

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE
ENGLISH MONTREAL SCHOOL BOARD

A Regular meeting of the English Montreal School Board was held in the Laurence Patterson Room, 6000 Fielding Avenue, on Wednesday, October 30, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present

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

Absent

Mr. Mordechai Antal, 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
Me Lucie Roy, Director of Legal Services
Ms. P. Nickoletopoulos, Regional Director, West
Mr. J. Pevec, Regional Director, East
Ms. A. Spagnolo, Regional Director of Adult Education and Vocational Services
Mrs. S. Furfaro, Director of Educational & Technology Services
Mr. B. Thomas, Assistant Director, Educational & Technology Services
Ms. L. Nassivera, Director of Financial Services
Ms. V. Forgetta, Assistant Director, Financial Services
Ms. A. Watson, Director of Human Resources
Mr. M. Cardin, Director of Material Resources
Me M.C. Drouin, Compliance Officer, Material Resources
Mr. L. Lewis, Director of Student Services
Ms. J. Rene de Cotret, Assistant Director of Student Services
Mr. M. Cohen, Communications and Marketing Specialist
Ms. B. Sellato, Communications Consultant

There were approximately 20 members of the public present.

<p>1.</p>	<p><u>Approval of Agenda</u></p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. J. KROMIDA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT, the agenda be presented with the following amendments: Add under Director General’s Report – Revised Audit Report from the Treasury Board Renumber the following items 2.10, 2.11, 2.12, 2.13 to: 2.10 Follow-up from the Governance and Ethics Committee : Ethics Complaints Update 2.11 Reimbursement of Fees 2.12 Premier’s Interference with the QCGN 2.13 Request for Payment of Legal fees AND add 5.1 Expression of Thanks to John Pevec 5.2 Expression of Congratulations to Ms. Patricia Lattanzio</p> <p>VOTE: 12-0-0 Adopted, (Ms. M. Mughal and Ms. P. Lattanzio not present for the vote)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution #19-10-30-1</u></p>
<p>2.</p>	<p><u>In Camera</u></p> <p>2.1 <u>Motion to Move In Camera</u></p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. P. MERCURI AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the meeting move In Camera at 4:37 PM.</p> <p>VOTE: 12-0-0 Adopted, (Ms. M. Mughal and Ms. P. Lattanzio not present for the vote)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution #19-10-30-2.1</u></p>
	<p>The meeting resumed from In Camera at 8:00 p.m.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p><u>Adoption of Resolution(s) from In Camera</u></p> <p>2.2 <u>Parent Complaint – School Transfer</u></p> <p>WHEREAS a request for reconsideration was filed on September 24, 2019 by a parent regarding a School Transfer;</p> <p>WHEREAS the request qualified under sections 9-12 of the Education Act;</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR J. ORTONA THAT the decision taken by the Board Administrators on September 18, 2019 regarding a School Transfer be overturned, as requested by the parents.</p> <p>VOTE: 1-11-0, Motion defeated, the decision taken by the Board Administrators is maintained. (Mr. B. Praw and Ms. P. Lattanzio not present for the vote)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution #19-10-30-2.2</u></p> <p>2.7 <u>Confirmation in Position – Assistant Director – Education and Technology Services Department</u></p> <p>WHEREAS the procedures incorporated by the Board require all new administrative appointments to complete a probationary period before confirmation in the assignment;</p> <p>WHEREAS the year of probation for the administrator listed below ends on November 14, 2019;</p> <p>WHEREAS a written performance appraisal of this administrator was completed and has been evaluated as being satisfactory;</p>

WHEREAS the Director General has recommended that this administrator be confirmed in his assignment;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. J. KROMIDA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT, as recommended by the Director General, the following administrator be confirmed in his assignment effective as stated below.

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Thomas, Charalambos	Assistant Director – Educational Technology Services Department	October 31 st , 2019

VOTE: 13-0-0, Adopted (Ms. P. Lattanzio not present for the vote)

Resolution #19-10-30-2.7

2.8 Recommendation for Appointment – Director – Student Services

WHEREAS there is a need for the Board to appoint a Director in the Student Services Department as a result of the retirement of the current incumbent of this position;

WHEREAS the position of Director of the Student Services Department was advertised in September 2019 both internally and externally;

WHEREAS 2 candidates were invited to an interview on October 15th, 2019;

WHEREAS the resume of the recommended candidate is attached;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. J. ORTONA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT Ms. Julie René de Cotret be appointed as Director of the Student Services Department, effective December 2nd, 2019.

VOTE: 13-0-0, Adopted (Ms. P. Lattanzio not present for the vote)

Resolution #19-10-30-2.8

2.9 Recommendation for Appointment – Regional Director – East Sector

WHEREAS there is a need for the Board to appoint a Regional Director – East Sector due to a permanent vacancy;

WHEREAS the position of Regional Director – East Sector was advertised in September 2019 both internally and externally;

WHEREAS 6 candidates were invited to an interview held on October 21st, 2019;

WHEREAS 2 of the 6 candidates were invited for a subsequent 2nd held interview on October 30th, 2019;

WHEREAS the resumes of the candidates are attached;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. J. LALLA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT Ms. Nathalie Lacroix-Maillette be appointed as Regional Director – East Sector, with a start date to be determined.

VOTE: 13-0-0, Adopted (Ms. P. Lattanzio not present for the vote)

Resolution #19-10-30-2.9

4.	<p><u>Robert A. Peck Prize for Excellence in French</u></p> <p>This prize is given annual to a graduating student or students of the EMSB who has/have achieved the highest mark in French 634504 (French Secondary Language, programme de base)</p> <p>Mrs. S. Furfaro presented the six students who achieved the highest score with a cheque and a medal.</p> <p>Barin, Roxana, Royal West Academy Blier, Siena, Laurenhill Academy Engo, Allison, Royal West Academy Ferraro, Alessandro, Royal West Academy Gelbart, Ronit Bathsheba, Royal West Academy Sutherland, Jesse, Royal West Academy</p>
5.	<p><u>5.1 Expression of Thanks to John Pevec</u></p> <p>Expressions of thanks by the Director General were given to Mr. J. Pevec for his work during the interim basis as Regional Director East Sector.</p> <p><u>5.2 Expression of Congratulations to Ms. Patricia Lattanzio</u></p> <p>Expression of Congratulations by Mr. R. Ortona were given to Ms. P. Lattanzio on her recent win as a Federal MP for St. Leonard. Ms. Lattanzio made a brief statement.</p>
	<p>Ms. P. Lattanzio and Mr. R. Ortona left the room at 8: 25 pm.</p>
6.	<p><u>First Question Period</u></p> <p>Mr. Chris Eustace asked a question with regards to the monies being used for the lawsuits by the EMSB.</p> <p>Mr. Nicolas Van Praet, a parent, asked question regarding the upcoming move for FACE school during renovations and where the students will be moved to. He also asked a question with regards to the instruction of French at the school.</p>
7.	<p><u>Adoption of Minutes of Meeting held on September 25, 2019</u></p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. B. PRAW AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the minutes of September 25, 2019, be approved as presented.</p> <p>VOTE: 12-0-0, Adopted, (Ms. P. Lattanzio and Mr. R. Ortona not present for the vote)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution #19-10-30-7</u></p>
8.	<p><u>Business Arising Out of Minutes</u></p> <p>Ms. A. Mancini asked if a Town Hall Meeting could be organized for mid-November, inviting all Governing Boards in order to give more information and clarification on the upcoming major school changes.</p>
	<p>Mr. A. Cannavino and Mr. A. Ross left the room at 8:35 pm.</p>
	<p>Mr. A. Cannavino returned at 8:43 pm.</p>
9.	<p>Ms. L. Nassivera presented the Financial Statements to the Members of Council.</p> <p><u>2018-2019 Audited Financial Statements</u></p>

	<p>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 2018-2019 school year, by virtue of resolution #17-03-29-14.3;</p> <p>WHEREAS the official 2018-2019 Financial Report (<i>Rapport Financier 2018-2019</i>) has been duly audited by the Board's external auditors prior to submission, on October 9, 2019, to the Minister of Education and Higher Education;</p> <p>WHEREAS a set of financial summaries representing information extracted from the aforementioned official 2018-2019 Financial Report, indicating the results for the year ended June 30, 2019, has been reviewed by the Board's external auditors, RCGT;</p> <p>WHEREAS the summarized financial statements were reviewed by the Audit Committee on October 9, 2019;</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. J. KROMIDA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT, the Financial Statements of the English Montreal School Board for the year ended June 30, 2019, as audited by the Board's external auditors, Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton, be deposited.</p> <p>VOTE: 11-0-0, Adopted (Ms. P. Lattanzio, Mr. R. Ortona and Mr. A. Ross not present for the vote)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution #19-10-30-9</u></p>
10.	<p><u>Sports-Études Program for Secondary Schools</u></p> <p>WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners approved the establishment of the Sports-Études Program at its meeting of May 30, 2001 (resolution #01-05-30-8.2);</p> <p>WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners approved that the Sports-Études Program be established at Lester B. Pearson High School as of 2002-2003, at its meeting of October 13, 2001 (resolution #01-10-30-9);</p> <p>WHEREAS the Ministry now requires that this agreement be renewed every four (4) years;</p> <p>WHEREAS the present agreement expires on June 20, 2020;</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MS. S. LO BIANCO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT approval be given for the continuation of the Sport-Études Program at Lester B. Pearson High School until June 30, 2024.</p> <p>VOTE: 11-0-0, Adopted (Ms. P. Lattanzio, Mr. R. Ortona and Mr. A. Ross not present for the vote)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution #19-10-30-10</u></p>
	<p>On a motion by Ms. A. Mancini, the meeting went In Camera at 8:50 p.m. Vote: 11-0-0, Adopted (Mr. R. Ortona and Mr. A. Ross not present for the vote)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution #19-10-30-10.1</u></p>
	<p>On a motion of Mr. B. Praw, the meeting was continued passed 10:30 p.m., all members were in favor. Vote: 13-0-0, Adopted (Ms. P. Lattanzio not present for the vote)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution #19-10-30-10.2</u></p>
	<p>Mr. B. Praw left the meeting at 12:30 a.m.</p> <p>The meeting returned from In Camera at 1:05 a.m.</p>
	<p>Mr. A. Ross moved to Recess the meeting to Wednesday November 6, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.</p>

	Vote: 5-7-0, Motion Defeated (Mr. B. Praw and Ms. P. Lattanzio not present for the vote)
	The meeting continued and the members of Council went back In Camera at 1:11 a.m.
	Chairman Ms. A. Mancini left the meeting at 1:12 a.m., Vice-Chairman Mr. J. Ortona chaired the meeting (still In Camera).
	Commissioners Mr. N. Gharibian, Ms. S. Lo Bianco, Ms. M. Mughal and Mr. A. Ross left the meeting at 1:13 a.m.
	The meeting was adjourned at 1:21 a.m. due to lack of quorum.
	Signed in Montreal, _____ _____ Ms. Angela Mancini, Chairman
	_____ Me Nathalie Lauzière, Secretary General