

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE
ENGLISH MONTREAL SCHOOL BOARD

A Special Board Meeting of the English Montreal School Board has taken place on Tuesday, June 16, 2026, 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 – via TEAMS

Mr. Julien Feldman, Commissioner

Ms. Jessica Houde-Woytiuk, Parent Commissioner

Ms. Paula Kilian, Commissioner

Ms. Julie Kristof, Parent Commissioner

Mr. Pietro Mercuri, Commissioner

Ms. Merika Ramundo, Parent Commissioner

Ms. Jennifer Rutt, Parent Commissioner

Commissioners Not Present

Ms. Sharon Nelson, Commissioner

Ms. Susan Perera, Commissioner

Mr. Mario Pietrangelo, Commissioner (Regrets)

Ms. Paola Samuel, Commissioner

Administrators Present

Mr. Nicholas Katalifos, Director General

Ms. Pela 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

Ms. Gail Callender, Assistant Director, Student Services

Ms. Myrienne Lusignan, Assistant Director, Educational Services

Ms. Livia Nassivera, Director, Financial Services

Ms. Sabrina Petrocco, Assistant Director, Student Services

Mr. Tony Pita, Assistant Director, Educational Services

Ms. Anna Sanalidro, Director, Educational Services

Me Magdalena Sokol, Director, Legal Services

Ms. Ann Watson, Director, Human Resources

Ms. Marilyn Ramlakhan, Assistant Director, Human Resources

Ms. Julie René De Cotret, Director, Student Services

Ms. Luisa Tanzi, Assistant Director, Financial Services

Mr. Charalambos Thomas, Director, Information Technology Services

Ms. Angela Vaudry, Assistant Director, Human Resources

Mr. Mauro Zampini, Director, School Organization

Mr. Michael Cohen, Manager, Marketing and Communications

Ms. Brigida Sellato, Consultant, Secretariat General

There were 2 members of the public present.

1.	<u>Land Acknowledgement</u> 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. 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: • Educating staff and students about the true history and current realities of the Indigenous Peoples of what we now call Canada. • Celebrating the cultures, contributions, and knowledge of the many First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities. • Listening to and amplifying Indigenous voices. • And partnering with local Indigenous community members. We offer this acknowledgement as a first step and public commitment to our ongoing process towards reconciliation and justice for Indigenous peoples and communities.
2.	<u>Confirmation of Notice of the Meeting</u> The Secretary General, Me Nathalie Lauzière, confirmed that proper notice of this meeting was given.
3.	<u>Approval of Agenda</u> IT WAS MOVED BY MR. JAMES KROMIDA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved, as presented. Vote: 11-0-0, Adopted <u>Resolution # 26-06-16-3</u>
4.	<u>Question Period</u> No questions.
5.	<u>Proposed Revision of the EMSB Administrative Organizational Chart 2026-2027 – Following Consultation</u> WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners approved for consultation the proposed revision of the EMSB Administrative Organizational Chart for 2026-2027; WHEREAS as the Association of English Montreal Board Administrators (AEMBA), the Association Québécoise des Cadres Scolaires – EMSB Section (AQCS), the Association of Montreal School Administrators (AMSA), the Central Management Advisory Committee – Resource Allocation Committee (CMAC-RAC) and English Montreal School Board Parents' Committee (EMSBPC) were consulted on the proposed revision of the EMSB Administrative Organizational Chart and invited to submit their views in writing; WHEREAS the responses to consultation are part of the documentation submitted; IT WAS MOVED BY MR. PIETRO MERCURI AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the proposed revised EMSB Administrative Organizational Chart 2026-2027 be approved. Vote: 11-0-0, Adopted <u>Resolution # 26-06-16-5</u>

6.	<u>Special Education Sector Staffing Changes for 2026-2027</u> WHEREAS clause 7-3.24 and 7-3.25 of the S18-FEESP-CSN Collective Agreement states that, no later than August 20th of each fiscal year, the Board shall adopt a Staffing Plan in the Special Education Sector; WHEREAS the Board must submit a draft staffing plan to the Union for consultation five (5) days before it is adopted; WHEREAS the concerned Union was consulted; IT WAS MOVED BY MR. PIETRO MERCURI THAT the Staffing Plan for the Special Education Sector personnel for the 2026-2027 school year, be approved as per the documentation submitted at the meeting of June 16, 2026. An amendment was proposed by Mr. James Kromida to table this item to the Special Board meeting to be held on June 25, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. Vote on amendment: 8-1-1, Adopted (Ms. J. Houde-Woytiuk voted against, Ms. J. Kristof abstained and Ms. C. Craig absent for the vote) <u>Resolution # 26-06-16-6</u>
7.	<u>2026-2027 Management Staffing Plan</u> <u>7.1 Head Office Administrators</u> WHEREAS documentation pertaining to the Management Staffing Plan Head Office 2026-2027 was presented to the Central Management Advisory Committee – Resource Allocation Committee (CMAC-RAC); WHEREAS the Board did present additions and revisions to the staffing plan for Management Head Office; WHEREAS the additions and revisions to the management Staffing Plan 2026-2027 reflect the changes to the EMSB Organizational Structure, as presented to the Board on June 16, 2026, following consultation; WHEREAS the additions and revisions to the Management Staffing Plan as reflected on the EMSB Organizational Structure were presented for consultation to AEMBA and AQCS; IT WAS MOVED BY MS. MARIA CORSI AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Management Staffing Plan Head Office 2026-2027 school session, be approved as per the documentation submitted at the meeting of June 16, 2026. Vote: 10-0-0, Adopted (Ms. C. Craig not present for the vote) <u>Resolution # 26-06-16-7.1</u> <u>7.2 School and Centre Administrators</u> WHEREAS as per Section 193.5 of the Education Act the School Board may entrust the functions assigned to the Resource Allocation Committee under this Act to the advisory committee on management, herein after referred to as the Central Management Advisory Committee – Resource Allocation Committee (CMAC-RAC); WHEREAS documentation pertaining to the Management Staffing Plan for schools and centres 2026-2027 was presented to the Central Management Advisory Committee – Resource Allocation Committee (CMAC-RAC) for information and discussion;

	IT WAS MOVED BY MR. PIETRO MERCURI AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Council of Commissioners approves the EMSB Management Staffing Plan for School and Centre Administrators 2026-2027 for Principals and Vice-Principals working in EMSB Schools and Centres, as outlined in the documentation submitted to the meeting. Vote: 10-0-0 Adopted (Ms. C. Craig not present for the vote) <u>Resolution # 26-06-16-7.2</u>
8.	<u>Confirmation of School and Centre Administrators</u> Following a written performance appraisal and having been evaluated as satisfactory, the following administrators will be confirmed in their assignments: • Vince Timpano, Principal, Gerald McShane School • Alex Kulczyk, Principal, James Lyng High School • Laetitia Kachmar, Principal, Edinburgh School • Cynthia Canale, Principal, Honoré Mercier School • Karolyn Liverman, Vice-Principal, Parkdale School • Sarah Amodeo, Vice-Principal, Wagar Adult Education Centre • Jennifer Martins, Vice-Principal, Westmount High School • Jessica Doubt, Vice-Principal, Willingdon School • Fabiana Ciacciarella, Vice-Principal, Roslyn School
9.	<u>2026-2027 School and Centre Administrative Appointments</u> Mr. Nick Katalifos, Director General, announced the following school and centre administrative appointments: • Cedarcrest Elementary School – Principal, Permanent – Miranda Serrechia • Dunrae Gardens Elementary School – Principal, Permanent – Holly Kusiewicz • Elizabeth Ballantyne Elementary School – Principal, Permanent – Eugenia Carystios • F.A.C.E. School – Vice-Principal (Interim) – Voula Tsagaroulis • Gardenview Elementary School – Vice-Principal (Interim) – Jessica Colavincenzo • John Grant/L.I.N.K.S. – Vice-Principal, Permanent – Anthony Fowler • LaurenHill Academy – Vice-Principal, Permanent – Ivan Spilak • LaurenHill Academy – Vice-Principal, Permanent – Nicholas Rafael • Laurier Macdonald High School – Vice-Principal, Permanent – Jessica Monti • Laurier Macdonald High School – Vice-Principal (Interim) – James Vandenberg • Leonardo Da Vinci Academy – Vice-Principal, Permanent – Joseph Carlucci • Lester B. Pearson High School – Vice-Principal, Permanent – Angela Antonacci • Mackay/Philip E. Layton – Principal (Interim) – Laura Fundaro • Merton Elementary School – Principal, Permanent – Christy Tannous • Michelangelo Elementary School – Vice-Principal, Permanent – Chantal Juhasz • Michelangelo Elementary School – Vice-Principal (Interim) – Stefania Fuocco • Nesbitt Elementary School – Vice-Principal, Permanent – Julia Giannacopoulos • Rosemount High School – Vice-Principal, Permanent – Samira Chawki • Royal Vale School – Principal, Permanent – Despina Michakis • Royal Vale School – Vice-Principal, Permanent – Steve Spetsieris • Royal Vale School – Vice-Principal, Permanent – Chris Lagakos • Royal West Academy – Principal, Permanent – David Lee • Royal West Academy – Vice-Principal (Interim) – Maria Pizzechemi • Sinclair Laird Elementary School – Principal, Permanent – Libby Amato • St. Gabriel School – Principal, Permanent – Assunta Caruso

	• Vincent Massey Collegiate – Vice-Principal, Permanent – Amanda Vallelunga • EMSB Virtual Academy – Principal (Temporary) – Mireille Tehbelian • Westmount Park Elementary School – Vice-Principal (Interim) – Lisa Skinner • Willingdon Elementary School – Vice-Principal, Permanent – Jessica Neri • Shadd Health & Business Centre – Principal, Permanent – Mario Argiropoulos Mr. Nick Katalifos, Director General, also acknowledged the following 3 employees who will be retiring at the end of the school year and expressed his appreciation for all their work throughout their years at the EMSB: • Ms. Julie René de Cotret, Director of Student Services • Ms. Livia Nassivera, Director of Financial Services • Ms. Laura Cesari, Administration Officer for the Office of the Director General
10.	<u>Adjournment</u> IT WAS MOVED BY MS. JENNIFER RUTT AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:01 p.m. Vote: 10-0-0, Adopted (Ms. C. Craig not present for the vote) <u>Resolution # 26-06-16-10</u>
	Signed in Montreal, _____ _____ Mr. Joe Ortona, Chair _____ Me Nathalie Lauzière, Secretary General