



Commission scolaire English-Montréal
English Montreal School Board

January 21, 2010

Mr. M. Tirelli
Interim Director General

Re: Recommendations from Long Range Planning Committee re Gerald
McShane School Program Change and Resultant Boundaries

Dear Mr. Tirelli:

The Board, at a special meeting held on January 13, 2010, adopted the above-noted resolution regarding the change in program at Gerald McShane School from the Bilingual (Partial Immersion) Program to the French Immersion Program.

Would you, therefore, take whatever action you deem appropriate in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Joanne Bisbikos
Secretary General/
Director of Archives

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EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ENGLISH MONTREAL SCHOOL BOARD HELD IN THE CITY OF MONTREAL ON THE THIRTEENTH DAY OF JANUARY TWO THOUSAND AND TEN

‘Recommendations from Long Range Planning Committee re Gerald McShane School Program Change and Resultant Boundaries

WHEREAS the Governing Board of Gerald McShane School had requested a change from a Bilingual (Partial Immersion) Program to a French Immersion Program;

WHEREAS the Long Range Planning Committee has reviewed the request from Gerald McShane School and has redefined its Bilingual boundary in its entirety as a French Immersion Boundary;

WHEREAS the request from Gerald McShane School necessitates changes to the French Immersion boundaries of East Hill School and Nesbitt School and Bilingual boundary changes to Leonardo da Vinci Academy, Michelangelo School, Our Lady of Pompei School and Pierre de Coubertin School;

WHEREAS at a meeting of the Board held on October 29, 2008, resolution #08-10-29-4A was adopted giving notice of intent that -

- Gerald McShane School’s Bilingual (Partial Immersion) Program be changed to a French Immersion Program;
- the French Immersion Program be gradually implemented at Gerald McShane School starting with Kindergarten and Cycle 1, Year 1 in September 2009;
- Kindergarten and Cycle 1, Years 1 and 2, follow the French Immersion Program thereafter as of 2010-11;
- Cycles II and III students remain in approximately a 50-50 split between English and French;
- the Gerald McShane School French Immersion north boundary be to the waterfront, the south boundary be Industriel (both sides) to, but not including, Des Grandes Prairies to Henri Bourassa (north side only), the east boundary be to, but not including, Armand Bombardier and the west boundary be Pie IX (both sides);
- East Hill School French Immersion Program boundary be changed so that the south boundary be Henri Bourassa to Hwy. 40 (north side) and the west boundary be Armand Bombardier (both sides);

- Nesbitt School French Immersion Program boundary be changed so that the east boundary be to, but not including, Pie IX to, but not including, Industriel Blvd. to include Des Grandes Prairies to railway tracks to include Pascal Gagnon to include Champ d'Eau (both sides) to Hwy. 40 (south side) to Langelier (both sides) to, but not including, Beaubien to, but not including, Lacordaire to, but not including, Rosemont to include De l'Assomption (both sides) to, but not including, Sherbrooke to, but not including, Pie IX;
- Leonardo da Vinci School Bilingual Program boundary be changed so that the north boundary be waterfront to 24th Avenue to Armand Bombardier to Perras (both sides), the south boundary be to, but not including, Des Grandes Prairies to Henri Bourassa (north side only) and the west boundary be Lacordaire (both sides);
- Our Lady of Pompei School Bilingual Program boundary be changed so that the south boundary be to, but not including, Port Royal to, but not including, Industriel to the intersection at Pie IX then including Industriel (both sides) and the east boundary be to, but not including, Lacordaire;
- Pierre de Coubertin School Bilingual Program boundary be changed so that the west boundary be Pie IX to 41st street (both sides) to, but not including, 25th Avenue;
- Gerald McShane School Distinct boundary be changed so that the south boundary be Industriel (both sides) to, but not including, Des Grandes Prairies to Henri Bourassa (north side only);
- Pierre de Coubertin Distinct boundary be changed so that the west boundary be Pie IX to 41st street (both sides) to, but not including, 25th Avenue;

WHEREAS the aforementioned schools affected by this resolution were invited to submit their views on this matter by December 17, 2008;

WHEREAS the consultation for this resolution was suspended with the agreement of the Gerald McShane Governing Board on November 21, 2008;

WHEREAS at the Board Meeting of October 28, 2009, the Governing Board of Gerald McShane School asked that the consultation on this resolution resume immediately so that the six-week consultation period be completed by Elementary Registration Week commencing on February 1, 2010 and it was agreed that Michelangelo School be added to the list of schools for consultation;

WHEREAS the governing boards affected by the resolution of intent and the Central Parents' Committee were invited to submit their views on the matter by December 14, 2009;

WHEREAS after further review of the responses from the governing boards, recommendations have been submitted by the Long Range Planning Committee;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. JOSEPH LALLA AND RESOLVED THAT, as recommended by the Long Range Planning Committee and amended at the meeting -

- a) Gerald McShane School's Partial Immersion (Bilingual) Program be changed to a French Immersion Program;
- b) the French Immersion Program be gradually implemented at Gerald McShane School starting with Kindergarten and Cycle 1, Year 1 in September 2010;
- c) the Gerald McShane School Bilingual boundary become its French Immersion Boundary;
- d) East Hill School French Immersion Program boundary remain unchanged;
- e) Nesbitt School French Immersion Program boundary remain unchanged;
- f) Leonardo da Vinci Academy Bilingual Program boundary be changed so that the north boundary be to, but not including, Perras Blvd., the south boundary be to, but not including, Des Grandes Prairies to Henri Bourassa (north side only) and the west boundary be Lacordaire (both sides) without the territory bounded by Lacordaire, Maurice Duplessis, Hwy. 25 and Perras Blvd.;
- g) Michelangelo Bilingual Program boundary be changed so that the west boundary be Lacordaire (both sides) to Perras Blvd. (both sides) to, but not including, Pierre Baillargeon to Bourget Blvd. (on Hwy. 40) to, but not including, George V and with the territory bounded by Lacordaire, Maurice Duplessis, Hwy. 25 and Perras Blvd.;
- h) Our Lady of Pompei School Bilingual Program boundary be changed so that the south boundary be to, but not including, Port Royal to, but not including, Industriel to the intersection at Pie IX then including Industriel (both sides) and the east boundary be to, but not including, Lacordaire;
- i) Pierre de Coubertin School Bilingual Program boundary be changed so that the west boundary be Pie IX to 41st street (both sides) to, but not including, 25th Avenue;
- j) the Distinct Boundary for Gerald McShane and the Distinct Boundary for Pierre de Coubertin not be affected and not change;
- k) students presently attending Gerald McShane, Nesbitt and East Hill Schools continue to attend Gerald McShane, Nesbitt and East Hill Schools with transportation until they complete Cycle 3;
- l) the overlapping program boundaries of Gerald McShane, Nesbitt and East Hill Schools be shared for all new students for the 2010-11 and 2011-12 school years.

VOTE: 19-3-0 (Mr. A. Cannavino, Mrs. S. Lo Bianco, Mr. D. Spiridigliozzi dissented; Mr. J. Kromida absent)

Resolution #10-01-13-3A.2.2(c)

CERTIFIED that the foregoing is a true and correct extract from the Minutes of a special meeting of the ENGLISH MONTREAL SCHOOL BOARD held on January 13, 2010.



Joanne Bisbikos
Secretary General
English Montreal School Board

January 15, 2010