

# Governing Board Annual Report

2016-2017

Edgewater Elementary School  
220 Cardinal Leger. Pincourt QC



## Chairperson's Message

The 2016-2017 School Year began with a "whoosh" as we returned to school during the completion of our plumbing project which finally saw all our bathrooms upgraded, including auto-flushers which definitely gave some of our younger kids a scare at times 😊

Miss Ulla officially became the school's new secretary, taking on this new challenge much to the Principal's relief who feared having to do that job as well 😊

As a result of the Major School Change, our numbers were down to 397 students registered in 2016-2017 compared to the 460+ in prior years. However, this did allow us to give Daycare their own room this year which allowed them to participate in Open House with a montage of photos on the smart board as well as other items for parents and students to see.

Other changes to the school included revamping the library, new UDL classrooms, and a new Snoezelen-inspired relaxation room. Parents were able to take all this in during portfolio night.

As always, thanks to our very-engaged Home & School and dedicated staff, there were ample opportunities provided to students for enhancing their curriculum through the arts, music, challenges, projects, and field trips. This year, they definitely made history by raising \$6,000 for our school in one day for the Ford Drive Event!

The 2016-2017 Edgewater theme was "Around The World" which gave each class a chance to explore the world in various learning activities.

And for the first time in recent memory, Edgewater was closed twice this year, the first for a Snow Day and the second due to the flooding in the area where the community at large came together to help those that were impacted by it. Ms. Lamothe's Grade 5 class also won \$1,000 for a charity of their choice from their act of "Paying it Forward" and making muffins for the flood relief volunteers. They chose to donate their \$1,000 to the West Island Palliatives Care Residence.

## 2016-2017 Governing Board Members

<b>Parents:</b>	<b>Staff:</b>	<b>Administration:</b>
Mike Aragona (Chair) Vanessa Nolet (VC) Claudette Benoit (RR) Suzanne Hermann Kris de Forest (RA) Ekaterina Kamardina Derek Patino	Daphne Amster Debbie King-Brassard Sandra Nouh Trish Schofield Natalie Rippen-Randle Teresa Borrelli	Liz Rivard (Principal) Beth Miller (Daycare)
		<b>Commissioner:</b> Wayne Clifford
		<b>Community:</b> Christina Fazio (H&S) Claudia Carpanzano (H&S)

## Meeting Dates

Meetings were held in the Edgewater Staff Room at 7:00pm on the following dates:

September 20, 2016    October 18, 2016    November 22, 2016    January 31, 2017

March 21, 2017    April 25, 2017    May 23, 2017    June 13, 2017

The Agendas and approved Minutes of these meetings can be found on the school web site.

## Actions and Events

Physical Education had a renewed interest this year with Ultimate Frisbee, Grades 4-6 intra-mural Omnikin tournament, Pilo Polo tournament for cycle 1 students, and Grade 5 and 6 students playing in the March Madness Basketball Intra-mural tournament. Also, thanks to the money that was donated to our school from the Pierre Lavoie Défi challenge last year - Grades 1-3 students got a chance to learn about Curling.

Field Trips included a winter outing to Notre-Dame-de-Fatima, visits to Labonte Farm, Quinn's Farm, the Eco-Museum, the Amerindiens "Droulers", Junior Leadership Day at Westpark Jr., and the Montreal Planetarium. The students were also exposed to a number of plays and events like Annie Jr., the Studio de Danse Montreal for the Digital Citizenship Play "Delete", the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, Shrek the Musical, and TOPS.

Annual activities included the Terry Fox run, Great Kindness Challenge, and Anti-Bullying Week. This year, our annual Art Vernissage was held over two days in order to ensure everyone a chance to enjoy it. Even Daycare participated by creating an art project of birds around the world.

For the Anti-Bullying event in December, Home & School brought back Dare 2 Care for a series of workshops and lectures which were extremely appreciated. For Anti-Bullying Week, we had our yearly Pink Shirt day anti-bullying awareness assembly, and repeated the LBPSB-approved Anti-Homophobia program.

Edgewater's love of Reading was in full swing this year with various activities including a Grade 4 Read-a-thon for Education Fundraiser and school-wide PJ day, a Book Club trip to Elite Daycare to read to pre-schoolers, Ms. Anto and Home and School's organization of another excellent "Born to Read" event, Concours de Lectures, and the Battle of the Books event. Also, for the first time ever, the Edgewater Book Club participated in the KidsLit Quiz Ottawa Heat as the sole representatives from Quebec!

Finally, Ms. Randle's Grade 6 class won first prize in the CBC Radio Scary Stories contest and received a visit by Kenneth Oppel and a producer from CBC radio to record parts of their discussion with the class, who were all given a copy of his new book "The Nest"!

Although there are a lot of items and events listed in this report, there are still a lot more that have happened and continue to happen every year. Information on all events can be found in the Governing Board minutes although, in my opinion, the best way to stay abreast of everything in the school is to be actively involved in the Governing Board or Home & School.

Sadly, this year we must bid adieu to Liz Rivard who has been guiding our school for the last 5 years. We wish her all the best in her new role. We are certain she will have as positive an impact there at John Rennie as she did with our children here at Edgewater. Since we know assignments change every few years, there is a high probability that some of us will be working with her again in the future! 😊

## **Adopted by the Edgewater Governing Board**

Tuesday June 13, 2017

Date

Chairperson

Principal