

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
ENGLISH MONTREAL SCHOOL BOARD

A Special Board Meeting of the English Montreal School Board has taken place on Friday, March 26, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. Via Teams, in Montreal.

Commissioners Present

Me Joe Ortona, Chair  
Mr. Agostino Cannavino, Vice-Chair  
Mr. Mario Bentrovato, Commissioner  
Ms. Maria Corsi, Parent Commissioner  
Mr. Sophie De Vito, Commissioner  
Mr. Jamie Fabian, Commissioner  
Mr. Julien Feldman, Commissioner  
Ms. Ellie Israel, Commissioner  
Mr. James Kromida, Commissioner, by phone  
Mr. Joseph Lalla, Commissioner  
Mr. Pietro Mercuri, Commissioner  
Ms. Mubeenah Mughal, Parent Commissioner  
Mr. Mario Pietrangelo, Commissioner  
Mr. Tony Speranza, Parent Commissioner  
Mr. Daniel Tatone, Parent Commissioner

Administrators Present:

Mr. Russell Copeman, Interim Director General  
Me Nathalie Lauzière, Secretary General  
Ms. Brigida Sellato, Consultant, Secretarial General and Communications

1.	<p><u>Confirmation of Proper Notice of the Meeting</u></p> <p>Me Nathalie Lauzière confirmed that proper notice of this meeting was given.</p>
2.	<p><u>Adoption of the Agenda</u></p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. PIETRO MERCURI AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved, with the addition of the following item for approval:</p> <p>Council of Commissioners Endorsement of Updated In-school COVID-19 Preventive Measures Proposed by the Interim Director General</p> <p>Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted (All Members of the Council were present)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 21-03-26-2</u></p>
3.	<p><u>Question Period</u></p> <p>No questions were submitted by the public.</p>

<p>4.</p>	<p><u>In Camera</u></p> <p>4.1 <u>Motion to Move In Camera</u></p> <p>On a motion by Mr. Pietro Mercuri, the meeting moved In Camera at 7:05 p.m.</p> <p>Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted Unanimously</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 21-03-26-4.1</u></p> <p>The meeting returned from In Camera at 7:17 p.m.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p><u>Adoption of Resolutions from In Camera</u></p> <p>4.2 <u>Human Resources Agreement</u></p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. JULIEN FELDMAN AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Agreement for the individual with employee number #524-606-374 be approved and ratified.</p> <p>Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 21-03-26-4.2</u></p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><u>Council of Commissioners Endorsement of Updated In-school COVID-19 Preventive Measures Proposed by the Interim Director General</u></p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> it has been reported by public health officials that Covid-19 variants are circulating in the local community;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> Premier Legault has publicly warned that a Third Wave of Covid-19 may be underway;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> EMSB Administrators are therefore implementing a cautious approach to modifying on-going, in-school preventative measures;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> recent emergency Health Department measures applied in area schools have not been extended to all students and families living in the area, among other EMSB school communities across its territory;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> members of the EMSB’s active parent community have therefore expressed concern about COVID-19 prevention measures within their children’s’ schools;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the parent community reflects the sentiment among students, parents and staff throughout EMSB territory;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> as the Director General’s approach to COVID-19 preventive measures are in line with recommendations offered by the <i>Institut national de santé publique du Québec</i> (INSPQ) to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 and thus protect the health of all staff members, including teachers, professionals, support and management staff;</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. JULIEN FELDMAN AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the EMSB Council of Commissioners formally endorse the Director General’s approach to COVID-19 preventive measures publicly announced on March 25, 2020.</p> <p>Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 21-03-26-6</u></p>

	<p>The Chair thanked Mr. Copeman for stepping in as Interim Director General at the EMSB and, on behalf of the Council, wished him continued success.</p>
7.	<p><u>Adjournment</u></p> <p>On a motion by Mr. Joseph Lalla, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.</p> <p>Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 21-03-26-7</u></p>
	<p>Signed in Montreal, _____</p>          <p>_____</p> <p>Me Joe Ortona, Chair</p> <p style="text-align: right;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Me Nathalie Lauzière, Secretary General</p>