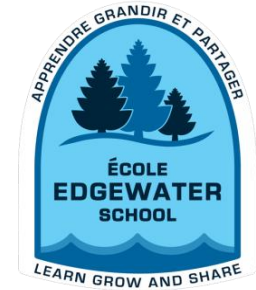


Edgewater Governing Board Minutes

November 18th, 2014



Governing Board:

Parents:	Staff:	Administration:	Regrets:
Mike Aragona (Chair) Kris de Forest (Vice Chair) Lily Medeiros (RA) (Sec) Nadia Franceschini Claudette Benoit (RR) Suzanne Hermann Darryl Climan	Natalie Lacombe Heather D'Entremont Marg Zipay Daphne Amster Deborah King-Brassard Kiel Howden	Liz Rivard (Principal) Beth Miller (Daycare) Commissioner: Wayne Clifford	Daphne Amster
			Absences:
		Community: Jodie Roberts (Sec)	Guests:
RR = Regional Parent Committee Representative RA = Regional Parent Committee Alternate Sec = Secretary			

- 1) Welcome at 19:03
- 2) Adoption of the Agenda
 - Motioned** by Beth Miller, Seconded by Nathalie Lacombe; All in Favor
- 3) Adoption of the October 21, 2014 Minutes
 - Motion** to approve by Beth Miller, Seconded by Kris de Forest; All in Favor
- 4) Question Period (for Public questions to the Governing Board)
 - a) **No Questions**
- 5) Business Arising from the Minutes
 - a) Nutrition Survey/ Nutrition Policy
 - i) Waiting to hear back from the Committee before sharing with Parents
 - ii) Perhaps include a link to "Eating Well With Canada's Food Guide":
 - (1) <http://healthycanadians.gc.ca/eating-nutrition/food-guide-aliment/index-eng.php>
 - (2) <http://www.has.uwo.ca/hospitality/nutrition/pdf/foodguide.pdf>
 - b) Anti-Homophobia Program
 - i) Riverside School Board piloting the approach
 - ii) Liz meeting with Sector Director to discuss and attempt to get the right presentation deck

- c) Lunch Choir
 - i) Not started yet. Based on large interest last year (90 kids) Kiel will discuss with Beth.
- d) Holiday-themed event
 - i) Aiming for a Day assembly in mid-late December. Kiel working with Mrs. Borelli on logistics.
- 6) Reports
 - a) School Council
 - i) No report. Meeting next week.
 - b) Principal's Report – See Addendum #1
 - i) Christmas Baskets: email Debbie King-Brassard if there are families in need. Delivery of food Dec 17.
 - ii) Service Contract Updates:
 - Motion** to approve the Service Contracts for the Homework Assistance Program, the Francisation Program, and the ECA Dance Program.
 - Approved** by Kris de Forest; Seconded by Kiel Howden; All in favor.
 - c) Commissioner's Report – No report
 - i) Commissioner to be confirmed.
 - d) Regional Parent Committee Report
 - i) School board election results: Ward 10 Commissioner, Domenic Pavone; Chairperson, Suanne Stein Day
 - ii) Voter turnout was 22.5%, up by 16.7% from 2007. In the French School Boards voter turnout was under 5%.
 - e) Daycare Report – See Addendum #2
 - i) Playground Pals has started up for lunch and recess (grades 5, 6). Mentor children (K, 1, 2, 3)
 - f) Home & School
 - i) Friendship Bench: family is ok, starting to work on it, will be done in the new year
 - ii) Halloween Dance: biggest ever, \$1,200 profit
 - iii) Cookie Dough: \$5,000 profit approximately. Dec 2nd pickup.
 - iv) Anti-Bullying Day: We will have Pink Shirt day again, but also looking for other ideas. Thinking of linking up with Anti-Homophobia program as assemblies and information sharing part of program.
- 7) Question Period (for Public questions to the Governing Board related to the Reports)
 - a) No questions
- 8) New Business
 - a) Review School Success Plan
 - Discussed as part of Principal's report. Please share any feedback you have.
 - b) Anti-Bullying and Anti-Violence Plan
 - Part of all staff commitment as School Board employees. New hires are given policy to read and abide by. All incidents need to be reported directly to Liz, Debbie, or Beth.
 - c) Approve the management and Success Agreement
 - i) Part of February meeting
- 9) Correspondence
 - a) No correspondence

10) Varia

- a) **Field Trip:** Museum of Fine Arts for grades 3 to 6 during March 24-27, 2015. Culture in School Grant will pay for the buses, students charged \$12 each.
Motion by Suzanne Hermann; Seconded by Darryl Climan; All in favor

- b) **Field Trip:** Disney Beauty and the Beast musical conducted by Kiel Howard at Pierrefond Comprehensive High School, for grades 4 to 6 on February 20, 2015. 203 children, 20 adults, cost of \$10 per person.
Motion by Nadia Franceschini; Seconded by Nathalie Lacombe; All in favor

- c) **Motion** to allow the use of the premises to hold a parent workshop (Anxiety in Children) on February 17, 2015, by Marg Zipay; Seconded by Suzanne Hermann; All in favor

11) Adjournment: Motioned by Heather D'Entremont at 19:55, Seconded by Natalie Lacombe; All in favor

Date Minutes Adopted	Chairperson	Principal
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Addendum #1 – Principal's Report



Principal's Report
November 2014

1. A bit thank you goes out to staff for professional and thorough work done on report card and IEP preparation. Portfolio evening scheduled for November 20th. Hoping for a good turnout. Letters confirming interview appointment times have been sent home. Ped days Nov. 21st (local) and Nov. 28th (boardwide)
2. Thank you to Home and School for organizing another successful Craft Fair. Mme. Prevost's homeroom won the contest to see which homeroom turns out with the most students and their families, and non perishable food items.
3. Halloween went very well, with the addition of costumes this year. The students were incredibly well behaved! Hat day raised over 400\$, in all the school board raised over \$60K for breast cancer research.
4. Remembrance Day Assembly was held, organized by Grade six, was the most touching and respectful student assembly on this theme I have ever attended.
5. School success plan/management agreement –
School level sub-committee will attend a board level workshop December 8th to get the ball rolling on creation of our new school success 5 year plan. This time around, the vision is "lean and mean" . Input from governing board welcomed.
Annual report will be prepared in December/January , to be presented at February governing board meeting.
6. Budget
We have received the parameters. November revised budget will be circulated at December meeting for approval/adoption. Funding for teacher computer purchasing has also been released to the school. 5 new teacher laptops have been promised. Our NTIC allocation went up, which covered the last smartboard we need to order for Mme. Nathalie's K class. 10 refurb units ordered to upgrade student lab, waiting for go ahead to order more ipads.
7. School business:
 - a. Staffing update – 20 hours week additional integration aide time has been granted to Edgewater.
 - b. Homework assistance program started this week. M. Bayer, Linda McEwen, and Chantal Parent will run it (**Service contract approval required**)
 - c. Francisation program will be getting underway shortly. Chantal Parent will run it. (**Service contract approval required.**)
 - d. ECAs - Dance program getting underway. For the moment, hip hop is starting. Leah and Lincoln McKesey will be teaching. (**Service contract approval required**).

- e. Christmas baskets (food drive) – Committee will be giving information to classes re what kids should be bringing in.

8. Resolutions

- a. Field trips –
- b. To allow use of the premises to hold a parent workshop on Feb. 17 (Liz will give info)

Addendum #2 – Daycare

Daycare Notes – November 2014

Pancake Breakfast was a huge success. Over 150 students participated. There was enough pancake mix and syrup left over that we will be able to hold another one in February 2015. This was a no fee activity for all registered daycare students.

Secret Agent Ped Day: Over 110 students are registered for the in-house ped day on Friday. All the activities play on the theme of spies and espionage. The fee was only \$10.

Reminder: The school is closed next Friday, November 28, 2014. There will be no daycare services available on this date.

Christmas Pot Luck: As there is some concern over food allergies with food being brought into the school for our annual daycare Christmas pot luck, so we have adjusted it for this year. We will be hosting the Christmas supper but the daycare will be providing all the food. At present it has not been established whether it will be pizza or some other food prepared by my staff. There is also discussion of a Christmas cookie decorating station, again all the food items will be purchased by the daycare.

Changes in student daycare schedules: The policy has been in force for a number of weeks and there was no negative feedback. Once parents' were made aware of the possibility of children being sent on the bus in error, there was complete cooperation.

Budget: The budget training at the school board for daycare is on Thursday. The daycare budget should be ready to approve at our next governing board meeting.

Staffing: One of the daycare staff is on leave so a replacement educator has been hired. We are finding it difficult to find staff for our lunch program. Please refer any potential candidates to Beth.

Classroom Changes: We are starting a new term so the daycare will be moving to new classrooms. Teachers have been more than accommodating.