

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE
ENGLISH MONTREAL SCHOOL BOARD

A Special meeting of the English Montreal School Board was held in the Laurence Patterson, 6000 Fielding Avenue, on Monday, January 20, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman

Ms. M. Jennings, Trustee

Administrators 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 Sector
Ms. N. Lacroix-Maillette, Regional Director, East Sector
Mr. M. Cardin, Director of Material Resources
Ms. S. Furfaro, Director of Educational & Technology Services
Ms. S. Léveillé, Director of School Organization
Mr. J. Pevec, Principal of Rosemount Technology Centre
Ms. J. Rene de Cotret, Director of Student Services
Ms. A. Spagnolo, Director of Adult Education & Vocational Services
Ms. A. Watson, Director of Human Resources
Ms. A. Vaudry, Principal of Royal West Academy
Mr. M. Cohen, Communications and Marketing Specialist
Mr. F. Crocco, Planning Analyst
Ms. V. Raccio, Secretary

Approximately forty (40) members of the public were present.

1.	<p><u>Proper Notice of the Agenda</u></p> <p>It was reported that the notice calling this special meeting had been forwarded by the Secretary General to the Trustee and to all Members of the Management team via email.</p>
2.	<p><u>Approval of the Agenda</u></p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY THE TRUSTEE, MS. M. JENNINGS, AND RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved with the following addition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.1 : Opening Remarks by The Trustee, Marlene Jennings <p>Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 20-01-20-2</u></p>
3.	<p><u>Major School Change Decision(s) Following Consultation on the Consolidation and Rationalization of Several North-East End Schools on the EMSB Territory</u></p> <p>3.1 <u>John Paul I Junior High School and Laurier Macdonald High School</u></p> <p><u>GENERAL CONTEXT</u></p> <p>WHEREAS the Long Range Planning Committee recommended to the EMSB Council of Commissioners in the Spring of 2019 that a Major School Change Consultation be launched;</p> <p>WHEREAS the overall purpose of this Major School Change was to rationalize and consolidate some EMSB schools in the North-East End Sector of the EMSB Territory;</p> <p>WHEREAS on June 26, 2019, by virtue of Resolution # 19-06-26-6, the English Montreal School Board (EMSB) Council of Commissioners launched a Major School Change Consultation process;</p> <p>WHEREAS the EMSB Long Range Planning Committee recommended scenarios for consultation;</p> <p>WHEREAS in accordance with the Education Act, all stakeholders implicated by the proposed scenarios were consulted – including the Governing Boards, the Boroughs or Municipalities, the Management Associations, the Employee Unions, the EMSB Parents Committee and the Advisory Committee on Special Education Services;</p> <p>WHEREAS the detailed Major School Change proposal document and all supporting documents were made available to the public on the EMSB website;</p> <p>WHEREAS all consulted stakeholders were invited to submit a written brief to the Long Range Planning Committee, outlining their views pertaining to the various scenarios under consultation by December 16, 2019;</p> <p>WHEREAS public hearings presided over by EMSB Trustee, Marlene Jennings, were held on January 8 and 9, 2020, whereby all consulted stakeholders were invited to provide verbal feedback on the scenarios proposed in the Major School Change document;</p> <p>WHEREAS the Long Range Planning Committee met on several occasions in December 2019 and January 2020, to review the written briefs submitted and give consideration to the feedback received during the public hearing;</p> <p><u>SPECIFIC CONTEXT</u></p> <p>WHEREAS the John Paul I Junior High School building originally located at 7355 Viau in Saint-Léonard, was transferred by the Quebec government to the <i>Commission scolaire de la Pointe-de-l'Île</i> (CSPI) at the end of June 2019;</p> <p>WHEREAS John Paul I Junior High School has since been cohabitating in the same building as the Laurier</p>

Macdonald Senior High School;

WHEREAS a cohabitation in one building between two schools from the same school board requires a duplication of many services and resources;

WHEREAS both John Paul I Junior High School and Laurier Macdonald Senior High School serve the same community, both offer one IB (International Baccalaureate) continuous program from Secondary 1-5, and both educate the same students;

WHEREAS combining these Junior and Senior high school programs would allow for more efficient use and sharing of human, material and educational resources;

WHEREAS the junior students could continue to benefit from a Junior school model within the larger high school context;

WHEREAS the EMSB Long Range Planning Committee recommends that John Paul I Junior High School merge with Laurier Macdonald Senior High School to create one Secondary 1-5 high school under one administration;

WHEREAS the EMSB Long Range Planning Committee further recommends:

- that the current administration of Laurier Macdonald High School (LMAC) give serious consideration to the implementation of a distinct junior school model within the larger high school context when planning for next year;
- that the current administration of Laurier Macdonald High School invite the Principal and Governing Board Chair at John Paul I Junior High School to a meeting to consult them on the most important elements of a junior school model;
- that the current administration of Laurier Macdonald High School conduct a review of the *LMAC Code of Conduct and Student Safety Guidelines* to ensure that elements specific to the best interest of junior students be included for July 1, 2020.
- that the Regional Director for the area and the Regional Director of Adult Education and Vocational Services review the circumstances by which the youth sector and adult students cross over in the LMAC building, and determine how this might be minimized or even eliminated;

IT WAS MOVED BY THE EMSB TRUSTEE MARLENE JENNINGS AND RESOLVED THAT:

- John Paul I Junior High School merge into Laurier Macdonald High School as of July 1, 2020, to form one high school from Secondary 1-5, under one administration called Laurier Macdonald High School;
- the Deed of Establishment for John Paul I Junior High School be revoked and the school closed on June 30, 2020;
- the Laurier Macdonald High School and the Laurier Macdonald Vocational Centre's Deeds of Establishment be amended accordingly;
- the EMSB's Three-Year Plan also be revised accordingly.

Adopted

Resolution # 20-01-20-3.1

3.2 General Vanier Elementary School

GENERAL CONTEXT

WHEREAS the Long Range Planning Committee recommended to the EMSB Council of Commissioners in the Spring of 2019 that a Major School Change Consultation be launched;

WHEREAS the overall purpose of this Major School Change was to rationalize and consolidate some EMSB schools in the North-East End Sector of the EMSB Territory;

WHEREAS on June 26, 2019, by virtue of Resolution # 19-06-26-6, the English Montreal School Board (EMSB) Council of Commissioners launched a Major School Change Consultation process;

WHEREAS the EMSB Long Range Planning Committee recommended scenarios for consultation;

WHEREAS in accordance with the Education Act, all stakeholders implicated by the proposed scenarios were consulted – including the Governing Boards, the Boroughs or Municipalities, the Management Associations, the Employee Unions, the EMSB Parents Committee and the Advisory Committee on Special Education Services;

WHEREAS the detailed Major School Change proposal document and all supporting documents were made available to the public on the EMSB website;

WHEREAS all consulted stakeholders were invited to submit a written brief to the Long Range Planning Committee, outlining their views pertaining to the various scenarios under consultation by December 16, 2019;

WHEREAS public hearings presided over by EMSB Trustee, Marlene Jennings, were held on January 8 and 9, 2020, whereby all consulted stakeholders were invited to provide verbal feedback on the scenarios proposed in the Major School Change document;

WHEREAS the Long Range Planning Committee met on several occasions in December 2019 and January 2020, to review the written briefs submitted and give consideration to the feedback received during the public hearing;

SPECIFIC CONTEXT

WHEREAS the General Vanier Elementary School building located at 4700, Lavoisier in Saint-Léonard, was transferred by the Quebec government to the *Commission scolaire de la Pointe-de-l'Île* (CSPI) at the end of June 2019;

WHEREAS the General Vanier parents asked the EMSB to maintain their Deed of Establishment and relocate General Vanier Elementary School to another EMSB building for at least one year;

WHEREAS since the transfer of their original school building, General Vanier Elementary School has been cohabitating in the Pierre de Coubertin Elementary School building;

WHEREAS a more permanent and long term solution is required;

WHEREAS cohabitation in one building between two schools, from the same school board, requires a duplication of many services and resources;

WHEREAS Pierre de Coubertin Elementary School, like General Vanier Elementary School, offers a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) and French Bilingual Programs;

WHEREAS Dante Elementary School, like General Vanier, serves the English students below the Metropolitan in Saint-Léonard and offers a Bilingual French Program and several elements of a STEAM program;

WHEREAS the long term vitality of all EMSB elementary schools is a priority;

WHEREAS the EMSB Long Range Planning Committee recommends that the Distinct and Program Boundaries of General Vanier be shared between Pierre de Coubertin and Dante Elementary Schools;

WHEREAS the EMSB Long Range Planning Committee further recommends:

- that the Principals of General Vanier, Dante and Pierre de Coubertin Elementary Schools work together to ensure the registration of all General Vanier students in their new schools, by the staffing deadline date of February 15, 2020;
- that Dante and Pierre de Coubertin Elementary Schools host an activity / orientation day in the Spring to welcome the General Vanier students to their new school;
- that Dante Elementary School give serious consideration to start a STEAM program;
- that the Regional Director of the area and the General Vanier Principal determine where the educational equipment owned by the Board and used at General Vanier will be relocated to, on June 30, 2020, while taking into consideration the recommendations outlined in the General Vanier Brief.

IT WAS MOVED BY THE EMSB TRUSTEE MARLENE JENNINGS AND RESOLVED THAT:

- the Deed of Establishment for General Vanier Elementary School be revoked and the School closed on June 30, 2020;
- the Deed of Establishment for Pierre de Coubertin Elementary School be amended accordingly;
- the EMSB's Three-Year Plan also be revised accordingly;
- the former Distinct and Program Boundaries for General Vanier Elementary School be divided equitably between Pierre de Coubertin and Dante Elementary Schools as follows:

To Pierre de Coubertin Elementary School: The General Vanier Territory above the Metropolitan, as well as a portion of the General Vanier Territory below the Metropolitan, West of Viau, North of Jean-Talon and East of Pie-IX, where 44 General Vanier students currently live;

To Dante Elementary School: The balance of the General Vanier Territory, below the Metropolitan, where 48 General Vanier students currently live;

- current (2019-20) General Vanier students who, following this Major School Change process, find themselves living in the new Dante Territory (according to the new boundaries outlined above), will, for compassionate reasons, be permitted to continue in the Pierre de Coubertin building as Pierre de Coubertin students, and busing will be provided to them for a transitional period of two (2) school years (2020-21 and 2021-22).

Adopted

Resolution #20-01-20-3.2

3.3 Our Lady of Pompei Elementary School and St. Dorothy Elementary School

GENERAL CONTEXT

WHEREAS the Long Range Planning Committee recommended to the EMSB Council of Commissioners in the Spring of 2019 that a Major School Change Consultation be launched;

WHEREAS the overall purpose of this Major School Change was to rationalize and consolidate some EMSB schools in the North-East End Sector of the EMSB Territory;

WHEREAS on June 26, 2019, by virtue of Resolution # 19-06-26-6, the English Montreal School Board (EMSB) Council of Commissioners launched a Major School Change Consultation process;

WHEREAS the EMSB Long Range Planning Committee recommended scenarios for consultation;

WHEREAS in accordance with the Education Act, all stakeholders implicated by the proposed scenarios were consulted – including the Governing Boards, the Boroughs or Municipalities, the Management Associations, the Employee Unions, the EMSB Parents Committee and the Advisory Committee on Special Education Services;

WHEREAS the detailed Major School Change proposal document and all supporting documents were made available to the public on the EMSB website;

WHEREAS all consulted stakeholders were invited to submit a written brief to the Long Range Planning Committee, outlining their views pertaining to the various scenarios under consultation by December 16, 2019;

WHEREAS public hearings presided over by EMSB Trustee, Marlene Jennings, were held on January 8 and 9, 2020, whereby all consulted stakeholders were invited to provide verbal feedback on the scenarios proposed in the Major School Change document;

WHEREAS the Long Range Planning Committee met on several occasions in December 2019 and January 2020, to review the written briefs submitted and give consideration to the feedback received during the public hearing;

SPECIFIC CONTEXT

WHEREAS St. Dorothy and Our Lady of Pompei Elementary Schools have student enrolments below 50% of their school's capacity;

WHEREAS the two schools, while officially in different boroughs, are only 1.2 kilometers apart and each is able to accommodate all of the English students in that area;

WHEREAS both schools offer the Bilingual French Program and both offer enriched integrated technology programs;

WHEREAS both schools are located in low socio-economic areas and have high poverty index designations, so beyond offering excellent academic programs, both schools provide additional much needed services and resources to their students and families;

WHEREAS small schools offer some benefits, often larger schools have more resources and opportunities for vitality in the longer term;

WHEREAS the St. Dorothy building has a Municipal Evaluation that is slightly higher than the Municipal Evaluation of the Our Lady of Pompei building;

WHEREAS the location and visibility of the Our Lady of Pompei building is deemed superior;

WHEREAS the EMSB Long Range Planning Committee recommends that St. Dorothy and Our Lady of Pompei Elementary Schools be merged together into one school building as one school;

WHEREAS the EMSB Long Range Planning Committee further recommends:

- that the Principals of St. Dorothy and Our Lady of Pompei Elementary Schools work together to ensure that all students are registered in their new schools by the staffing deadline date on February 15, 2020;
- that Our Lady of Pompei host an activity / orientation day in the Spring to welcome the St. Dorothy students to their new school;
- that Our Lady of Pompei give serious consideration to start a music program similar to the one presently offered at St. Dorothy;
- that the Regional Director of the area and both Principals determine where the educational equipment owned by the Board and used at St. Dorothy will be relocated to, on June 30, 2020, while taking into consideration any recommendations outlined in the St. Dorothy Brief;
- that the much needed poverty monies to support the St. Dorothy students, that may be diminished as a result of the move to the Our Lady of Pompei building, be ensured by the Board as much as possible with the available financial resources;

IT WAS MOVED BY THE EMSB TRUSTEE MARLENE JENNINGS AND RESOLVED THAT:

- the Deed of Establishment for St. Dorothy Elementary School be revoked and the school closed on June 30, 2020;
- the Distinct and Program Boundaries of St. Dorothy Elementary School be annexed to the Territory of Our Lady of Pompei Elementary School;
- the EMSB's Three-Year Plan also be revised accordingly.

Adopted

Resolution #20-01-20-3.3

3.4 Gerald McShane Elementary School

Ms. Jennings states that there are no changes, the school will continue to operate as it currently is.

3.5 Lester B. Pearson High School

Ms. Jennings states that there are no changes, the school will continue to operate as it currently is.

4. Question Period

Mr. Chris Eustace, a member of the community

Minority rights are important.

The resolution of 200k to QESBA should be rescinded.

Ms. Maria Corsi, parent from Pierre de Coubertin

The allocation of General Vanier territory was based on the existing General Vanier parameters or on future registrations?

Concerned about building a new STEAM program where there are already two schools who offer it.

Mr. Jason Trudeau, parent from General Vanier

He is happy that the decision that was made was in line with the briefs.

Why isn't the bussing accommodation offered to Dante students in the future?

5.	<p><u>Adjournment</u></p> <p>On a motion by the Trustee, Ms. M. Jennings, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.</p> <p>Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 20-01-20-5</u></p>
	<p>Signed in Montreal, _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Ms. Marlene Jennings, Chairman</p> <p style="text-align: right;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Me Nathalie Lauzière, Secretary General</p>