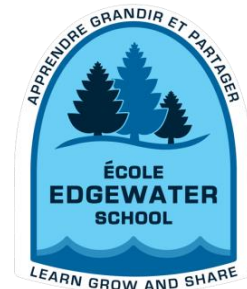


Edgewater Governing Board Minutes

May 13th, 2014



Attendance:

Parents:

Jennifer Bogart (Chair)
Mike Aragona (Vice
Chair)
Lily Medeiros (RA)
Nadia Franceschini
(Sec)

Staff:

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

Administration:

Liz Rivard (Principal)
Beth Miller (Daycare)

Commissioner:

Susan Bartlett-Lewis

Community:

Jodie Roberts

Regrets:

Claudette Benoit
(RR)
Suzanne Hermann
Geneviève Malouin

Absences:

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

Guests:

Kris DeForest

- 1) Welcome at 19h04
- 2) Adoption of the Agenda
 - a) **Motioned** by Nadia Franceschini; Seconded by Lily Medeiros; All in Favor
- 3) Adoption of the April 9th, 2014 Minutes
 - Motion** to approve by Marg Zipay; Seconded by Debbie King-Brassard; All in Favor
- 4) Question Period
 - a) N/A
- 5) Business arising from the Minutes
 - b) Emergency Preparedness – due June 2nd
 - c) Home Schooling – due June 20th
 - d) iPad 1:1 Classroom Pilot Project
 - i. collected 71/75 surveys that went home
 - ii. H&S has voted to pay \$3000 for those who cannot afford it. The iPads will remain the property of the school and not go home with students
 - iii. June information session for parents
 - iv. A cart has been ordered to store & charge the iPads overnight. Can store up to 32 iPads.
 - v. iPads will be locked when teachers/students will be out of the classroom
 - vi. School will purchase Apps and parents will need to come to school for an in-house session to download Apps.

Motion to approve Mike Aragona; Seconded by Debbie King-Brassard, All in favour

6) Reports

a) Staff Council Report – See Addendum #1

b) Principal’s Report – See Addendum #2

i. There are only 40 parking spots – neighbors are complaining about cars being parked in the street. There will be a no parking sign by summer (7th Ave.)

ii. “Shave to Save”: Sr. management will shave to raise funds for the Breast Cancer Foundation. The school board is asking the schools to raise money.

●Motion to approve tabled to when we receive the official letter.

c) Commissioner’s Report – See Addendum #3

d) Regional Parent Committee Report – No Report

i. Meeting May 14th

e) Daycare Report – See Addendum #5

f) Home & School Report – #6

Motion to approve “Business as usual for 2014-2015” by Sandra Nouh, Seconded by Debbie King, All in Favour

Motion to approve installation of cubbies upon fire marshal approval by Daphne Amster, Seconded by Erica Lamothe, All in Favour

Motion, in principle, to approve purchase of playground equipment for students with mobility impairment (details of the playground equipment will need to be brought to governing board for final approval) by Marg Zipay, Seconded by Lily Medeiros, All in favour

7) New Business

a)Edgewater Food & Nutrition Committee: draft circulating for for staff

8) Correspondence – Letter from parent regarding Mac mini day – Addendum 7

9) Varia

a) Last Governing Board meeting will be June 4th, 2014: dinner to be catered prior to meeting for Board members. Dinner at 6:00 PM and meeting to commence at 7:00 PM.

10) Adjournment at 20:18

a) **Motioned** by Erica Lamothe

Date Minutes Adopted

Chairperson

Principal

Addendum #1 – Staff Council

- Vernissage a success! Great turn out and 400\$ raised for art program
- Student group placements for next year took place on Ped Day
- New Supervision Duty will begin soon for AM Kindergarten side for smooth drop off
- Kindergarten Open House will take place June 9 on a Ped Day because of the rules about numbers of days that students have to be in school. We are no longer allowed to do it on a regular school day
- Fire Drill took place May 12 another to come in June
- An invitation was sent home to parent volunteers to attend Open House school will purchase their pizza.
- June 23 is a full school day!
- Music room will be used as a regular classroom so music will be on wheels next year
- Open House day (May 29th) – Pink Shirt Day
- Open House – the entire school will sing a song together. Dancers will perform.
- An assembly will be held on June 20, in the afternoon!
- New desks for grade 6 and more for new classrooms will be needed for next year.
- 1:1 classroom surveys were sent home to see if Parents are on board with the project. Positive results and feedback. Request for iPads from Home and School approved.
- Extra recess one day (For the May 1st Journée Sportive)
It will be next Wednesday May 14th (which is also a Star Day – Friday schedule)

Teachers will take their own students outside for the special recess. 2:05 – 2:20

It will add to our Energy Cube tally!

- Grade 5 class inviting David Fabrega to come to the school and speak to the cycle 3 students about Biodiversity.

Addendum #2 – Principal's Report

Principal's report to Governing Board May 13, 2014

Enrollment 463 next year. 4 kindergartens. One new classroom. (music room only room left to commandeer - cubbies may be an issue.)

Art vernissage was an incredible success, excellent turnout, congratulations to Athanasia and Jennifer and the staff and volunteers who helped them out. Looking at expanding to holding over 2 evenings next year.

Kindergarten Open House has been moved to the ped day on June 9th.

June 23 update – now and will always be a full school day. Staff council voted unanimously today to hold the end of year Tombola on that date. Grade 6 will be able to participate.

Plans for Open House well underway. Dance Academy will perform at some point during the evening, as well as musical performance from various grades. The 5 finalists of Edgewater Idol will also perform during the evening. H&S will run its usual community pizza dinner, staff will hold volunteer recognition, every class will have an amazing exhibit ... it's a jam packed affair! ☐

May 16th workshop – Peace Symposium (supporting students/antibullying themes) – five staff members from Edgewater will attend.

End of Year Awards Assembly will be held Friday June 20 in the p.m. Report cards will be handed out to all students on June 20th.

Francisation support in full swing 25 students receiving intensive one on one or small group support in April May and June. Love of Reading Grade 2 group supposed to end this week, will be extended for 2 more weeks in May.

1:1 tablet project progressing nicely. Grade 3 parents have been surveyed, 71 responses received so far. Majority supports project, willing to use family iPad or purchase one for student use. Information session planned for June.

Locking gates - lunch walkers exit by front door starting this week. Request submitted to school board for gate repair.

Pink shirt day requested by H&S – Staff council voted unanimously for May 29th (Open House Day)

Fire department held a surprise fire drill May 12. We did exceptionally well. 2 fire drills left to do to meet legal requirements before end of school year.

School board fundraiser : Schools are being asked to participate

Breast Cancer Foundation “Shave to Save”

- This event will be taking place on October 15th at head office
- Professionals from Gordon Robinson will be “shaving” the participants
- This event will be a board wide initiative
- The goal for this event is to raise \$50,000 for the Breast Cancer

Foundation

- A letter from Steven will be sent out shortly so that you can then present this to your Governing Board
- We are leaving it up to every school to decide on how they would like to fundraise; the schools' goal would be to raise the value of \$2.50 per student; if you would like you can have the “shave” take place at your school in front of the staff & students

Grad ceremony will be held June 19th.

Addendum #3 – Commissioner’s Report

Meeting of 28 April, 2014

1. The reconsideration of the 2013-2014 Youth Sector Calendar has upheld the June 23rd as a regular school day.
2. As of July 19th, 2014, Julie Mandeville will be the Director of Finance following the retirement of Claude Lallemand.
3. Marie Wahba will take over the post of Assistant Director of Educational Services on July 2nd, 2014 as Lise Charlebois is retiring.
4. Welcome to Michael Rabinovitch, as he will be the Principal at St Patrick starting in the 2014-2015 school year. Thank you to Jason Ferris for all you have done for our students and best wishes for all your future endeavours.
5. Three Year Plan of Allocation and Destinations of the Immovables 2014-2015 to 2016-2017 was adopted.
6. The 2014-2015 Transportation User Fees will remain the same as last year. Courtesy and accommodation services at \$150 for elementary school students and \$275 for accommodation services for secondary school students with a maximum per family of \$300 and \$550 per school year respectively.
7. The contract for the replacement of exterior doors and the installation of a rooftop ventilation system project at Macdonald High School has been awarded, in accordance with the tender documents, to the lowest compliant bid, Céleb Construction ltée, for the amount of \$233,900.00 (plus taxes). The project is to be carried out in the summer of 2014.
8. For the 2014-2015 school year, the meeting dates for the Council shall be:

2014	2015
Monday, August 25	Monday, January 26
Monday, September 15 (Exception)	Monday, February 23
October – NO MEETING	Monday, March 30
Monday, November 24	Monday, April 27
Monday, December 15 (Exception)	Monday, May 25
	Monday, June 29
9. For the 2014-2015 school year, the Executive Committee meeting dates shall be:

2014	2015
Monday, July 7 (Exception)	Monday, January 19
Monday, August 18	Monday, February 16
Monday, September 8 (Exception)	Monday, March 23
October – NO MEETING	Monday, April 20
November – NO MEETING (Exception)	Tuesday, May 19
Monday, December 8 (Exception)	Monday, June 22
10. **CONSULTATIONS:**
 - a) **Emergency Preparedness Policy** - Responses are due June 2nd, 2014 to the Director of Secretariat and Legal Services.
 - b) **Home Schooling Policy** - Responses are due June 20th, 2014 to the Director of Secretariat and Legal Services.
11. The next council meeting is scheduled for 26th May, 2014 at 19:30.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Bartlett

Addendum #5 – Daycare Report

May 2014 Daycare Notes

Daycare Week: This week is daycare week. The theme is “all about you”. Educational services gave a seminar for all our staff called “Positive Thinking and Beyond” along with a healthy light breakfast. Staff also received small tokens of appreciation from our school and a luncheon will be held in their honor tomorrow in the library.

Safety: at lunch we have changed from a free flow entrance after lunch on the junior side to a “by class” entrance procedure to ensure there is a better control of the flow of the students entering the building at one time.

Statement of Accounts: A third reminder of overdue fees went out to over 50 Edgewater families last week, along with 35 direct call made by the administration to families with outstanding fees as a means to collect some of the outstanding fees. Unfortunately there will be no alternative but to send some to collections at the Board.

June statements: As in past years the invoicing for June will be done next week in the hopes of collecting the fees before the school closing. Parents do have to the end of the June to pay the June fees, however from past experience it is easier to inform the parents earlier what their final bill will be. Like last year the parents with outstanding fees will have the opportunity to pay on-line over the summer. No family can register for daycare services for September 2014 unless their accounts are at zero.

Registration 2014-15: Registration packets for lunch program and daycare services will be going out shortly. Even if parents are unsure of their specific needs; all families are encouraged to give their best estimate of what services they will need in September. For safety reasons all daycare users must have a completed registration form before the first day of school.

Ped Days: 80 registered to bowl at Pincourt Bowling this Friday. Forms were distributed today for the next Ped Day May 30th where the children are going to an outing to Nid’Otruche in St-Eustache.

Addendum #6 – Home & School Report

- Principal for the Day: June 10th 2014
- Reminder: We have \$250 allocated for this yr for landscaping that has not been used.
- Request to pay for bussing for cruise approved.
- Profit from Chocolate bars sales, catalogue orders, Bazaar and movie night.
- Chain ladder removed from K side structure - we are looking in to replacing it.

2014-2015 Business as Usual – H&S Activities:

- Pizza / TCBY Day: one Friday a month, prices the same as this year, dates to be determined
- Subway Day: one Monday a month, prices the same as this year, dates to be determined
- Fall Cookie Dough Campaign 2014 (English Bay – same company as last year): October 2014.
- Family Halloween Dance: October 30th 2014
- English Scholastic Book Fair :November 20th 2014
- Craft Fair: end of November 2014
- Born to Read: January 25 2015
- Antibullying “Pink Shirt Day”: February 25 2015
- Garage Sale/Bazaar: March 28th 2015.
- Movie Night: May 12, 2015
- Open House Pizza Party: May 28 2015

2014-2015 Major Allocations:

- \$3000 towards purchase of iPads for grade 4 1:1 Classroom Pilot
- \$1500 for Cycles 1, 2 &3 to use for activities next year at their discretion (instead of individual requests)/ \$750 for Kindergarten classes.
- \$12 000 allocated for installation of cubbies, pending Fire Marshall and Governing Board approval

Additional Updates for 2014-2015

- Lorna Parker will remain as President of H&S
- H&S would like to install playground equipment for students with limited mobility on the Cycle 1 side of the schoolyard.

Addendum #7 – Letter from parent regarding Mac Mini Day

To Whom it May Concern,

Our 11-year-old son returned from his Macdonald High School 'Mini Day' with a disturbing anecdote of being led into the gymnasium and watching as two student volunteers were requested from each visiting group by the Leadership Program representatives and urged to indulge in 'chugging' from a two litre container of apple juice.

We have two other sons already attending Mac and we now regularly write notes to excuse them from the school's numerous 'Pep Rallies' as neither of them are fond of the excessively loud music or the obligatory activities.

Our eldest, who's now in Grade 10, recounted coming home as a Grade 8 student after such an event and witnessing a friend vomit after chugging two litres of iced tea, thus earning the nickname 'Fountain.'

On our previous verbal protests when our son was forced to attend these events and barred from leaving the gym, we were told that he would have to, "learn to suck it up."

We can't accept that Macdonald High School administration continues to condone these activities, particularly after recently attending an event jointly hosted by the Service de police de la Ville de Montréal (SPVM) and the Lester B. Pearson School Board that specifically aimed to raise awareness in kids who are about to transition to high school to educate them on the dangers of drugs and alcohol. Who are our 11 and 12-year-olds supposed to believe?

Of course we understand that no alcohol was actually involved at the Mini Day but when you hear the term 'chugging contest' what message is being sent to the kids? This displays a tacit approval that binge drinking is normal, and approved, behaviour.

A recent communiqué from the Lester B. Pearson School Regions Administration states, "We will do our best to help Damon make a smooth transition and enjoy a successful and rewarding high school experience."

If the situation were not so disturbing, it would actually be laughable.

Apart from the medical dangers of binge consumption, this practice is tantamount to bullying where younger kids follow the direction of an older peer group in a position of power. The fact that these activities are permitted by the adults in the room is both irresponsible and unacceptable.

We've been told that events of this nature are designed to promote school spirit and cultivate interactions amongst the different grade levels of the students.

If these events were successful in this mandate, we would not have written countless notes for our two other children - with gracious thanks extended to understanding teachers who regularly give us ample warning of upcoming 'Pep Rallies' - to excuse them.

We would like to know if all the principals of the elementary feeder schools are aware of this practice and if they, too, feel it's an acceptable part of high school life.

Martin Roloff / Carmen Fabio