

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
ENGLISH MONTREAL SCHOOL BOARD

A Regular Meeting of the English Montreal School Board has taken place on Tuesday, September 30, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. in the Laurence Patterson Room, 6000 Fielding Avenue, Montreal.

Commissioners Present

Mr. Joe Ortona, Chair  
Mr. James Kromida, Vice-Chair  
Ms. Maria Corsi, Commissioner  
Ms. Chelsea Craig, Commissioner  
Mr. Julien Feldman, Commissioner  
Ms. Jessica Houde-Woytiuk, Parent Commissioner  
Ms. Paula Kilian, Commissioner  
Ms. Julie Kristof, Parent Commissioner  
Mr. Pietro Mercuri, Commissioner  
Ms. Sharon Nelson, Commissioner  
Ms. Susan Perera, Commissioner  
Mr. Mario Pietrangelo, Commissioner  
Ms. Merika Ramundo, Parent Commissioner  
Ms. Jennifer Rutt, Parent Commissioner  
Ms. Paola Samuel, Commissioner

Commissioners Not Present

Administrators Present

Mr. Nicholas Katalifos, Director General  
Ms. Pelagia Nickoletopoulos, Assistant Director General, Education  
Me Jack Chadirdjian, Assistant Director General, Administration  
Me Nathalie Lauzière, Secretary General

Mr. Jimmy Giannacopoulos, Regional Director, West  
Ms. Darlene Kehyayan, Regional Director, East  
Ms. Angela Spagnolo, Regional Director, AEVS  
Mr. Mario Cardin, Director, Material Resources  
Ms. Sandra Léveillé, Director, School Organization  
Ms. Livia Nassivera, Director, Financial Services  
Ms. Julie René de Cotret, Director, Student Services  
Ms. Anna Sanalidro, Director, Educational Services  
Me Magdalena Sokol, Director, Legal Services  
Mr. Charalambos Thomas, Director, Information Technology Services  
Ms. Ann Watson, Director, Human Resources  
Ms. Marilyn Ramlakhan, Assistant Director, Human Resources  
Ms. Angela Vaudry, Assistant Director, Human Resources  
Mr. Michael Cohen, Manager, Marketing and Communications  
Ms. Brigida Sellato, Consultant, Secretariat General

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| 1. | <p><u>Land Acknowledgement</u></p> <p>We/I would like to acknowledge that the English Montreal School Board is located on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Kanien'kehá:ka*. We are grateful to live, learn, and work in Tiohtiá:ke*, which has long been a site of meeting and exchange for many First Nations, and is currently home to diverse groups of Indigenous and other peoples.</p> <p>As a School Board, it is important that we acknowledge the historic and ongoing role of educational institutions in perpetuating injustices against Indigenous communities. We are committed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Educating staff and students about the true history and current realities of the Indigenous Peoples of what we now call Canada.</li> <li>• Celebrating the cultures, contributions, and knowledge of the many First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities.</li> <li>• Listening to and amplifying Indigenous voices.</li> <li>• And partnering with local Indigenous community members.</li> </ul> <p>We offer this acknowledgement as a first step and public commitment to our ongoing process towards reconciliation and justice for Indigenous peoples and communities.</p> |
| 2. | <p><u>Nomination of Isabella Guy as Student of the Month</u></p> <p>The Student of the Month for September is Isabella Guy from Royal West Academy. In 2023, at the age of 13, Isabella began a project to support Montreal's homeless population called Operation Hot Meals. Each holiday season, this entirely youth-driven initiative provides hot meals and kindness to Montreal's homeless. For the past two Decembers, she has handed out 200 hot meals which consist of: chicken, fries, coleslaw and gravy, along with water and soda as well as cookies and brownies. Most importantly, each meal comes with a handwritten holiday card. While Isabella has never sought recognition for her work, she has made a tremendous impact on Montrealer's in need and for this, we congratulate her!</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 3. | <p><u>Question Period</u></p> <p>Questions from Mr. Chris Eustace were read and addressed by the Chair, Mr. Joe Ortona, regarding the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ New constitutional challenge related to budget cuts</li> <li>➤ In Camera sessions</li> </ul> <p>Questions from Ms. Christine Gravel were read and addressed by the Chair, Mr. Joe Ortona, regarding the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ EMSB's Multicultural/Multiracial Education Policy (CS-13)</li> <li>➤ Extracurricular opportunities</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 4. | <p><u>Approval of Agenda</u></p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MS. CHELSEA CRAIG AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved, as presented.</p> <p>Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 25-09-30-4</u></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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| 5. | <p><u>Adoption of Minutes</u></p> <p><u>5.1. Regular Board Meeting held on August 28, 2025</u></p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MS. SHARON NELSON AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on August 28, 2025, be approved as presented.</p> <p>Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 25-09-30-5.1</u></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 6. | <p><u>Business Arising Out of Minutes</u></p> <p>None.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 7. | <p><u>Chair's Report</u></p> <p>Presented by the Chair, Mr. Joe Ortona:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The first day of school at Hampstead Elementary was extra special this year as it coincided with the school's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The event was attended by several dignitaries, including Anthony Housefather, MP for Mount Royal, Elizabeth Prass, Liberal MNA for D'Arcy-McGee, and several Commissioners, Ms. Corsi, Ms. Kilian, Ms. Craig, Mr. Feldman, Ms. Houde-Woytiuk, Ms. Nelson, and Ms. Samuel. The celebration featured heartwarming stories from former students—some local, some from out of town—who shared fond memories of their time at Hampstead School. It was a touching tribute to a century-long legacy of community and education;</li> <li>➤ On September 11<sup>th</sup>, The Montreal Council of Women hosted an insightful event focused on English public education, held in the Lawrence Patterson Room at the EMSB Head Office and moderated by Trudy Mason. The panel was chaired by Commissioners, Ms. Craig and Ms. Corsi, and featured guest panelist Elizabeth Prass, Liberal MNA for D'Arcy-McGee and the Official Opposition Critic for Relations with English-speaking Quebecers. Also in attendance were Commissioners Ms. Kilian, Mr. Mercuri, Ms. Perera and Ms. Rutt. The event was described as informative and engaging, with thoughtful discussions and some challenging questions directed at the panel. Ms. Craig and Ms. Corsi responded with poise and professionalism, earning praise for their thoughtful answers. Overall, it was a well-received and meaningful evening for all participants;</li> <li>➤ The Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) has begun a series of visits to school boards across the province to better understand local realities and share important updates, particularly regarding Section 23 and related court challenges. A recent visit to the Eastern Shores School Board—the easternmost board in Quebec—highlighted the unique challenges of rural English education. Schools in the region, such as in New Carlisle, are small (some with as few as 4-5 students per class), but vital to the survival of the English-speaking community. The government is investing over \$30 million in a new Kindergarten to Grade 11 school there. During the visit, Mr. Ortona gave a presentation on Section 23, tailored to the region's context, and was well received. The experience emphasized the importance of visiting all nine English school boards, not just those in Montreal, to ensure inclusive representation. The same presentation was given at the Riverside School Board and Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board. Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, with suggestions to also present to parent committees. A presentation was previously given at the New Frontiers School Board, and more are being scheduled. A tentative date is being planned for a presentation at the October EMSB meetings, to be held at St. Pius X Centre rather than the EMSB Head Office, possibly between the Executive and Board meetings. QESBA also plans to present its strategic plan at that time;</li> <li>➤ On Truth and Reconciliation Day, also known as Orange Shirt Day, the EMSB reflects on the legacy of Canada's residential school system. This day honors the resilience of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis survivors, remembers the children who never returned home, and acknowledges the intergenerational trauma caused by policies aimed at erasing Indigenous cultures and identities. The EMSB reaffirms its commitment to reconciliation by: integrating Indigenous perspectives into</li> </ul> |

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|    | <p>curriculum and teaching resources, supporting student-led initiatives like cultural sharing circles, partnering with Indigenous organizations to create inclusive and culturally safe school environments and condemning denialism and promoting truth, understanding, and equity in education. The Board also draws a parallel between defending Section 23 rights for English-speaking communities and standing in solidarity with Indigenous peoples in their fight for self-determination and equitable education. Thank you to our Indigenous students, families, and allies for their courage. Today, as educators, parents and community members we can build a future where every child is respected, valued, and empowered.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 8. | <p><u>Director General's Report</u></p> <p>Presented by the Director General, Mr. Nicholas Katalifos:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Amanda Cupido, a podcast producer and author, will lead a hands-on podcasting workshop for Grade 5 students at Elizabeth Ballantyne Elementary School. Activities including book reading, listening to clips, and producing a live podcast. She'll also host a public event at the Montreal West Children's Library to discuss podcasting's impact on creativity and confidence;</li> <li>➤ EMSB schools are currently hosting open houses for prospective students and families. These events offer a chance to meet staff, tour facilities, and learn more about each school. Full details are available at emsbopenhouses.com;</li> <li>➤ The 25<sup>th</sup> annual EMSB Education and Career Fair will be held on Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, at St. Pius X Career Centre. Open from 4 to 9 p.m., the fair features post-secondary institutions and vocational programs. Two info sessions will include testimonials from students and guidance counsellors;</li> <li>➤ Students from Edinburgh Elementary School attended a ceremony in Côte Saint-Luc honoring Clifford Lincoln, Richard French, and Herbert Marx for their 1988 resignations over Bill 178. The event highlighted their stand for minority rights and featured speeches from EMSB commissioners and guests;</li> <li>➤ Three students from Marymount Academy International presented their research at the International STEM Women's Congress. Their study emphasized the importance of early STEM exposure for girls, including playing with toys like LEGO to foster interest in science and technology;</li> <li>➤ Merton Elementary School students met Canadiens defenceman, Alex Carrier and his wife, Dr. Alicia Lessard. The visit inspired students to dream big—whether in sports or medicine. Media personalities and students asked questions during the engaging session;</li> <li>➤ EMSB's Assistant Director General, Jack Chadirdjian, hosted a podcast from Hampstead Elementary School's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Guests included alumni, Jonathan Wener and Andee Shuster, along with sponsors and students sharing their thoughts;</li> <li>➤ Royal Vale School raised a record-breaking \$11,420 for the Terry Fox Foundation during this year's run, thanks to the leadership of Physical Education teacher, Norman Katz, and the enthusiastic school community;</li> </ul> |
| 9. | <p><u>In Memoriam</u></p> <p><u>9.1 Tribute for September 2025</u></p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the Board values the contributions made by its employees;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the Board wishes to take official cognizance of the passing of any member of its large family of employees;</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. JOE ORTONA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Board note with regret the passing of:</p> <p>Maria Luisa Mercadante, Retired Teacher, Nesbitt</p> <p>and that an expression of sympathies be sent to the bereaved family.</p> <p>Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 25-09-30-9.1</u></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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Governance and Ethics Committee

10.1 Election of Members

**WHEREAS** pursuant to section 193.1 of the Education Act, the Council of Commissioners must establish a Governance and Ethics Committee;

**WHEREAS** the Council must elect 5 members among the Commissioners as per Resolution #25-02-04-2.1;

**WHEREAS** the following Commissioners have submitted their candidacy for the election of Members to the Governance and Ethics Committee:

Maria Corsi  
Julien Feldman  
Pietro Mercuri  
Mario Pietrangelo  
Jennifer Rutt

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. JAMES KROMIDA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT effective September 30, 2025, the following Commissioners be designated as Members to the Governance and Ethics Committee:

Maria Corsi  
Julien Feldman  
Pietro Mercuri  
Mario Pietrangelo  
Jennifer Rutt

Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted

Resolution # 25-09-30-10.1

10.2 Election of Chair

**WHEREAS** the Council of Commissioners elects the Chair of the Governance and Ethics Committee, pursuant to sections 10.1.2 and 10.1.3 of By-Law no. 11 on Internal Governance;

**WHEREAS** the Chair of the Governance and Ethics Committee shall have the highest personal standards with regard to honesty, reliability and commitment to the role, pursuant to section 10.1.2 of By-Law no. 11 on Internal Governance;

**WHEREAS** the following Commissioners have submitted their candidacy for the election of Chair of the Governance and Ethics Committee:

Maria Corsi  
Mario Pietrangelo

**WHEREAS** the Council of Commissioners were all in favor of proceeding with a secret ballot vote;

IT WAS MOVED BY MS. CHELSEA CRAIG AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT effective September 30, 2025, Ms. Maria Corsi be designated as Chair of the Governance and Ethics Committee.

Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted

Resolution # 25-09-30-10.2

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|     | <p><u>10.3 Election of Vice-Chair</u></p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the Council of Commissioners elects the Vice-Chair of the Governance and Ethics Committee, pursuant to sections 10.1.2 and 10.1.3 of By-Law no. 11 on Internal Governance;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the Council of Commissioners shall consider if the Commissioner meets the minimal requirements of the Governance and Ethics Committee, including the qualities of Vice-Chair as per section 10.1.2 of By-Law no. 11 on Internal Governance;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the Vice-Chair of the Governance and Ethics Committee shall have the highest personal standards with regard to honesty, reliability and commitment to the role, pursuant to section 10.1.2 of By-Law no. 11 on Internal Governance;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the following Commissioners have submitted their candidacy for the election of Vice-Chair of the Governance and Ethics Committee:</p> <p>Maria Corsi<br/>Julien Feldman</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> Ms. Maria Corsi withdrew her candidacy;</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MS. SHARON NELSON AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT effective September 30, 2025, Mr. Julian Feldman be designated as Vice-Chair of the Governance and Ethics Committee.</p> <p>Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 25-09-30-10.3</u></p>                              |
| 11. | <p><u>Annual Report of the Ethics Commissioners 2024-2025</u></p> <p>This item was presented for information.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 12. | <p><u>Committee Reports</u></p> <p><u>12.1 ACSES (Advisory Committee on Special Education Services)</u></p> <p>Item presented by the Parent Commissioner of the Committee, Ms. Julie Kristof:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ There has been no meeting scheduled thus far.</li> </ul> <p><u>12.2 Transportation and Safety Advisory Committee</u></p> <p>Item presented by the Chair of the Committee, Mr. Pietro Mercuri:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ On September 15<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Mercuri met with Caroline Bourgeois, borough mayor of Rivière-des-Prairies, Pointe-aux-Trembles, to discuss the need for Express City bus service for students from Rivière-des-Prairies attending Rosemount High School. He presented a proposal to share the existing bus route serving Vincent Massey Collegiate, located less than 2 km from Rosemount. Mayor Bourgeois responded positively and has contacted Éric Alan Caldwell, Chair of the STM. Feedback is pending and will be shared as soon as it's received.</li> </ul> <p><u>12.3 EMSBPC (English Montreal School Board Parents' Committee)</u></p> <p>Item presented by Parent Commissioner, Ms. Jennifer Rutt:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ There has been no meeting thus far, the next scheduled meeting is on October 30<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul> |

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|     | <p><u>12.4 Governance and Ethics Committee</u></p> <p>Item presented by the Chair of the Committee, Ms. Maria Corsi:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ There has been no meeting thus far, the next scheduled meeting is on October 15<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul> <p><u>12.5 Audit Committee</u></p> <p>Item presented by the Chair of the Committee, Ms. Paula Kilian:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ There has been no meeting thus far, the next scheduled meeting is on October 14<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul> <p><u>12.6 Human Resources Committee</u></p> <p>Item presented by the Chair of the Committee, Mr. Mario Pietrangelo:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ There has been no meeting thus far.</li> </ul> <p><u>12.7 CGTSIM (Comité de gestion de la taxe scolaire de l'île de Montréal)</u></p> <p>Item presented by the Representative Member on the Committee, Mr. Joe Ortona:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ At the September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, a balanced budget was officially adopted. Although the CGTSIM ended the previous year with a \$147,000 surplus, the Education Act mandates that such surpluses be returned to the Government of Quebec. The committee emphasized the importance of monitoring the budget throughout the year to ensure any future surplus is reinvested in the “milieu défavorisé”, where it is desperately needed across the entire Board throughout the French and English network. This proposal received unanimous support from members and administration. The next meeting is scheduled for October 23<sup>rd</sup>.</li> </ul> <p><u>12.8 EMSAC (English Montreal Student Advisory Committee)</u></p> <p>Item presented by the Chair of the Board, Mr. Joe Ortona:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ There has been no meeting thus far, the next scheduled meeting is on October 16<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul> |
| 13. | <p><u>Commissioners' Report</u></p> <p>Item presented by Commissioner, Mr. Pietro Mercuri:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ On September 28<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Mercuri took part in an Italian cultural event at the Maria Ausiliatrice Parish in Rivière-des-Prairies. The event included several elderly community members who demonstrated how to make fresh pasta, pasta sauce, traditional Italian cookies and also showed the younger community members how to make wine the old-fashioned way with cases of grapes and a crusher. Many of our EMSB students from the area were present along with their families. The children had an amazing time.</li> </ul> <p>Item presented by Commissioner, Ms. Maria Corsi:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Ms. Corsi and Ms. Craig participated in the first event of 2025-2026 hosted by the Montreal Council of Women, which focused on the growing threats to English public education and strategies to protect and strengthen it. Key topics included were: budget cuts, court challenges to uphold Section 23 rights and the importance of elected Commissioners and School Board elections. The event was marked by strong engagement from participants, who contributed thoughtful questions and comments. The discussion was lively and could have continued well into the evening. Ms. Corsi expressed pride in co-presenting with Ms. Craig and gratitude to colleagues who attended;</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

- Throughout the month of October, seven schools in Ward 4 will be holding their open houses including: Rosemount High School, F.A.C.E. School, Edward Murphy, Pierre Elliot Trudeau, Dalkeith and Nesbitt. Families are encouraged to visit the EMSB website for details. These schools offer diverse programs and environments, ensuring there's a great fit for every child at the EMSB.

Item presented by Commissioner. Ms. Chelsea Craig:

- On September 11<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Craig took part in the Montreal Council of Women. She thanked the organizers and attendees for the opportunity to speak on the challenges facing English public education;
- Ms. Craig attended the Human Rights Walkway ceremony and described the experience as deeply humbling, standing alongside influential English-speaking Quebecers;
- Ms. Craig explained how the budget cuts remain a major concern in the community and emphasized how these cuts threaten the vitality of the English-speaking minority and their constitutional right to manage and educate their children. She discussed these issues in meetings with MNA Désirée McGraw, Commissioners, Ms. Samuel and Ms. Nelson and was also interviewed by a student from Lower Canada College on the topic;
- Ms. Craig attended the Marymount Academy International open house. She congratulated the newly elected governing board members and expressed her appreciation for their commitment to the school community.

Item presented by Commissioner, Ms. Paula Kilian:

- On September 6<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Kilian participated in a community cleanup at Place de la Gare in Park Extension, organized by Ville Verte. Volunteers and city staff helped clean the park, but the Commissioner was the only elected official present. Concerned about youth littering habits, the Commissioner offered to support future cleanups in Ahuntsic and Montreal North, in collaboration with Commissioner, Susan Perera;
- Despite painful budget cuts, Sinclair Laird School remains optimistic. The principal praised the staff's enthusiasm and energy. A local artist has volunteered to paint murals with students, bringing creativity and positivity to the school environment;
- On October 9<sup>th</sup>, Dunrae Gardens School will host a walk to raise \$5,000 for the Terry Fox Foundation. The school has set fun incentives at each milestone, including jersey day, extra recess, special treats, an obstacle course, and a pie-in-the-face event for specialists if the goal is reached. Donations are encouraged under Dunrae Gardens School, with the pie event expected to be a highlight;

Item presented by Commissioner, Mr. Julien Feldman:

- Westmount High School's graduation will take place on October 19<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to attend, parents are encouraged to support their graduating students, it is always a memorable event;
- All schools in Ward 10 have elected their Governing Boards. Mr. Feldman attended the meeting at St. Gabriel School and he thanked all the new parents who put their names forward, their voice for the parents will be very important;

Item presented by Parent Commissioner, Ms. Jessica Houde-Woytiuk:

- On the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, we pause to honor Indigenous children who never returned from residential and day schools and acknowledge the ongoing intergenerational trauma within Indigenous communities. The day is meant for reflection, learning, and taking steps toward justice and healing. However, in Quebec's education system, this same day is also attestation day, when student attendance is officially recorded for funding purposes. This creates pressure for full student attendance, which contrasts sharply on a day meant to reflect on the harm caused by forced removal of Indigenous children. If we are serious about reconciliation, we must ensure our provincial policies and practices align with the values we claim to uphold, starting with recognizing and correcting such inconsistencies.

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|     | <p>Item presented by Commissioner, Mr. James Kromida:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Mr. Kromida expressed his concern over budget cuts affecting children. He has spoken with city councilors and school administrators to emphasize that cuts to services like childcare are deeply hurting children. He also points out contradicting government spending priorities, like funding a train project while cutting education services. Mr. Kromida strongly states that the children of today are the future, and decisions made today must reflect that priority.</li> </ul> |
| 14. | <p><u>Report of the Executive Committee Meeting held on August 28, 2025</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional Support Services for EMSB Students Integrated at Peter Hall School for the 2025-2026 School Year</li> <li>• Group Purchasing – Centre d’acquisitions gouvernementales (CAG) – Tender 2025-8047-50 – Office Supplies</li> <li>• Group Purchasing – Centre d’acquisitions gouvernementales (CAG) – Tender 2025-8216-50 – Printers, Multifunctions and Original Cartridges</li> </ul>                                                                       |
| 15. | <p><u>Other Business</u></p> <p>None.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 16. | <p><u>Adjournment</u></p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MS. JENNIFER RUTT AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:13 p.m.</p> <p>Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 25-09-30-16</u></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|     | <p>Signed in Montreal, _____</p><br><br><p>_____<br/>Mr. Joe Ortona, Chair</p> <p>_____<br/>Me Nathalie Lauzière, Secretary General</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |