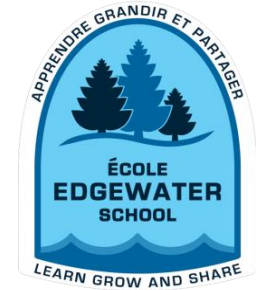


Edgewater Governing Board Minutes

February 12, 2014



Attendance:

Parents:

Jennifer Bogart (Chair)
Claudette Benoit (RR)
Lily Medeiros (RA)
Nadia Franceschini
(Sec)
Suzanne Hermann
Geneviève Malouin
Mike Aragona

Staff:

Deborah King-
Brassard
Sandra Nouh
Heather
D'Entremont
Erica Lamothe
Marg Zipay
Daphne Amster
Jodie Roberts

Administration:

Liz Rivard (Principal)
Beth Miller (Daycare)

Commissioner:

Susan Bartlett-Lewis

Community:

Kris de Forest

Regrets:

Absences:

RR = Regional Parent Committee
Representative
RA = Regional Parent Committee Alternate
Sec = Secretary

- 1) Welcome at 19h05
- 2) Adoption of the Agenda
Motioned by Beth Miller; Seconded by Erica Lamothe; All in Favor
- 3) Adoption of the December 9, 2013 meeting Minutes
Motioned by Claudette Benoit ; Seconded by Liliana Medeiros ; All in Favor
- 4) Question Period - N/A
- 5) Business arising from the Minutes – N/A
 - a)Edgewater Success Plan
 - i. Report distributed
 - ii. Introduction to English Literacy pilot program supporting the transfer of literacy skills from French to English will be implemented for March. 2014.
 - iii. Drama therapy program will continue in 2013-2014
 - iv. Revisit language of bullying with children
 - b) Management and Success Agreement
 - c) Capital Budget Priorities
 - i. Still lobbying to renovate bathrooms
 - d) Subject time allocation for following school year

i. Tabled to March meeting

6) Reports

a) School Council Report – See Addendum #1

b) Principal's Report – See Addendum #2

i. 22 out of 38 Gr.6 students chose MacDonald High, the rest to BHS and some to private and out of province schools

ii. Feb 28: Indoor Carnival – school wide Bingo in the morning and afternoon will be the Talent Show with a movie & popcorn

iii. We now have 7 integration aids

iv. One to One I pads: Gr. 4 pilot project for next school year. Students would need to bring I pads or Tablets to use in school. Issues are safety and security

v. Field Trip approvals: 2 Gr.5 classes have been chosen to become pen pals with Gr. 5 students at Orchard Elementary. Students will travel to Lasalle on Feb. 19th

Motioned by Erica Lamothe; Seconded by Daphne Amster; All in Favor

c) Commissioner's Report – See Addendum #3

d) Regional Parent Committee Report – No Report

i. Bill 60 launched

ii. Jan. 16: Digital Citizenship presentation at school board

iii. Upcoming Commissioner's election

iv. St. Edmund's: Global News was filming the morning news at school

e) Daycare Report – See Addendum #4

i. Field trip Mar. 28th to PCHS with shared busing

Motioned by Debbie King-Brassard; Seconded by Liliana Medeiros; All in Favor

ii. 175 students registered full time for daycare next year; 25-30 part time

iii. #1 school in the school board for paying online

f) Home & School Report

i. No record of approvals for H&S activities:

a) Anti-Bullying: selling pink t-shirts for \$12 each

b) Movie night May 2nd

c) Bazaar: Apr. 5th - \$20/table, hot dogs, chips and drinks

d) Scholastic Book fair: French books being sold during parent/teacher interviews in March

d) Open House pizza party

e) Chocolate boxes for fundraising:

Motioned by Claudette Benoit; Seconded by Sandra Nouh; All in Favor

ii. Next year is Edgewater's 50th Anniversary: looking into making a school year book (class pictures and 50 years of history will be included). Need to look into cost first. If Governing Board agrees, then H&S will research on cost.

7) New Business

a) Ratify Two Email Votes:

i. Cycle 1, grade 2 trip to Notre Dame de Fatima, February 26, 2014, cost \$25.25, ratio 1:8, transportation – bus.

Motioned by Nadia Franceschini, All in Favour, motioned passed

ii. Cycle 1, grades 1 & 1/2 trip to Office National du film Montreal, January 22nd, 2014, cost \$21, ratio 1:10, transportation – bus

Motioned by Beth Miller, All in Favour, motioned passed

b) Principal Selection Criteria – due February 14th

c) Transportation Consultation – due April 28th

d) Arts & Culture Consultation – due March 28th

e) Budget Consultation – due March 3

8) Correspondence

a) "One Size Does Not Fit All" – from the advisory board on English Education

9) Varia – N/A

10) Adjournment at 20:50

Motioned by Erica Lamothe

Date Minutes Adopted

Chairperson

Principal

Addendum #1 – Staff Council Report

Entrepreneurial grants that were submitted by staff were accepted.

real time "Twitter wall" with classroom postings of what greatness is going on in classrooms

LCEEQ conference Mon and Tues. 4 teachers attended. Technology and media literacy/social media in education was topic.

Speed app dating Friday

Montreal museum of Fine Arts outings this week.

New Music teacher- Miss Stephanie

Olympics report and interviews on intercom grade 2 students

Born to Read/Family literacy Day was a disappointment. Turn out was discouraging.

Native speaker... and Normand Raymond, the flute player will come on Tuesday, March 18 at 1:30. It is mostly recommended for cycles 2 & 3.

- Dictée P.G.L.: taking place in most French classes. Water themed spelling contest fundraiser

S.A.K- Students acts of kindness (part of the anti-bullying campaign)- taking place in ERC classes.

DCP - Students are invited to create a piece of media that includes an element of digital citizenship (online privacy, digital footprint, ending bullying, online and offline safety etc...)

Digital Citizenship needs to extend into community, inappropriate use of Facebook by some parents, devaluing Edgewater staff.

Addendum #2 – Principal's Report

Principal's report to Governing Board Feb. 12/2014

Kindergarten open house was a great success. We already have over 60 (67 + 2 derogation requests, + 7 transfers) registrations for the 2014-2015 school year. All of the Grade 6 reregistration forms for high school were returned in a timely fashion and have been forwarded to the high schools.

The Annual report is attached. Once it has been presented it will be available for the community on the school website.

The annual “exam marathon” continues. Board level Grade 2 math and grade 4 ELA and French are completed or very close to completion. Grade 3, 4, and 5 math exams are next in Feb. March and April. Grade six rounds out the year with ministry and board level exams in all 3 core subjects. Very important that parents take these exams seriously – students should not go on holidays during the school year, and in particular during exam periods.

Two art education stagiaires from Concordia are currently assigned to Kindergarten and Grade 5 for 10 weeks, one day a week. A fourth year elementary education stagiaire has begun her 3 month stage here with Mme. Lajeunesse in Grade 1.

8 cycle 3 students attended a very successful student leadership conference held at Beechwood School Feb. 7. Thanks to Mme. Prevost who supervised the visit.

Looking forward to TSAW week. I can tell you that this long cold winter has been exceptionally hard on everyone, and the kindness of Home and School makes a big difference for new **and** seasoned staff who may be struggling to get through the last unforgiving days of winter

Report cards going home the week of March 19, interviews on March 20.

March 20 Primadance workshops for Grades 5 and 6 will be held. A professional dance company uses dance workshops with students to address the issues of bullying and hypersexualization. \$1000 workshop, Edgewater selected by school board to receive it.

Another construction project now underway at Edgewater. Energy conservation is the goal. New Herman Nelson heaters, thermostats (centrally controlled), compressors, heating control panel, light fixtures, motion detectors for lights, and photocells for row of lights closest to windows will all be installed. All asbestos protocols will be respected.

New supervision (“kiss and cry” pilot project) on 8th Avenue will go into effect after March break.

One to One I pads – possibility for pilot project with Daphne A. next year... your thoughts?

Field trip approvals:

Two grade five classes have been chosen to become pen pals with Grade 5 students at Orchard Elementary, and the two classes (with governing board approval) will travel to Lasalle on Feb. 19 a.m. (lunch provided) to meet their pen pals and watch excerpts from Orchard's Black History Concert.

Addendum #3 – Commissioner’s Report

Meeting of 27 January, 2014

1. The Special Needs Advisory Committee (SNAC) is sponsoring a workshop entitled, "Kids that Wiggle and Jiggle." The date is on Thursday, February 13, 2014 at 7:00 in the Boardroom. The session will be presented by Board consultants. It will be interactive and focus on gender differences in students with challenging behavior and ADHD as well as examining how to recognize and ameliorate these behaviors.
2. Approval was given for the Lester B. Pearson School Board's participation in the Purchasing Group (School Milk) for the school years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 with the possibility of an extension for school year 2016-2017.
3. The Rona Cupak Fund outfitted an unprecedented 98 elementary school students with snowsuits, boots, hats and mitts in November and December. PEF hit the road running in January. (Part of the PEF Newsletter)
4. Pearson Education Foundation is actively looking for suppliers, wholesalers and/or angels to take the Rona Cupak Fund to the secondary school level, with winter outerwear for our style-conscious teenagers. (Part of the PEF Newsletter)
5. The Grants Committee met early in the month and approved funding for 22 teacher-initiated school based projects assisting sports and exercise equipment, music programs, camera clubs as well as robotics which continue to flourish in all our schools. (Part of the PEF Newsletter)
6. CONSULTATIONS:
 - a) Arts and Culture in Education Policy - Responses are due March 28th, 2014 to the Director of Secretariat. Final adoption is scheduled for April 28th, 2014. This is a new policy.
 - b) 2014 - 2015 Budget Consultation Plan - Responses are due March 31st, 2014 to the Director of Finance, Claude Lallemand.
 - c) Principal's Criteria - Responses due February 14th, 2014 to the Director of Secretariat.
 - d) Student Transportation Policy - Responses are due April 28th, 2014 to the Director of Secretariat. Final adoption is scheduled for May 26th, 2014.
7. The next council meeting is scheduled for 24th February, 2014 at 19:30.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Bartlett

Addendum #4 – Daycare Report

February 2014

Destination Imagination: We have 2 groups organized under the supervision of Sharleen Parsons meeting twice a week preparing for the competition in March. This program, developed in the US, promotes critical thinking, leadership and community service through a series of challenges. There are 8 schools in the board that are participating in this project which will all lead up to a tournament to be held at PCHS on Friday March 28, 2013.

Ped Day January 27: Due to the extreme cold weather the outdoor sliding activity was cancelled. Reptizoo was contracted to come in for the 90 students who participated in the ped day. Chinese New Year theme was also part of the day complete with a Chinese parade, fortune cookies and the tasting of lychees! Parents were not charged an additional fee for Reptizoo services.

Ped Day February 7: We went sledding at Parc Olympique for part of the day and spent the rest of the day hosting a mini Winter Olympic Games. 80 students participated. The children also had the option to watch the opening Olympic ceremonies.

Kindergarten Open House: New parents were very interested in our lunch and daycare program. From their response I anticipate the daycare growing by at least another 20 students in the coming school year. This brings our numbers up to an estimated 175 fulltime and 25 part time daycare students.

On-Line Payments: Edgewater has the most families using the online method of paying daycare and lunch fee in the board. The board is very impressed as it offers huge cost savings. In particular, it has been shown that we are collecting more fees since the on-line option is available!

Taxes:

- By government regulation all tax receipts must be distributed by February 28, 2014. A memo was sent out last week explaining to parents that they had until February 14, 2014 to make payment of fees owed in order to receive tax receipts on February 28, 2014. This notice was also placed on the school web page. For those families that make a payment after the February date there will be a second run of tax receipts issued in early May 2014, as instructed by the Board. There will be no exceptions to this directive.
- Beth will be attending a training on the preparation of tax receipts next week.

Outstanding Fees: Nine files have been sent to the board's financial department for collections for unpaid lunch and daycare fees accounting for \$5200.00 owed to the school. Twenty other families will be contacted shortly for nonpayment. Their files will be sent to the board if there is no payment or payment plan arrangements with the administration. Daycare services will be suspended until that time that daycare fees are paid in full.