

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
ENGLISH MONTREAL SCHOOL BOARD

A Regular Meeting of the English Montreal School Board has taken place on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. in the Library Room of St. Pius X Career Centre, 9955 Papineau 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

Ms. Livia Nassivera, Director, Financial Services  
Me Magdalena Sokol, Director, Legal Services  
Mr. Charalambos Thomas, Director, Information Technology Services  
Ms. Ann Watson, Director, Human Resources  
Ms. Angela Vaudry, Assistant Director, Human Resources  
Mr. Michael Cohen, Manager, Marketing and Communications  
Ms. Brigida Sellato, Consultant, Secretariat General

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>Robert A. Peck Prize for Excellence in French</u></p> <p>Robert Alfred Peck had been an employee of former Protestant School Board of Greater Montréal who had served as a Teacher, Department Head, Superintendent of French and was Vice-Principal of Riverdale High School before retiring in 1970.</p> <p>Mr. Peck had co-authored the textbook for the teaching of French as a second language called “Le Français pratique” which was mainstay in Protestant school in Québec for over 20 years. He had been described by a long-time educator as “one of the best French teachers he had ever known”.</p> <p>Mr. Peck’s family had asked our Board to establish a prize in their family’s name and this was done in May 2002. The prize was awarded for the first time in December 2002 and Mr. Peck was in attendance to present the students their prize. Mr. Peck passed away in February 2006 at the age of 92.</p> <p>The prize is given annually to a graduating student or students of the EMSB who has/have achieved the highest mark in French Secondary Language.</p> <p>There are 15 recipients for the prize for 2024-2025 who attained the mark of 100%, they are:</p> <p><b><u>ROYAL WEST ACADEMY</u></b>  Katherine Dixon  Oliver Mackenzie Gee  Jane Raimbert  Alice Venart-Robitaille</p> <p><b><u>MARYMOUNT ACADEMY INTERNATIONAL</u></b>  Ivan Bondarenko  Caelan Glekas</p> <p><b><u>M.I.N.D. SCHOOL</u></b>  Sevanne Adjemian  Orla Jeanes  Océane Usher</p>

VINCENT MASSEY COLLEGIATE

Giuseppe Di Sano  
Adriano Hudon  
Lucca Joaquim-Gallo  
Brianna Kalba  
Charlotte Perron  
Florence Turmel

Congratulations to all!

They will be receiving a certificate and a cheque.

3. Nomination of Ivan Santamaria as Student of the Month

The Student of the Month for October is Ivan Santamaria from Galileo Adult Education Centre.

Ivan is an exemplary student whose perseverance and leadership truly embody the values of Galileo Adult Education Centre. Despite facing significant challenges in his youth, he has shown remarkable determination to build a brighter future for himself. A full-time student by day and a dedicated francisation learner by night, Ivan demonstrates an extraordinary commitment to his learning journey. In the classroom, Ivan supports his classmates without hesitation, offers encouragement to peers, and openly shares his personal story to motivate others to stay on the right path. He approaches every challenge with a positive, solution-oriented mindset. Beyond the classroom, Ivan serves as a student representative on the Governing Board. Looking ahead, he is exploring studies in Social Counselling at Concordia University with the goal of becoming a social worker and motivational speaker for youth. Congratulations Ivan!

4. Question Period

Questions from Mr. Chris Eustace were read and addressed by the Chair, Mr. Joe Ortona, regarding the following:

- New constitutional challenge related to budget cuts
- In Camera sessions

Questions from Ms. Christine Gravel were read and addressed by the Chair, Mr. Joe Ortona, regarding the following:

- Islamic History Month
- Developing a Policy for extracurricular activity advertisements

5. Approval of Agenda

IT WAS MOVED BY MS. CHELSEA CRAIG AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved, as presented.

Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted

Resolution # 25-10-22-5

6. Adoption of Minutes

6.1. Regular Board Meeting held on September 30, 2025

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. PIETRO MERCURI AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on September 30, 2025, be approved as presented.

Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted

Resolution # 25-10-22-6.1

7.	<p><u>Business Arising Out of Minutes</u></p> <p>None.</p>
8.	<p><u>Chair's Report</u></p> <p>Presented by the Chair, Mr. Joe Ortona:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Mr. Ortona extends his warmest wishes to all of those in the Jewish community celebrating Yom Kippur;</li> <li>➤ World Teacher's Day was on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Ortona took a moment to thank every teacher across the EMSB for the early mornings, late nights, the endless preparation and their unwavering dedication they bring to the students and schools;</li> <li>➤ On October 11<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Ortona and Mr. Pietrangelo visited Stade Hébert to celebrate Coach, Andy D'Alessandro who was honored by the Quebec Midget Football League and officially launching him into the Saint-Leonard Cougars Hall of Fame. Mr. D'Alessandro was a physical education teacher at Laurier MacDonald High School for 35 years; he dedicated over 3 decades to the growth of amateur football in Quebec and he profoundly shaped generations of young athletes as head coach of the Saint-Leonard Cougars. Congratulations to Coach Andy for 35 years of dedication, leadership and for the love of football;</li> <li>➤ As October 13<sup>th</sup> was Thanksgiving, Mr. Ortona extends his warmest Thanksgiving wishes to all;</li> <li>➤ On October 16<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Ortona was invited by the Knights of Pythias to speak about English education and the state of our court challenges;</li> <li>➤ Mr. Ortona wished a Happy Diwali to everyone celebrating.</li> </ul>
9.	<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>➤ The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Digital Citizen Day will take place during Media Literacy Week, encouraging all Canadians to be kind and responsible online. EMSB Manager of Marketing and Communications, Mr. Mike Cohen, will speak to the media class at Lester B. Pearson High School on October 28<sup>th</sup>;</li> <li>➤ Marcello Del Pio Luigo was the winner of the EMSB Express Newspaper contest for four tickets to the Montreal Alouettes who played against the Ottawa Redblacks on October 13<sup>th</sup> at the Molson Stadium;</li> <li>➤ Open houses are underway and are welcoming new prospective students and their families to showcase all that our schools have to offer;</li> <li>➤ Amanda Cuppido, an award-winning podcast producer, TEDx speaker, author and entrepreneur, conducted fascinating sessions for the students at Elizabeth Ballantyne Elementary School and Roslyn Elementary School;</li> <li>➤ Former graduate, Domenic Conte returned to his former school, Nesbitt Elementary School on October 6<sup>th</sup>, to talk about his career assisting the elderly. Mr. Conte is the founder of Heart2Faith, a home care service specifically designed for the elderly;</li> <li>➤ Caroline Derome, music teacher at Nesbitt Elementary School, has been named a 2025 Teacher of Distinction. Ms. Derome will be receiving her award from the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto. Congratulations to Ms. Derome!</li> <li>➤ Teachers Arianne Asly-Verdon from Pierre Elliot Trudeau and Jennifer De Leeuw from John Caboto Academy will be presented with a Regional Certificates of Achievement for the 2025 Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence. Congratulations to both!</li> <li>➤ To mark Canadian School Library Day, Brendan Kelly, a very well-known journalist, visited Marymount Academy International where he spoke about his new book <i>Habs Nation: A People's History of The Montreal Canadiens</i>;</li> <li>➤ The John F. Kennedy High School Boys Class of 1968, the first group to complete all four secondary years there, held a reunion on October 10<sup>th</sup>;</li> <li>➤ On this evening, after a full year of construction, the St. Pius Career Centre opened their brand new state-of-the-art teaching kitchen, a transformative project that marks a new era for culinary education. The new teaching kitchen was built to accommodate growing enrollment in the school's professional cooking program. Congratulations to everyone who worked hard to ensure the project was successfully completed.</li> </ul>

10.	<p><u>In Memoriam</u></p> <p><u>10.1 Tribute for October 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. JAMES KROMIDA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Board note with regret the passing of:</p> <p>Joseph Smith, Retired Superintendent, PSBGM Marvin Helfenbaum, Commissioner (1994-2014)</p> <p>and that an expression of sympathy be sent to the bereaved families.</p> <p>Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 25-10-22-10.1</u></p>
11.	<p><u>Recommendations from the Governance and Ethics Committee</u></p> <p><u>11.1 Audit Committee</u></p> <p><u>11.1.1 Election of Members</u></p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> pursuant to section 193.1 of the Education Act, the Council of Commissioners must establish an Audit Committee;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> it is recommended by the Governance and Ethics Committee that the Audit Committee be composed of three (3) members of the Council of Commissioners;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> pursuant to section 10.1.3 of By-Law No. 11 on Internal Governance, the Governance and Ethics Committee recommends nominations of Members for the Audit Committee;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the Commissioners sitting on this Committee have experience in finance or accounting or in financial or physical resources management, as per section 10.4.3 of By-Law No. 11 on Internal Governance;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> all submission forms sent by Commissioners who wanted to present themselves as Members of the Audit Committee were received and acknowledged by the Secretary General, and forwarded to the Chair and Members of the Governance and Ethics Committee on October 10, 2025, for their final recommendation to the Council of Commissioners, as per section 10.1.3 of By-Law No. 11 on Internal Governance;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the following Commissioners have submitted their candidacy for the election of Members to the Audit Committee:</p> <p>Pietro Mercuri Paula Kilian Julien Feldman</p> <p>WHEREFORE IT WAS MOVED BY MR. JAMES KROMIDA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNANCE AND ETHICS COMMITTEE, THAT effective October 22, 2025, the following Commissioners be designated as Members to the Audit Committee:</p> <p>Pietro Mercuri Paula Kilian Julien Feldman</p> <p>Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 25-10-22-11.1.1</u></p>

### 11.1.2 Election of Chair

**WHEREAS** the Council of Commissioners elects the Chair of the Audit Committee, as per the recommendations 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 Council of Commissioners shall consider if the Commissioner meets the minimal requirements of the Audit Committee, including the qualities of Chair as per section 10.1.2 of By-Law No. 11 on Internal Governance;

**WHEREAS** the Chair of the Audit 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** all submission forms sent by Commissioners who wanted to present themselves as Chair of the Audit Committee were received and acknowledged by the Secretary General, and forwarded to the Chair and Members of the Governance and Ethics Committee on October 10, 2025, for their final recommendation to the Council of Commissioners, as per section 10.1.3 of By-Law No. 11 on Internal Governance;

**WHEREAS** the following Commissioner has submitted her candidacy for the election of Chair of the Audit Committee:

Paula Kilian

WHEREFORE IT WAS MOVED BY MS. MARIA CORSI AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNANCE AND ETHICS COMMITTEE, THAT effective October 22, 2025, Ms. Paula Kilian be designated as Chair of the Audit Committee.

Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted

Resolution # 25-10-22-11.1.2

### 11.1.3 Election of Vice-Chair

**WHEREAS** the Council of Commissioners elects the Vice-Chair of the Audit Committee, as per the recommendations 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 Council of Commissioners shall consider if the Commissioner meets the minimal requirements of the Audit Committee, including the qualities of Vice-Chair as per section 10.1.2 of By-Law No. 11 on Internal Governance;

**WHEREAS** the Vice-Chair of the Audit 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** all submission forms sent by Commissioners who wanted to present themselves as Vice-Chair of the Audit Committee were received and acknowledged by the Secretary General, and forwarded to the Chair and Members of the Governance and Ethics Committee on October 10, 2025, for their final recommendation to the Council of Commissioners, as per section 10.1.3 of By-Law No. 11 on Internal Governance;

**WHEREAS** the following Commissioner has submitted his candidacy for the election of Vice-Chair of the Audit Committee:

Pietro Mercuri

WHEREFORE IT WAS MOVED BY MS. CHELSEA CRAIG AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNANCE AND ETHICS COMMITTEE, THAT effective October 22, 2025, Mr. Pietro Mercuri be designated as Vice-Chair of the Audit Committee.

Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted

Resolution # 25-10-22-11.1.3

## 11.2 Human Resources Committee

### 11.2.1 Election of Members

**WHEREAS** pursuant to section 193.1 of the Education Act, the Council of Commissioners must establish a Human Resources Committee;

**WHEREAS** it is recommended by the Governance and Ethics Committee that the Human Resources Committee be composed of five (5) members of the Council of Commissioners;

**WHEREAS** pursuant to section 10.1.3 of By-Law No. 11 on Internal Governance, the Governance and Ethics Committee recommends nominations of Members for the Human Resources Committee;

**WHEREAS** the Commissioners sitting on this Committee have experience in human resources management, preferably acquired in public administration, as per section 10.5.3 of By-Law No. 11 on Internal Governance;

**WHEREAS** all submission forms sent by Commissioners who wanted to present themselves as Members of the Human Resources Committee were received and acknowledged by the Secretary General, and forwarded to the Chair and Members of the Governance and Ethics Committee on October 10, 2025, for their final recommendation to the Council of Commissioners, as per section 10.1.3 of By-Law No. 11 on Internal Governance;

**WHEREAS** the following Commissioners have submitted their candidacy for the election of Members to the Human Resources Committee:

Chelsea Craig  
Maria Corsi  
Sharon Nelson  
Mario Pietrangelo  
Julien Feldman

WHEREFORE IT WAS MOVED BY MR. PIETRO MERCURI AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNANCE AND ETHICS COMMITTEE, THAT effective October 22, 2025, the following Commissioners be designated as Members to the Human Resources Committee:

Chelsea Craig  
Maria Corsi  
Sharon Nelson  
Mario Pietrangelo  
Julien Feldman

Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted

Resolution # 25-10-22-11.2.1

### 11.2.2 Election of Chair

**WHEREAS** the Council of Commissioners elects the Chair of the Human Resources Committee, as per the recommendations 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 Council of Commissioners shall consider if the Commissioner meets the minimal requirements of the Human Resources Committee, including the qualities of Chair as per section 10.1.2 of By-Law No. 11 on Internal Governance;

**WHEREAS** the Chair of the Human Resources 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** all submission forms sent by Commissioners who wanted to present themselves as Chair of the Human Resources Committee were received and acknowledged by the Secretary General, and forwarded to the Chair and Members of the Governance and Ethics Committee on October 10, 2025, for their final recommendation to the Council of Commissioners, as per section 10.1.3 of By-Law No. 11 on Internal Governance;

**WHEREAS** the following Commissioner has submitted his candidacy for the election of Chair of the Human Resources Committee:

Mario Pietrangelo

WHEREFORE IT WAS MOVED BY MS. CHELSEA CRAIG AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNANCE AND ETHICS COMMITTEE, THAT effective October 22, 2025, Mr. Mario Pietrangelo be designated as Chair of the Human Resources Committee.

Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted

Resolution # 25-10-22-11.2.2

### 11.2.3 Election of Vice-Chair

**WHEREAS** the Council of Commissioners elects the Vice-Chair of the Human Resources Committee, as per the recommendations 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 Council of Commissioners shall consider if the Commissioner meets the minimal requirements of the Human Resources Committee, including the qualities of Vice-Chair as per section 10.1.2 of By-Law No. 11 on Internal Governance;

**WHEREAS** the Vice-Chair of the Human Resources 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** all submission forms sent by Commissioners who wanted to present themselves as Vice-Chair of the Human Resources Committee were received and acknowledged by the Secretary General, and forwarded to the Chair and Members of the Governance and Ethics Committee on October 10, 2025, for their final recommendation to the Council of Commissioners, as per section 10.1.3 of By-Law No. 11 on Internal Governance;

**WHEREAS** the following Commissioner has submitted her candidacy for the election of Vice-Chair of the Human Resources Committee:

Sharon Nelson

WHEREFORE IT WAS MOVED BY MS. MARIA CORSI AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNANCE AND ETHICS COMMITTEE, THAT effective October 22, 2025, Ms. Sharon Nelson be designated as Vice-Chair of the Human Resources Committee.

Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted

Resolution # 25-10-22-11.2.3

11.3 Election of Members to the Transportation and Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC)

**WHEREAS** pursuant to section 2 of the Regulation respecting student transportation, CQLR, (c. I-13.3, r. 12) and section 12.5.2 of By-Law No. 11 on Internal Governance, the Council of Commissioners must elect two (2) Commissioners as Members to the Advisory Committee on Transportation and Safety;

**WHEREAS** pursuant to section 10.1.3 of By-Law No. 11 on Internal Governance, the Governance and Ethics Committee recommends nominations for Members to the Advisory Committee on Transportation and Safety;

**WHEREAS** all submission forms sent by Commissioners who wanted to present themselves as Members to the TSAC were received and acknowledged by the Secretary General, and forwarded to the Chair and Members of the Governance and Ethics Committee on October 10, 2025, for their final recommendation to the Council of Commissioners, as per section 10.1.3 of By-Law No. 11 on Internal Governance;

**WHEREAS** the following Commissioners have submitted their candidacy for the election of members to the Transportation and Safety Advisory Committee:

Chelsea Craig  
Sharon Nelson  
Pietro Mercuri

**WHEREAS** the Members of the Governance and Ethics Committee met to review the candidacies on October 15, 2025, and recommended that Mr. Pietro Mercuri and Ms. Chelsea Craig be designated as Members to the Advisory Committee on Transportation and Safety (TSAC);

WHEREFORE IT WAS MOVED BY MS. SHARON NELSON AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNANCE AND ETHICS COMMITTEE, THAT effective October 22, 2025, Mr. Pietro Mercuri and Ms. Chelsea Craig be designated as Members to the Advisory Committee on Transportation and Safety (TSAC).

Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted

Resolution # 25-10-22-11.3

11.4 Election of an Observer to the Advisory Committee on Special Education Services (ACSES)

**WHEREAS** pursuant to sections 185 and 186 of the Education Act, the Advisory Committee on Special Education Services (ACSES) is constituted with a parent majority, employees of the English Montreal School Board and representatives of bodies that provide services to these students;

**WHEREAS** the Council of Commissioners must elect one (1) Commissioner as Observer to the Advisory Committee on Special Education Services, as per section 12.4.2 of By-Law No. 11 on Internal Governance;

**WHEREAS** pursuant to section 10.1.3 of By-Law No. 11 on Internal Governance, the Governance and Ethics Committee recommends nominations for an Observer to the ACSES;

**WHEREAS** all submission forms sent by Commissioners who wanted to present themselves as an Observer to the ACSES were received and acknowledged by the Secretary General, and forwarded to the Chair and Members of the Governance and Ethics Committee on October 10, 2025, for their final recommendation to the Council of Commissioners, as per section 10.1.3 of By-Law No. 11 on Internal Governance;

**WHEREAS** the Members of the Governance and Ethics Committee met to review the candidacies on October 15, 2025, and recommended that Ms. Sharon Nelson be designated as Observer to the Advisory Committee on Special Education Services (ACSES);

WHEREFORE IT WAS MOVED BY MS. CHELSEA CRAIG AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNANCE AND ETHICS COMMITTEE, THAT effective October 22, 2025, Ms. Sharon Nelson be designated as Observer to the Advisory Committee on Special Education Services (ACSES).

Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted

Resolution # 25-10-22-11.4

12. Committee Reports

12.1 ACSES (Advisory Committee on Special Education Services)

Item presented by the Parent Commissioner of the Committee, Ms. Julie Kristof:

- The first meeting of the year will take place on October 27, 2025.

12.2 Transportation and Safety Advisory Committee

Item presented by the Chair of the Committee, Mr. Pietro Mercuri:

- Mr. Mercuri received an update regarding the request for bus service for students from Rivière-des-Prairies to Rosemount High School. The STM would like to meet with the Committee and administration to discuss the matter;
- There has also been a recent concern for the students from Rivière-des-Prairies traveling to Lester B. Pearson High School where the buses arrive at the school few seconds before classes start. This issue was brought to the attention of the STM and has now been solved;
- The next meeting is scheduled for October 30<sup>th</sup>.

12.3 EMSBPC (English Montreal School Board Parents' Committee)

Item presented by Parent Commissioner, Ms. Merika Ramundo:

- There has been no meeting since the last report. The next meeting is scheduled for October 30<sup>th</sup>.

12.4 Governance and Ethics Committee

Item presented by the Chair of the Committee, Ms. Maria Corsi:

- The Committee met on October 15<sup>th</sup>, where they made recommendations for the elections of members to the Audit Committee, Human Resources Committee, Members to the Transportation and Safety Advisory Committee and an Observer to the Advisory Committee on Special Education Services;

- As requested by the Ethics Commissioner, the Committee approved an extension in delay for an ethics complaint;
- The Committee also discussed the revision of By-Laws and the process they will use to review them;

#### 12.5 Audit Committee

Item presented by the Chair of the Committee, Ms. Paula Kilian:

- The meeting of October 14<sup>th</sup> was rescheduled to October 27<sup>th</sup>.

#### 12.6 Human Resources Committee

Item presented by the Chair of the Committee, Mr. Mario Pietrangelo:

- There has been no meeting since the last report.

#### 12.7 CGTSIM (Comité de gestion de la taxe scolaire de l'île de Montréal)

Item presented by the Representative Member on the Committee, Mr. Joe Ortona:

- There has been no meeting since the last report. The next meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

#### 12.8 EMSAC (English Montreal Student Advisory Committee)

Item presented by the Chair of the Board, Mr. Joe Ortona:

- The meeting was held on October 16<sup>th</sup>, where Mr. Ortona attended the meeting alongside Ms. Perera. It was the first meeting of the school year and the students engaged in some interesting discussions about topics such as local issues, interviews with some of the leading mayoral candidates, municipal elections, secularism in schools with Bill 21 and Bill 94. It was nice to see the kids engage in these very mature adult conversations.

13.

#### Commissioners' Report

Item presented by Commissioner, Ms. Chelsea Craig:

- Ms. Craig attended the retiree's dinner yesterday evening alongside Commissioners, Ms. Nelson, Mr. Feldman and the Chair, Mr. Ortona. The event was heartwarming and meaningful, offering a special opportunity to recognize and thank individuals for their contributions to students and the School Board;
- Congratulations to all the new and returning governing board members at Coronation Elementary School;
- Tomorrow, Coronation Elementary School will be hosting a Halloween movie night for the students;
- A shout out to Coronation Elementary School for raising \$2,500 for the Terry Fox Run;
- Congratulations to the three students from Marymount Academy International for participating in the STEM Women Congress;
- Ms. Craig acknowledged the 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Jannai Dopwell-Bailey's tragic death, expressing ongoing sympathy and support for his family, friends, and the Mile End community as they continue to cope with the loss.

Item presented by Commissioner, Ms. Maria Corsi:

- On October 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ms. Corsi attended Rosemont High School's open house, it was a well-attended and successful event. Guests were greeted with performances by the Class Act Student Ensemble and toured various school facilities. The event concluded with a performance by the Symphonic Winds. Congratulations to the staff, principal, parent volunteers, and students for organizing such a memorable event;

- On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, Ms. Corsi attended Vincent Massey Collegiate's graduation ceremony with Mr. Ortona. The event was meaningful, offering graduates, now in CEGEP or other programs, a chance to reconnect with friends and teachers. Congratulations and best wishes to all the graduates for their future endeavors;
- On October 6<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Corsi attended an assembly at Nesbitt Elementary School with special guest Dominic Conte. Mr. Conte shared his experiences working with seniors, emphasizing compassion. Students engaged deeply, sharing personal stories about caring for their grandparents;
- Eight schools in Ward 4 were nominated for the Best of Montreal blog, including Nesbitt Elementary School, Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary School, F.A.C.E. School, Bancroft Elementary School, Edward Murphy Elementary School, M.I.N.D. High School, Rosemont High School, and Vincent Massey Collegiate.

Item presented by Commissioner, Ms. Sharon Nelson:

- Concordia University will be joining the members of Mackay Centre and Willingdon Elementary School for a workshop on sustainability;
- Ms. Nelson will be joining the Breakfast Club at Saint Monica Elementary School, three times a year for a Jamaican breakfast;
- On October 20<sup>th</sup>, author and scientist, Victoria Cerdeira visited Saint Monica Elementary School. The students had a wonderful opportunity to talk about genes and creating monsters through DNA which really piqued their interest. Ms. Cerdeira was overwhelmed with the excitement and wonderful questions posed by the students;

Item presented by Parent Commissioner, Ms. Merika Ramundo:

- Ms. Ramundo visited a few open houses in the East End over the past month. She was very amazed at the attention of detail in order to organize such events;
- Ms. Ramundo shared her concern about an article that was posted in the *Journal de Montréal* on October 21<sup>st</sup>, entitled *Conseils d'établissement dans les écoles: Québec accusé de vouloir aussi museler les parents*. It reports that the Quebec government is considering imposing a new Code of Ethics on school governing boards members that would prohibit them from publicly questioning or commenting on decisions made by their school service centre. While the EMSB does not operate under Bill 40, it is nevertheless troubling that such a measure is being considered at the provincial level. Governing boards were created to ensure that parents, students and staff have a meaningful voice in shaping their schools.

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

- Ms. Houde-Woytiuk received correspondence from a governing board Chair asking if the administration of the School Board would consider having the email addresses and phone extensions of the Regional Directors posted on our website.

	<p><u>Report of the Executive Committee Meeting held on September 30, 2025</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Awarding of Contract – PS24-0825P – Workplace Health and Safety Professional Services</li> <li>● Awarding of Contract – PS25-0529P – Maintenance, Repairs and Filter Replacement of Water Fountains</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 8:20 p.m.</p> <p>Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 25-10-22-16</u></p>
	<p>Signed in Montreal, _____</p> <p>Mr. Joe Ortona, Chair _____ Me Nathalie Lauzière, Secretary General</p>