

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE
ENGLISH MONTREAL SCHOOL BOARD

A Special meeting of the English Montreal School Board was held in the Charles Bancroft Room, 6000 Fielding Avenue, on Tuesday, December 3rd, 2019 at 2:00 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
Me M.C. Drouin, Compliance Officer, Material Resources
Ms. V. Forgetta, Assistant Director, Financial Services
Ms. S. Furfaro, Director of Educational & Technology Services
Ms. A. Galanogeorgos, Assistant Director of Educational & Technology Services
Ms. S. Léveillé, Director of School Organization
Mr. L. Lewis, Director of Student Services (Retired)
Ms. L. Nassivera, Director of Financial Services
Ms. D. Nguyen, Assistant Director of Material Resources
Ms. J. Rene de Cotret, Director of Student Services
Me L. Roy, Director of Legal Services
Ms. A. Spagnolo, Regional Director of Adult Education and Vocational Services
Mr. C. Spyridakos, Assistant Director of Material Resources
Mr. C. Thomas, Assistant Director, Educational & Technology Services
Ms. A. Villalta, Assistant Director of Educational & Technology Services
Mr. J. Vitantonio, Assistant Director of Human Resources
Ms. A. Watson, Director of Human Resources
Mr. M. Cohen, Communications and Marketing Specialist
Ms. B. Sellato, Communications Consultant
Mr. D. Smajovits, Digital Marketing and Communications Officer
Ms. V. Raccio, Secretary

There were three (3) members of the public 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 additions:</p> <p>8.1 Designation of Member and Alternate to the Comité de gestion de la taxe scolaire de l'île de Montréal; 8.2 Nomination to Board of Directors and to Executive Committee of QESBA</p> <p>Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 19-12-03-2</u></p>
3.	<p><u>Question Period</u></p> <p><u>Chris Eustace, Member of the Community</u> Do you know anything about the \$200,000 that was contributed to the QESBA and is it legit? How is Appel funded?</p>
4.	<p><u>Tribute to Lew Lewis – Director of the Student Services Department (Retired)</u></p> <p>WHEREAS Mr. Lew Lewis began his career in education in 1966 as a teacher at Gardenview School, formerly with the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal;</p> <p>WHEREAS Mr. Lew Lewis served as a Guidance Counsellor, Guidance Consultant, and Consultant in Guidance Services from 1968 to 1987 with the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal, where he provided psychological and educational counselling to secondary school students, and conducted the hiring and distribution of professional personnel in the Board's high schools;</p> <p>WHEREAS Mr. Lew Lewis was promoted in 1987 to the position of Assistant Director of Student Services, wherein he was responsible for the supervision of guidance and psychological services, the special education dossier, and the coordination of social services provided to EMSB schools;</p> <p>WHEREAS Mr. Lew Lewis was then promoted to Director of Student Services in 2001 wherein he continued to contribute to the management of complementary services in schools by providing psychological, health, social, guidance, and speech and language services as well as support to special education students at the EMSB;</p> <p>WHEREAS over his 53 years of service with the EMSB, Mr. Lewis coordinated the work of many professionals and resource personnel in the special education sector;</p> <p>WHEREAS Mr. Lew Lewis has also served as a key liaison between the EMSB, hospitals, community and social service centers and many other institutions;</p> <p>WHEREAS Mr. Lew Lewis was committed to providing excellent service to our Student Services team - always keeping in mind that the students are the focus of our mission;</p> <p>WHEREAS Mr. Lew Lewis was responsible for a number of initiatives including establishing the EMSB Mental Health Resource Centre (MHRC), establishing a Center of Excellence for Speech and Language Development at the EMSB, establishing the Board's Traumatic Event Support Team (the first such team in Quebec schools) and establishing the first Summer Language Camp;</p> <p>WHEREAS Mr. Lew Lewis has played an integral role in the initiation, development and promotion of services such as the assistive technology services, drug abuse prevention services, safe and healthy school services, violence prevention services, just to name a few;</p>

	<p>WHEREAS Mr. Lew Lewis is recognized by the larger English education community of Quebec as a leader in the Education sector who worked with his colleagues at the EMSB, as well as other boards and community groups, to ensure quality educational services for all students;</p> <p>WHEREAS words are inadequate to express the EMSB’s gratitude and appreciation for the loyal and exemplary contributions made by Mr. Lew Lewis over his 53 year career in English education;</p> <p>WHEREAS Mr. Lew Lewis will be dearly missed by his colleagues at the EMSB;</p> <p>IT IS MOVED BY THE TRUSTEE, MS. M. JENNINGS, AND RESOLVED THAT there be inscribed in the records of this Board, the recognition of Mr. Lew Lewis’ loyal service and his invaluable contributions rendered to English education, and that there be extended to him the Board’s best wishes for a happy, healthy and well deserved retirement.</p> <p>Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 19-12-03-4</u></p>
5.	<p><u>Appointment of Commissioner – Ward 8</u></p> <p>WHEREAS On November 4th, 2019, Ms. Patricia Lattanzio, Commissioner for Ward 8 of the English Montreal School Board (EMSB) resigned from her position at the EMSB;</p> <p>WHEREAS section 199 of the Act Respecting School Elections (RSQ c- E-2.3) requests the EMSB to consult with the EMSB Parents’ Committee and to fill the vacancy within 30 days of the resignation;</p> <p>WHEREAS the EMSB has followed due process as per the documentation submitted to the meeting;</p> <p>WHEREAS the candidate possesses the required qualifications and is eligible in accordance with the criteria identified in the Act respecting school elections;</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY THE TRUSTEE, MS. M. JENNINGS, AND RESOLVED THAT Mario Pietrangelo be appointed Commissioner in Ward 8 of the English Montreal School Board for the remaining period in Ms. Patricia Lattanzio’ s unexpired term of office.</p> <p>Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 19-12-03-5</u></p>
6.	<p><u>For Consultation</u></p> <p>6.1 <u>Proposed Revision of Administrative Organization Chart 2019-2020</u></p> <p>WHEREAS a variety of considerations has prompted the Director General to propose a revision of the Administrative Organization Chart;</p> <p>WHEREAS the Association of English Montreal Board Administrators (AEMBA), and the <i>Association Québécoise des Cadres Scolaires – EMSB Section (AQCS)</i> must be consulted on the proposed revision of the Administrative Organization Chart;</p> <p>WHEREAS the Local Management Policy establishing the local working conditions of the members of AEMBA and AQCS specifies that –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Any proposed modification to the administrative structure of the Board shall be submitted to the Association normally before March 1st and that the Association shall then have thirty days to provide its opinion on the proposal, and ii) The Board shall adopt any modifications to its administrative structure normally before May 1st of each year; <p>WHEREAS the Association of Montreal School Administrators (AMSA) would also be consulted on the proposed</p>

revision of the Administrative Organization Chart;

WHEREAS the presidents of AEMBA, AQCS and AMSA have agreed to shorten the thirty day consultation period and provide their Associations' feedback by December 18, 2019, in order that the proposed revised Administrative Organization Chart for 2019-2020 be placed on the agenda for the December 19, 2019 Board Meeting.

WHEREAS the Director General has consulted the Directors of services on the proposed revised Administrative Organization Chart;

WHEREAS the revised Administrative Organization Chart would come into effect immediately following the approval of the Board;

IT WAS MOVED BY THE TRUSTEE, MS. M. JENNINGS AND RESOLVED THAT the proposed revised Administrative Organization Chart 2019-2020, reflecting the changes outlined in the documentation submitted to the meeting, be approved for the purpose of consultation with AQCS, AEMBA and AMSA.

Adopted

Resolution # 19-12-03-6.1

7. Response to Consultation – By-Law no.10 on Temporary Delegation of Powers

WHEREAS pursuant to Resolution #19-11-28-10.1, approved on November 28, 2019, the Trustee, Ms. Marlene Jennings, approved Draft By-Law No 10 - *Delegation of Functions and Powers* for consultation to temporarily redistribute the Delegation of Function and Powers to the Director General, the Senior Executive and Senior Staff as well as the Executive Committee in order to ensure the proper functioning of the School Board;

WHEREAS pursuant to said Resolution, the Trustee also approved the suspension of By-Laws No. 2 - *Delegation of Certain Functions and Powers to the Executive Committee*, No. 5 - *Delegation of Certain Functions and Powers to the Director General*, No. 6 - *Delegation of Certain Functions and Powers to Principals, Vice-Principals, and Head Teachers of Schools/Centres*, and No. 7 - *Delegation of Certain Functions and Powers to members of the Executive Staff* for consultation;

WHEREAS By-Law No 10 and the suspension of By-Laws No. 2, 5, 6 and 7 would be applicable for the duration of the Trusteeship;

WHEREAS pursuant to Sections 96.25, 110.13 and 183 of the Education Act, the Central Management Advisory Committee shall participate in defining the strategic plan, policies and by-laws of the school board;

WHEREAS the Central Management Advisory Committee reviewed By-Law No 10 - *Delegation of Functions and Powers* on December 2, 2019, and proposed some modifications, as highlighted in the Revised By-Law no. 10 submitted at the meeting;

WHEREAS Section 394 of the Education Act states that a by-law will come into force on the day of the publication of a public notice that it has been adopted;

IT WAS MOVED BY THE TRUSTEE, MS. M. JENNINGS AND RESOLVED THAT the Revised By- Law No. 10 - *Delegation of Functions and Powers* and the suspension of By-Laws No. 2 - *Delegation of Certain Functions and Powers to the Executive Committee*, No. 5 - *Delegation of Certain Functions and Powers to the Director General*, No. 6 - *Delegation of Certain Functions and Powers to Principals, Vice-Principals, and Head Teachers of Schools/Centres*, and No. 7 - *Delegation of Certain Functions and Powers to members of the Executive Staff* be approved and come into force on the day of the publication of a public notice;

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, where applicable, all policies and procedures of the English Montreal School Board be read, adapted, and interpreted taking into account the delegation of functions and powers provided for in By-Law No. 10 - *Delegation of Functions and Powers* and the suspension of By-Laws No. 2 - *Delegation of Certain Functions and Powers to the Executive Committee*, No. 5 - *Delegation of Certain Functions*

and Powers to the Director General, No. 6 - Delegation of Certain Functions and Powers to Principals, Vice-Principals, and Head Teachers of Schools/Centres, and No. 7 - Delegation of Certain Functions and Powers to members of the Executive Staff.

Adopted

Resolution # 19-12-03-7

8. Other Business

8.1 Designation of Member and Alternate to the Comité de gestion de la taxe scolaire de l'île de Montréal (CGTSIM)

WHEREAS Commissioner of Ward 8, Ms. Patricia Lattanzio, resigned from her position of Commissioner at the English Montreal School Board (EMSB) on November 4, 2019;

WHEREAS Ms. Lattanzio was elected a member to the *Comité de gestion de la taxe scolaire de l'île de Montréal (CGTSIM)*, as per resolution of EMSB Council no. 14-11-17-16.1, and needs to be replaced, the whole according to section 402 of the *Education Act*;

WHEREAS according to section 403 of the *Education Act*, a school board may designate another of its commissioners as a substitute to sit and vote in the commissioner's stead when that commissioner is unable to take part in a sitting of the Comité;

IT WAS MOVED BY THE TRUSTEE, MS. M. JENNINGS AND RESOLVED to designate herself, Marlene Jennings, as MEMBER of the *Comité de gestion de la taxe scolaire de l'île de Montréal* until the end of her mandate as Trustee of the EMSB;

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED that if future circumstances demonstrate the need to designate an alternate, the Trustee will effect such a designation in conformity with the Law.

Adopted

Resolution # 19-12-03-8.1

8.2 Nomination to Board of Directors and to Executive Committee of QESBA

WHEREAS the Quebec Government passed Decree 1103-2019, on November 6, 2019, and part of the functions and powers of the Council of Commissioners of English Montreal School Board (EMSB) have been suspended for six (6) months;

WHEREAS pursuant to the said Decree, Ms. Marlene Jennings has been appointed as Trustee to exercise the functions and powers of the Council of Commissioners which are suspended by the Decree, with the exception of matters directly related to present and future EMSB/QESBA court challenges of government laws based upon s.23(1) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms;

WHEREAS the EMSB needs to temporarily replace the Commissioners that were nominated to the Quebec English Montreal School Boards Association's (QESBA) Board of Directors and to the QESBA Executive Committee;

IT WAS MOVED BY THE TRUSTEE, MS. M. JENNINGS AND RESOLVED TO temporarily designate herself, Marlene Jennings, as a member to the Quebec English Montreal School Boards Association's (QESBA) Board of Directors and to the QESBA Executive Committee until the end of her mandate as Trustee of the EMSB; and

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT MR. GIUSEPPE (JOE) ORTONA, Vice-Chairman of the Council of Commissioners of the English Montreal School Board, be designated as a member to the QESBA Board of Directors and to the Executive Committee, for matters directly related to present and future EMSB/QESBA court challenges of government laws based upon s. 23(1) of the Canadian Charter of a Rights and Freedoms.

Adopted

9.

Adjournment

On a motion by the Trustee, Ms. M. Jennings, the meeting was adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

Adopted

Signed in Montreal,

Ms. Marlene Jennings, Chairman

Me Nathalie Lauzière, Secretary General