

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
ENGLISH MONTREAL SCHOOL BOARD

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A Special meeting of the English Montreal School Board was held in the Laurence Patterson Room, 6000 Fielding Avenue, on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 7:45 p.m.

Commissioners Present

Ms. Angela Mancini, Chairman  
Me Joe Ortona, Vice-Chairman  
Mr. Julien Feldman, Commissioner  
Mr. Norm Gharibian, Parent Commissioner  
Mr. Joseph Lalla, Commissioner  
Me Patricia Lattanzio, Commissioner  
Ms. Sylvia Lo Bianco, Commissioner  
Mr. Pietro Mercuri, Parent Commissioner  
Mr. Agostino Cannavino Commissioner  
Mr. Bernie Praw, Commissioner  
Mr. Andrew Ross, Parent Commissioner  
Mr. James Kromida, Commissioner

Absent

Mr. M. Antal, Commissioner  
Mr. Rosario Ortona, Commissioner  
Ms. Mubeenah Mughal, Parent Commissioner

Present:

Ms. A. M. Matheson, Director General  
Me B. Duhême, Deputy Director General, Administration Division  
Ms. E. Alfonsi, Deputy Director General, Education Division  
Me N. Lauzière, Secretary General  
Ms. P. Nickoletopoulos, Regional Director, West  
Mr. J. Pevec, Regional Director, East  
Mr. M. Cardin, Director of Material Resources  
Ms. A. Spagnolo, Regional Director, Adult Education and Vocational Services  
Ms. A. Di Tomaso, Web Master & Graphic Artist, Website Services

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| 1. | <p><u>Proper Notice of Meeting</u></p> <p>It was reported that the notice calling this special meeting had been forwarded by the Secretary General to all Members of Council via email.</p>   |
| 2. | <p><u>Approval of Agenda</u></p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MS. A. MANCINI AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved with the presentation of item number four before item number three.</p> <p>VOTE: 12-0-0, ADOPTED</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 19-07-09-02</u></p>  |
| 3. | <p><u>Revised Three-Year Plan for the Allocation and Destination of Immovables 2019-2022</u></p> <p>WHEREAS Section 211 of the Education Act requires school boards to establish a Three-Year Plan for the allocation and destination of its immovables on an annual basis;</p> <p>WHEREAS the said Section also requires school boards to issue a deed of establishment for each school and adult education and vocational training centre under its jurisdiction;</p> <p>WHEREAS the Three-Year Plan 2019-2022 was adopted by Council on June 12, 2019 (Resolution #19-06-12- 11.3);</p> <p>WHEREAS on June 26, 2019 the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur passed Decree 670- 2019 ordering the transfer of the property located at 4555, Rue Buies in Saint-Léonard, housing General Vanier School, to Commission scolaire de la Pointe-de-l'Île by July 1, 2019;</p> <p>WHEREAS on June 26, 2019 the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur passed Decree 671- 2019 ordering the transfer of the property located at 8455, Rue Pré-Laurin in Saint-Léonard, housing John Paul I High School, to Commission scolaire de la Pointe-de-l'Île by July 1, 2019;</p> <p>WHEREAS by virtue of the said Decrees and Section 477.1.4 of the Education Act, the Deeds of Establishment for General Vanier School and John Paul I High School were revoked on June 30, 2019;</p> <p>WHEREAS the said Decrees required that an emergency plan be immediately developed by the English Montreal School Board (EMSB) Management for the 2019-2020 school year;</p> <p>WHEREAS the EMSB and the communities of General Vanier School and John Paul 1 High School wish to keep General Vanier School and John Paul I High School with their respective educational programs;</p> <p>WHEREAS a Revised Three-Year Plan 2019-2022 was prepared to recreate the Deeds of Establishment for General Vanier School and John Paul I High School;</p> <p>WHEREAS the Revised Three-Year Plan 2019-2022 provides that the General Vanier School be relocated for cohabitation in the Pierre de Coubertin School building located at 4700, Lavoisier Boulevard in Saint-Léonard;</p> <p>WHEREAS the Revised Three-Year Plan 2019-2022 provides that the John Paul I High School be relocated for cohabitation in the Laurier Macdonald High School and Laurier Macdonald Vocational Centre building respectively located at 5025, Jean Talon Est Street in Saint-Léonard and 7355, Viau Boulevard in Saint-Léonard;</p> |

WHEREAS a consultation period of at least 30 days is required with the concerned consultative partners of the EMSB regarding for the Revised Three Year Plan and the proposed cohabitation.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. ANDREW ROSS AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The Revised Three-Year Plan for the Allocation and Destination of Immovables 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22 be approved for the purpose of consultation with the English Montreal School Board Parents Committee (EMSBPC), the municipalities on the Board's territory, the Advisory Committee on Special Education Services (ACSES), the 2018-2019 Governing Boards of General Vanier School and John Paul I High School, the Governing Boards of Pierre de Coubertin, the Governing Board of Laurier Macdonald High School and the Laurier Macdonald Vocational Centre;

IT WAS FURTHER UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Governing Board of Pierre de Coubertin School be consulted regarding the cohabitation with General Vanier School, that the Governing Board of Laurier Macdonald High School and Laurier Macdonald Vocational Centre be consulted regarding the cohabitation with John Paul I High School;

IT WAS FURTHER UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the concerned consultative partners of the EMSB be invited to forward their views on the matter by Monday, August 12, 2019 and that the Revised Three-Year Plan be presented at a Special Board Meeting on Wednesday, August 14, 2019 for final approval by the Council of Commissioners;

IT WAS FURTHER UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the deeds of establishment be issued and amended accordingly for the schools and centre implicated by the present consultation;

IT WAS FURTHER UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the consultation for co-habitation with the Commission scolaire de la Pointe-de-l'Île at Gerald McShane and Lester B. Pearson High School that was launched on June 26<sup>th</sup> in Resolution #19-06-26-6 be extended until August 12, 2019, to be in sync with the consultation on the Three-Year Plan and decided on August 14, 2019.

VOTE: 12-0-0, Adopted

Resolution #19-07-09-3

4.

Legal Issues – Transfer of schools and centres

WHEREAS on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 pursuant to resolution #19-04-10-3.1, the Council of Commissioners launched a 30-day consultation of the Galileo Adult Education Centre (Galileo Centre) community whereby:

- The Galileo Common Core Basic Education program and the Galileo Social Integration Service (SIS) and Social Vocational Integration Services (SVIS) would relocate to the St-Pius X Career Centre at 9955 Papineau, in Montreal;
- The Galileo Diversified Basic Education (academic) program would be merged with the same academic program at John F. Kennedy Adult Education Centre;
- The RTC campus II - Curtis George program(s) would maintain the space it currently occupies in the Gariépy building;
- Adult Education and Vocational Services (AEVS) department offices that are presently housed at the Gariépy building would be relocated as follows: SARCA to the John F. Kennedy Adult Education Centre and Data Processing and Student Records / Archives to the St-Pius Career Centre;

WHEREAS pursuant to resolution #19-04-10-3.1, the EMSB was offering approximately 57 classes at the Galileo Centre to be allocated to the CSPÎ in response to the Education Minister's call to help Commission scolaire de la Pointe-de-l'Île (CSPÎ) for their urgent need for classroom space;

WHEREAS resolution #19-04-10-3.1 was also proposing three (3) other options to help the CSPÎ with their need for classroom space;

WHEREAS on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 at a Special Board Meeting, four (4) resolutions were adopted by the Council of Commissioners, one of which (resolution #19-05-21-3.1) proposed cohabitation at the Galileo Centre located at 10921 Gariépy Street with the CSPÎ;

WHEREAS on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the Council of Commissioners adopted resolution #19-06-20-3 to avoid the transfer of any of the three targeted schools by the Minister of Education, namely Gerald McShane, General Vanier and John Paul I, to the CSPI for September 2019;

WHEREAS by the said resolution #19-06-20-3, the EMSB was making an adjusted proposal offering:

1. cohabitation between the EMSB and CSPI in the Galileo building on Gariépy Street (including the main office area and approximately 40 classes);
2. that the special needs program for adults (SIS / SVIS) remain in the Gariépy building for one additional school year (2019-20);
3. that the EMSB transfer ownership of the Gariépy building to the CSPI provided proper compensation is provided to the EMSB by the MEES;
4. that during the process of transfer, the CSPI would be given a long-term lease;
5. that the EMSB agrees to relocate the Rosemount Technology Centre (RTC) satellite campus from the Gariépy building to another EMSB facility (target date: August 2022);
6. that upon transfer of the building to the CSPI, the RTC campus would be permitted to remain in the Gariépy building until it can be relocated (target date: August 2022);

WHEREAS on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the CAQ Government passed two decrees to transfer two EMSB schools, namely General Vanier Elementary School and John Paul I Junior High School, to the CSPI;

WHEREAS on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019, the EMSB applied for a Provisional Injunction in Superior Court of the said decrees that impose the transfer of General Vanier Elementary School and John Paul I Junior High School to the CSPI;

WHEREAS on July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the application for a Provisional Injunction in Superior Court of the said decrees that impose the transfer of General Vanier Elementary School and John Paul I Junior High School to the CSPI was denied, the Court nevertheless finding that the EMSB had raised a serious question to be tried and that it would suffer a serious or irreparable harm;

WHEREAS the transfer of the Galileo Centre was always offered as an alternative to the transfer of any youth sector buildings to the CSPI.

IT WAS MOVED BY MS. SYLVIA LO BIANCO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the proposal to relocate the Galileo Adult Education Centre and its programs be removed as an option from the EMSB to the CSPI;

IT WAS FURTHER UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT resolution #19-04-10-3.1 of April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 be amended to remove the portions of the proposal referring to the Galileo Adult Education Centre;

IT WAS FURTHER UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT resolution #19-05-21-3.1 of May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 be rescinded;

IT WAS FURTHER UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT resolution #19-06-20-3 of June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 be amended to remove the portions of the proposal referring to the Galileo Adult Education Centre.

VOTE: 9-0-3, Adopted (Mr. A. Cannavino, Ms. P. Lattanzio and Mr. A. Ross abstained)

Resolution #19-07-09-4

5.

Question Period

Parent from Pierre de Coubertin

How will the documents be available?

Major School Consultation Status?

