

# Governing Board Annual Report

2017-2018

Edgewater Elementary School  
220 Cardinal Leger. Pincourt QC



## Chairperson's Message

Edgewater started the 2017-2018 School Year by welcoming its new Principal, Shirley Kapitsky. She had a lot to learn about our rich history so while we enjoyed our summer vacations, she did a lot of studying! ☺

Our school theme for this year was "Colours of the Rainbow" and much was done with it, not the least being an amazing art montage sponsored by the city of Pincourt where our students worked with artist Madeleine Turgeon and Myriam Gaudry to help cover the graffiti on the fences of the houses facing the school. We even tied our theme into a Colour Me Run in the school yard at the end of the year!

The city project wasn't the only time we worked with an outside artist this year for something outside of the school. Our Grade 5 students also worked with Ian Fournier to compose a song that was performed at the Omni Center.

Our numbers remained steady at 392 students registered in 2017-2018, which was only five less than last year. We continued to expand our flexible learning environments by adding a new UDL classroom. Students also built a Nova mobile sensory station (ie; travelling Snoezelen Room) that can be moved into classrooms and set up by them! Those students also won an award for that initiative! This year, because of the benefits to children that have been greatly touted by other schools, we introduced Shirley's dog Mindy to the student (and staff) population! The response has been overwhelmingly positive.

A huge thank-you goes out to our very-engaged Home & School and dedicated staff (once again). Because of them, the students had tremendous opportunities for enhancing their curriculum through the arts, music, challenges, projects, and field trips.

In terms of helping our community, Edgewater continued its long tradition of helping others by participating in fundraisers such as the Super Recyclers, bringing cans of food to our Craft Fair, Jersey for a Loonie Day in support of the Humboldt hockey team fundraiser, Loonie Day Fundraiser for the West Island Palliative Care Center, collecting white tube socks for the homeless through the non-profit organization Toe2Toe, to name just a few. This year, 10 Playground Pals even went to cook with Chef James Mitchell for our Christmas baskets!

Finally, for the first time ever, Edgewater hosted a Hema-Quebec blood drive, organized and run by our Grade 5 students, and beat everyone’s expectations by bringing in over 180 donors - more than double the initial goal!

## 2018-2019 Governing Board Members

<b>Parents:</b>	<b>Staff:</b>	<b>Administration:</b>
Kris de Forest (RR) Ekaterina Kamardina Derek Patino Mike Aragona (Chair) Vanessa Nolet Cassandra Fusco (RA) Christina Maurice Fazio (VC)	Daphne Amster Debbie King-Brassard Sandra Nouh Trish Schofield Natalie Rippen-Randle Teresa Borrelli	Shirley Kapitsky (Principal) Beth Miller (Daycare)
<b>Alternates :</b> Sherry Lee Dawson, Nadia Silvestri, Nancy Mallette		<b>Commissioner:</b> Wayne Clifford
		<b>Community:</b> Claudia Carpanzano (H&S)

## Meeting Dates

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

September 20, 2017    October 17, 2017    November 21, 2017    January 24, 2018  
February 20, 2018    March 20, 2018    May 08, 2018    June 13, 2018

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

## Actions and Events

Physical Education was in full swing again this year with a board wide Ultimate Frisbee tournament, Cross Country run for Grades 4, 5, and 6, Grade 3 students cross-country event with the city of Pincourt, Grade 6 Basketball Tournament, and many, many more.

Field Trips included a visit to Electrium in Ste. Julie and the Hydro Generating Station in Beauharnois, trips to Notre-Dame-de-Fatima including a Grade 6 overnight trip, the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, Junior Leadership Day, and so much more.

The Sciences were explored as we hosted ASTER and their inflatable Planetarium, a visit from someone in the David Suzuki Foundation to discuss underwater pollution, Neurones Atomiques

on Simple Machines, Learn Quebec engaged students in STEAM activities, Grade 2 ordered a Nutritower hydroponic system because of the support from Home and School, Brian Ewenson from Nasa came back to speak to all the students about what it is like to be an astronaut, a field trip to Science Museum in the Old Port, etc.

Annual activities included events like the Terry Fox run, Remembrance Day activities, Great Kindness Challenge, and Anti-Bullying Week. For the Anti-Bullying/ Kindness week, Home & School brought back Singer/Songwriter Gerry Mitchell for two shows. Yearly activities also included Pink Shirt day anti-bullying awareness assembly, and the LBPSB-approved Anti-Homophobia program. This year's event included a lot more involvement by students and staff than ever before as classes from each grade level participated! Kick into Gear and Help Somebody Near: Wear different colored socks or shoes, Crazy for Kindness: Wear crazy hats or hair styles, and Score Points by Helping Others: wear sports/dance/scouting/guiding attire are three examples of events held during that week.

For the second time in a row, the Edgewater Book Club participated in the KidsLit Quiz Ottawa Heat and did very well with one of the three teams coming in fourth out of 20 teams!

Even with all the items and events listed in this report, there are still so many others that can be mentioned (like the Grade 5 in-class visit from "Du chemin du Roi au chemin de fer" Historical animation group, Archeophone speaking to Grades 4 on Nouvelle France, Jeunesse Musicales Canada's visit to Edgewater for a Christmas concert (Un Monde Pour Noel), Deputy Minister Peter Schiefke answering questions from some of our grade 5 classes on the Canadian Government and his job, Nid'Otruche Field trip for Cycle 1, 4 Grade four students attending the Green Summit (which Edgewater will host next year), the Vocational Olympics at Place Bonaventure, etc.).

Our Facebook page has been top notch this year for keeping parents informed of day-to-day activities. Deeper information on all events can always be found in the Governing Board minutes. You can read these on our website, or, better yet, show up in person to a meeting. You'll be very glad you did.

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

Wed. June 13, 2018

Date

Chairperson

Principal