

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 Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at 7:46 p.m.

Commissioners Present

Ms. Angela Mancini, Chairman  
Me Joe Ortona, Vice-Chairman (participation by telephone)  
Mr. Agostino Cannavino Commissioner (participation by telephone)  
Me Patricia Lattanzio, Commissioner  
Ms. Sylvia Lo Bianco, Commissioner  
Mr. Pietro Mercuri, Parent Commissioner  
Ms. Mubeenah Mughal, Parent Commissioner  
Mr. Rosario Ortona, Commissioner (participation by telephone)  
Mr. Bernie Praw, Commissioner

Absent

Mr. Mordechai Antal, Commissioner  
Mr. Julien Feldman, Commissioner  
Mr. Norm Gharibian, Parent Commissioner  
Mr. James Kromida, Commissioner  
Mr. Joseph Lalla, Commissioner  
Mr. Andrew Ross, Parent Commissioner

Present:

Ms. A. M. Matheson, Director General  
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  
Ms. S. Léveillé, Director, School Organization  
Ms. A. Watson, Director, Human Resources  
Mr. M. Cohen, Communications and Marketing Specialist  
Ms. B. Sellato, Communications Consultant

Approximately 50 members of the public were present.

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 MR. P. MERCURI AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved as presented.</p> <p>VOTE: 8-0-0, Adopted (Ms. M. Mughal not present for the vote)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 19-08-14-02</u></p>
	<p>At 8:38 p.m. Ms. M. Mughal joined the meeting.</p>
3.	<p><u>Follow-up to Consultation</u></p> <p><u>3.1 Revised Three-Year Plan for the Allocation and Destination of Immovables 2019-2022</u></p> <p>WHEREAS on July 9, 2019, by virtue of Resolution #19-07-09-3, the Council of Commissioners approved, for consultation, a revised Three-Year Plan 2019-2022 in accordance with Section 211 of the Education Act;</p> <p>WHEREAS the Revised Three-Year Plan was following the adoption of two decrees on June 26, 2019 by the CAQ Government which ordered the transfer of the General Vanier School building and John Paul I Jr. High School to the Commission scolaire de la Pointe-de-l'Île by July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019;</p> <p>WHEREAS the Deeds of Establishment of both schools were revoked as a result of the adoption of the said Decrees;</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 Revised Three-Year Plan 2019-2022 provides for, among other things:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the re-creation of the Deeds of Establishment for General Vanier School and John Paul I Jr. High School;</li> <li>• the relocation of the General Vanier School into the Pierre de Coubertin School building, as a cohabitation scenario;</li> <li>• the relocation of John Paul I Jr. High School into the building shared by the Laurier Macdonald High School and Laurier Macdonald Vocational Centre, as a cohabitation scenario;</li> </ul> <p>WHEREAS the concerned consultative partners of the EMSB were consulted on the Revised Three-Year Plan 2019-2022 and the proposed cohabitation scenarios;</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. P. MERCURI THAT, as recommended by the Long Range Planning Committee, the Revised Three-Year Plan for the Allocation and Destination of Immovables 2019-2022 be approved;</p> <p>THAT the Deeds of Establishment of General Vanier School and John Paul I Jr. High School be issued;</p>

THAT the General Vanier School be relocated for cohabitation into the Pierre de Coubertin School building, and the John Paul I Jr. High School be relocated for cohabitation into the building shared by the Laurier Macdonald High School and Laurier Macdonald Vocational Centre;

THAT the Deeds of Establishment of the other schools and centres implicated in the Revised Three-Year Plan 2019-2022 be amended accordingly.

Members of the Governing Boards consulted presented their Briefs to the Council

Mr. Bob Reda and Mr. Jason Trudeau from General Vanier Governing Board

The Governing Board from General Vanier requested namely the following:

- that they be able to keep their fund 3 monies;
- they invested in three years of major fundraising to finance a beautification project to redo the school yard and raised an initial amount of \$25,000 to start the project. They would like this money to be returned;
- they are asking for a sum of \$20,000 to cover the cost of their yearly fundraising activities.

Ms. Maria Corsi House (parent) and Mr. Giovanni Petrecca from Pierre de Coubertin Governing Board

The two communities share similar programs and activities and they hope that they can come together and grow as a community.

The Governing Board requested namely the following:

- repaving and safety of the school yard for all the children;
- accommodation of the busing drop off and pick up;
- Facilitator present to make the transition easier for the students;
- Any classrooms not used by the General Vanier school be returned to Pierre de Coubertin for use by both schools as special classes i.e. art, music etc.

Mr. B. Praw called for the vote on the resolution presented.

Vote: 2-7-0, Defeated

In Favour	Mr. A. Cannavino, Mr. B. Praw
Against	Ms. P. Lattanzio, Ms. S. Lo Bianco, Mr. P. Mercuri, Ms. M. Mughal, Mr. R. Ortona, Mr. B. Praw, Mr. J. Ortona, Ms. A. Mancini

On a motion by Ms. P. Lattanzio, the meeting moved In Camera at 9:01 p.m.

Vote: 7-2-0, Adopted (Ms. S. Lo Bianco and Ms. A. Mancini voted against)

The Council members returned from In Camera at 10:20 p.m.

Mr. R. Ortona left the meeting at 10:25 p.m.

Ms. P. Lattanzio proposed an amendment to the resolution as follows:

- That a lump sum of 45,000.00 be allotted to General Vanier School (no additional capital expenditures);
- That a lump sum of 45,000.00 be allotted to Pierre de Coubertin School (no additional capital expenditures);
- Using the funds allocated within the 45,000.00, if needed, a Facilitator can be employed via Student Services at the beginning of the year;
- That the number of classes be a maximum of 10, pending registration and any non-use classes be allocated back as special classes.

Vote 8-0-0, Adopted (Mr. R. Ortona not present for the vote)

Resolution #19-08-14-3.1a

Vote on Main Motion with amendment

WHEREAS on July 9, 2019, by virtue of Resolution #19-07-09-3, the Council of Commissioners approved, consultation, a revised Three-Year Plan 2019-2022 in accordance with Section 211 of the Education Act;

WHEREAS the Revised Three-Year Plan was following the adoption of two decrees on June 26, 2019 by CAQ Government which ordered the transfer of the General Vanier School building and John Paul I Jr. High School to the Commission scolaire de la Pointe-de-l'Île by July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019;

WHEREAS the Deeds of Establishment of both schools were revoked as a result of the adoption of the Decrees;

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;

WHEREAS the Revised Three-Year Plan 2019-2022 provides for, among other things:

- the re-creation of the Deeds of Establishment for General Vanier School and John Paul I Jr. High School;
- the relocation of the General Vanier School into the Pierre de Coubertin School building, as a cohabitation scenario;
- the relocation of John Paul I Jr. High School into the building shared by the Laurier Macdonald High School and Laurier Macdonald Vocational Centre, as a cohabitation scenario;

WHEREAS the concerned consultative partners of the EMSB were consulted on the Revised Three-Year Plan 2019-2022 and the proposed cohabitation scenarios;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. P. MERCURI AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT, as recommended by the Long Range Planning Committee, the Revised Three-Year Plan for the Allocation and Destination of Immovables 2019-2022 be approved;

IT WAS FURTHER UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Deeds of Establishment of General Vanier School and John Paul I Jr. High School be issued;

IT WAS FURTHER UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the General Vanier School be relocated into the Pierre de Coubertin School building, and the John Paul I Jr. High School be relocated into the building shared by the Laurier Macdonald High School and Laurier Macdonald Vocational Centre;

IT WAS FURTHER UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Deeds of Establishment of the other schools and centres implicated in the Revised Three-Year Plan 2019-2022 be amended accordingly;

IT WAS STILL FURTHER UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

- A lump sum of \$45,000. of operating funds be allocated to General Vanier School to defray the cost of expenses, activities, project requests and any other non-capital purchases;
- A lump sum of \$45,000. of operating funds be allocated to Pierre de Coubertin School to defray the cost of expenses, activities, facilitator project requests and any other non-capital purchases;
- The larger capital projects requested by Pierre de Coubertin will be discussed between the board administration and the school administration;
- The Student Services Department will provide temporary support services as requested by the school Principal to students who require help with the changes undertaken at General Vanier and Pierre de Coubertin;
- The number of classes allocated to General Vanier in the Pierre de Coubertin building will not exceed 10 homeroom classes;
- If enrolment at General Vanier decreases such that one or more classes of the 10 are not required as homeroom classrooms, they will revert back to being specialty rooms (for art, music, drama, etc.) that both General Vanier and Pierre de Coubertin schools will share.

VOTE: 8-0-0, Adopted (Mr. R. Ortona not present for the vote)

Resolution #19-08-14-3.1

On a motion by Mr. P. Mercuri the meeting was extended at 10:30 p.m.

3.2 Cohabitation with Commission scolaire de la Pointe-de-l'Île at Gerald McShane Elementary School

Ms. Francesca Pitruzzello from Gerald McShane – Read portions of the Brief

The school will accommodate up to eight classes for CSPI and asked that the administration look into scenarios to facilitate the cohabitation of the two schools.

Let it be known that the community of Gerald McShane presented their brief and made their concerns known on the idea of cohabitating with the CSPI.

WHEREAS by virtue of Resolution #19-06-26-6, the Council of Commissioners agreed to launch a 30-day consultation, for the school year 2019-2020, with the Commission scolaire de la Pointe-de-l'Île at Laurier Macdonald High School, Lester B. Pearson High School, General Vanier Elementary School and Gerald McShane Elementary School;

WHEREAS the initial consultation period was ending July 29, 2019 and that a Special Board meeting was supposed to be scheduled for July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 for a final decision to be made by the Council of Commissioners on the four cohabitation scenarios;

WHEREAS on July 26, 2019, the CAQ Government adopted two decrees that renders two of those four cohabitation scenarios inapplicable;

WHEREAS the two remaining cohabitation scenarios were at Lester B. Pearson High School (up to 15 classes) and at Gerald McShane Elementary School (up to 8 classrooms);

WHEREAS at a Special Board meeting held on July 9, 2019, the Council of Commissioners adopted Resolution #19-07-09-3 to revise the consultation period for the two remaining

	<p>cohabitation scenarios and extended the deadline to receive feedback from the consultative partners to August 12, 2019, and to hold a Special Board Meeting on August 14, 2019 for a final decision by the Council of Commissioners;</p> <p>WHEREAS the concerned consultative partners of the EMSB were consulted to share their comments and recommendations on the proposed cohabitation scenarios;</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MS. S. LO BIANCO THAT the temporary cohabitation scenario with the Commission scolaire de la Pointe-de-l'Île (CSPI) at Gerald McShane Elementary School be approved, subject to the following non-exhaustive conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) that the cohabitation is temporary for the 2019-20 school year with the possibility of renewal by the Executive Committee annually;</li> <li>b) that the impact of this cohabitation not unduly compromise the pedagogical, administrative and operational needs of the EMSB school and its programs;</li> <li>c) that this temporary cohabitation will require no more than 8 (eight) classrooms at the Gerald McShane Elementary School for the exclusive use by the CSPI;</li> <li>d) that the Directorate of the EMSB will negotiate an agreement / lease with the CSPI Directorate that will outline, among other details, the financial compensation and the terms and conditions for the CSPI's use of shared areas of the school such as the gymnasium, cafeteria, school yard;</li> <li>e) that the Director General or an Assistant Director General be authorized to sign such agreement / lease on behalf of the EMSB.</li> </ol>
	<p>On a motion by Ms. P. Lattanzio the resolution was tabled due to pending proceedings before the court.</p> <p>Vote: 8-0-0, Adopted (Mr. R. Ortona not present for the vote)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution #19-08-14-3.2a</u></p>
	<p><u>3.3 Cohabitation with the Commission scolaire de la Pointe-de-l'Île at Lester B. Pearson High School</u></p> <p><u>Mr. Benny Berneti from Lester B. Pearson</u> presented the brief from the governing board.</p> <p>The school cannot accept the cohabitation with the CSPI for various reasons such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safety and security of the students, how will the two schools, staff and students be trained in security, safety ;</li> <li>• Traffic around the building;</li> <li>• Extra resources for classroom space;</li> <li>• Crossovers of students within the building;</li> <li>• Holidays and ped days not being similar for both schools;</li> </ul> <p>Let it be known that the community of Lester B. Pearson High School presented their brief and made their concerns known on the idea of cohabitating with the CSPI.</p> <p><u>Motion on Cohabitation with the Commission scolaire de la Pointe-de-l'Île at Lester B. Pearson High School</u></p> <p>WHEREAS by virtue of Resolution #19-06-26-6, the Council of Commissioners agreed to launch a 30-day consultation for cohabitation, for the school year 2019-2020, with the Commission scolaire</p>

	<p>de la Pointe-de-l'Île at Laurier Macdonald High School, Lester B. Pearson High School, General Vanier Elementary School and Gerald McShane Elementary School;</p> <p>WHEREAS that initial consultation period was ending on July 29, 2019 and that a Special Board meeting was supposed to be scheduled for July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 for a final decision to be made by the Council of Commissioners on the four cohabitation scenarios;</p> <p>WHEREAS on July 26, 2019, the CAQ Government adopted two decrees that renders two of those four cohabitation scenarios inapplicable;</p> <p>WHEREAS the two remaining cohabitation scenarios were at Lester B. Pearson High School (up to 15 classes) and at Gerald McShane Elementary School (up to 8 classrooms);</p> <p>WHEREAS at a Special Board meeting held on July 9, 2019, the Council of Commissioners adopted Resolution #19-07-09-3 to revise the consultation period for the two remaining cohabitation scenarios and extended the deadline to receive feedback from the consultative partners to August 12, 2019, and to hold a Special Board Meeting on August 14, 2019 for a final decision by the Council of Commissioners;</p> <p>WHEREAS the concerned consultative partners of the EMSB were consulted to share their comments and recommendations on the proposed cohabitation scenarios.</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MS. S. LO BIANCO THAT the temporary cohabitation scenario with the Commission scolaire de la Pointe-de-l'Île (CSPI) at Lester B. Pearson High School be approved, subject to the following non-exhaustive conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) that the cohabitation is temporary for the 2019-20 school year with the possibility of renewal by the Executive Committee annually;</li> <li>b) that the impact of this cohabitation not unduly compromise the pedagogical, administrative and operational needs of the EMSB school and its programs;</li> <li>c) that this temporary cohabitation will require no more than 15 (fifteen) classrooms at the Lester B. Pearson High School for the exclusive use by the CSPI;</li> <li>d) that the Directorate of the EMSB will negotiate an agreement / lease with the CSPI Directorate that will outline, among other details, the financial compensation and the terms and conditions for the CSPI's use of shared areas of the school such as the gymnasium, cafeteria, school yard;</li> <li>e) that the Director General or an Assistant Director General be authorized to sign such agreement / lease on behalf of the EMSB.</li> </ul>
	<p>On a motion by Ms. S. Lo Bianco the resolution was tabled due to pending proceedings before the court.</p> <p>Vote: 8-0-0, Adopted (Mr. R. Ortona not present for the vote)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution #19-08-14-3.3a</u></p>

