of an Ad Hoc Committee to review decisions – Ref. R3-1122 – Nomination of Members

WHEREAS parent complaints were submitted for the reconsideration of decisions on March 17 and May 6, 2022 ;

WHEREAS in accordance with section 7 of EMSB By-Law no. 8 on Complaint Examination Procedure, an Ad Hoc Committee must be established to examine the Complaints;

WHEREAS several members of the Council of Commissioners have agreed to sit on the aforementioned Committee;

The Council of Commissioners proceeded with the nomination of Members:

Mr. Tony Speranza nominated Ms. Rosemarie Federico, who declined the nomination;

Mr. Daniel Tatone nominated Ms. Maria Corsi, who accepted the nomination;

Mr. Tony Speranza nominated Mr. Pietro Mercuri, who accepted the nomination;

There were no other nominations or self-nominations;

On a motion by Mr. Mario Pietrangelo the nominations ceased, all were in favor.

WHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT there be created an Ad Hoc Committee to review decisions regarding parent complaints dated March 17 and May 6, 2022, Ref. R3-1122;

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT in accordance with section 7.3 (b) of By-Law no. 8 on Complaint Examination Procedure, this Ad Hoc Committee be composed of three (3) of the following members of the Council of Commissioners:

Mr. Daniel Tatone, Chair

Ms. Maria Corsi

Mr. Pietro Mercuri

IT WAS STILL FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Committee shall remit its final report and recommendations to the Council of Commissioners within the best delays after they meet;

IT WAS STILL FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the minutes or notes of the meetings that will be taken by the Members of the Ad Hoc Committee are confidential and to be distributed only to the Members of Council, in order to render a final decision.

Vote: 10-0-0, Adopted

Resolution # 22-11-22-5.2.2

7. Adjournment
IT WAS MOVED BY MR. PIETRO MERCURI AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:28 P.M.
Vote: 10-0-0, Adopted
Resolution # 22-11-22-7

Signed in Montreal, _____

Me Joe Ortona, Chair

Me Nathalie Lauzière, Secretary General