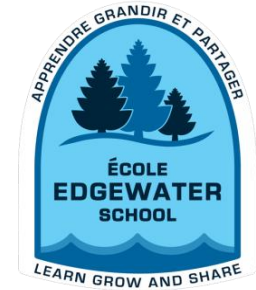


Edgewater Governing Board Minutes

February 16th, 2015



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 Community: Jodie Roberts (Sec)	Suzanne Hermann Absences: Darryl Climan Guests:
RR = Regional Parent Committee Representative RA = Regional Parent Committee Alternate Sec = Secretary			

- 1) Welcome at 19:07
- 2) Adoption of the Agenda
 - Motioned** by Marg Zipay, Seconded by Deborah King-Brassard; All in Favor
- 3) Adoption of the December 09, 2014 Minutes
 - Motion** to approve by Daphne Amster, Seconded by Beth Miller; All in Favor
- 4) Question Period (for Public questions to the Governing Board)
 - a) **Question:** Grade 3 Parent wants to know when they will be informed as to the future of iPads for next year's Grade 4 classes
Answer: They are still in discussion regarding the roll-out. Edgewater wants to do it, but we want to send out the information once the staffing is confirmed. Should be in April or May 2015.
- 5) Business Arising from the Minutes
 - a) Nutrition Survey/ Nutrition Policy
 - i) Discussions have continued. Will be holding another vote.
 - b) Anti-Homophobia Program
 - i) Lesson plans are ready, everyone is on board.

- c) Report on evaluation of the implementation of success plan (s. 83, 110.3.1)
 - i) In Principal's report
- 6) Reports
- a) School Council
 - i) No report.
 - b) Principal's Report – See Addendum #1
 - i) Enrollment criteria applied to next year's registrations
 - ii) 2 million kids took part in the Kindness Challenge overall. Next year a committee will be formed to oversee it for Edgewater as it's too much work for one person
 - iii) **Resolve** to accept the Annual Report as presented to the Edgewater Governing Board on Monday February 16, 2015. **Motion** by Kris de Forest; Seconded by Daphne Amster; All in favor.
 - c) Commissioner's Report – See Addendum #2
 - d) Regional Parent Committee Report – See Addendum #3
 - e) Daycare Report – See Addendum #4
 - i) **Motion** to allow daycare to use Zig Zag Zoo for the March 20 Ped Day, by Nadia Franceschini; Seconded by Lily Medeiros; All in favor.
 - f) Home & School
 - i) H&S paid for an iPad for Music
 - ii) Parents will be able to choose their fundraising package
 - iii) Difficult getting quotes for the cubbies
 - iv) For antibullying week we will be giving all students bracelets and there will be a performer on the Friday
 - v) Discussion on Edgewater's 50th Anniversary Event
Motion to allow Home & School the use of Edgewater Premises as per the Report (See Addendum #5) provided there is a valid Security Presence, by Kris de Forest; Seconded by Marg Zipay; All in Favor.
- 7) Question Period (for Public questions to the Governing Board related to the Reports)
- a) **No Questions.**
- 8) New Business
- a) Budget Consultations Begin (Closure Date: March 31, 2015)
Please send in any comments
 - b) Selection Criteria for Principal/ Center Director Consultation
Use "consistent" instead of "strong disciplinarian"
- 9) Correspondence
- a) Quebec Schools Online: Opportunities for English-Language Education

10) Varia

- a) **Gym Rental:** Request to use the School Gym on Saturday March 21, 2015 from 1:30pm to 6:30pm for "mini soccer games" by Lisa Nelson
Motioned by Daphne Amster; Seconded by Kiel Howden; Vote: All in Favor
- b) Ratification of email vote. **Motion** to allow Home & School to Request Families contribute towards TSAW.
Vote: All in Favor
- c) Ratification of email vote. **Motion** for a Jr. Leadership Day field trip to Westpark Elementary School by 8 Cycle 3 students on Friday February 6, 2015.
Vote: All in Favor
- d) Ratification of email vote. **Motion** to allow Gerry Mitchell to perform for our school the morning of Friday February 27th as part of our anti-bullying week activities.
Vote: All in Favor
- e) **Motion** to allow Brooke to raise funds for the Montreal Children's Hospital and then cut her hair at the School Open House, by Daphne Amster; Seconded by Claudette Benoit; All in Favor

11) Adjournment: Motioned by Kiel Howden at 21:05, Seconded by Natalie Lacombe; All in favor

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

February 2015

Kindergarten open house was a great success. We already have close to 70 registrations for the 2014-2015 school year. Due to capacity, we are limited to 3 kindergartens this year.

The Kindness Challenge went very well. It will be repeated in 2015-2016.

Feb 6. Junior Leadership Day for selected Grade 5 and 6 students went very well also. Thanks to principals Messina and Rabinovitch for organizing this special day long event.

Thank you to home and school for organizing a lovely TSAW week of activities. The timing couldn't have been better, after this long, indoor recess filled month of January.

The annual "exam marathon" begins in March. Students in Grades 3 to 6 will be doing board level or MELS exams from now to the end of June. Very important that parents take these exams seriously – students should not go on holidays during the school year, and in particular during exam periods.

An art education stagiaire from Concordia is currently assigned to Art and Grade 5 for 10 weeks, one day a week.

Feb 20 Beauty and the Beast for Grades 4 – 6 at PCHS.

All of the Grade 6 re-registration forms for high school were returned in a timely fashion and have been forwarded to the high schools.

Report cards going home the week of March 18, interviews on March 19.

Feb 23 Olympic gold medallist visits Edgewater, Feb 24 winter carnival, Feb 25 anti-bullying day (pink shirts), Feb 26 Grade 1 and 2 field trip/ Cycle 2 and 3 Anti homophobia assemblies, Feb 27 Gerry Mitchell presentations/ Cycle 1 anti homophobia assembly... busy week!

Spring concert will be held March 25 and 26. Due to capacity of the gym, parents will be invited to one of the two nights. Students will be expected to perform both nights, except for Kindergarten and Grade 1, who will each be performing one of the two nights.

Email went home to parents about having a warm sweater on the back of chairs in case of emergency evacuation, as well as the necessity for shoes on at all times...

Amazing Prevention Adventure: Online registration is now open. 3 dates in March. Parents and students in Grades 5 and 6, talking about high risk behaviours.

And now, the annual report... ☺

Addendum #2 – Commissioner’s Report

Edgewater Governing Board

February 10th, 2015

At its December 15th, 2014 and January 26th, 2015 meetings, the Council of Commissioners:

- Decided to delay the adoption of a new policy governing Home Schooling to allow for further input from representatives of the home schooling community.
- Adopted the School Enrolment Criteria for 2015-2016 which are essentially unchanged from 2014-2015.
- Received the audited LBPSB Financial Statements for 2013-2014. These can be found on the board website at: www.lbpsb.qc.ca/content/finances/Lester%20B%20Pearson_2014.PDF
- Launched the 2015-2016 Budget Priorities Consultation.
- Authorized an increase of 3% in the price schedule for the 2015-2016 rental of school facilities. The objective is to break-even on this service to community groups and generally still leaves the LBPSB’s rates lower than other offered by similar organizations (school boards, cegeps, municipalities).
- Approved a mandate for the board’s new Communications and Innovation Committee which includes exploring the “appropriate use of technology and new innovative marketing and communication approaches” and making “recommendations... so that technology is used to its full potential to ensure effective, current and informative messaging”.
- Received a report on school library services from the student commissioners indicating that LBPSB (especially high school) students would like greater access provided to digital books and also more space for individual study in the libraries.

The Questions and Answers concerning the LBPSB budget for the current school year have been published on the board website at:

www.lbpsb.qc.ca/content/finances/Budget_Questions_and_Answers_2014_2015.pdf

and in the December issue of the Pearson News at www.lbpsb.qc.ca/eng/pearsonnews/pdf/Pearson-News-Volume-XVII-No-4.pdf

The Pearson Educational Foundation (PEF) announced that over \$40,000 in grants has already been allocated this year, with another \$20,000 approved in principle pending new funds to be received. The list of approved grants will be available on the PEF web site <http://pef.lbpsb.qc.ca> .

The Quebec Minister of Education visited the LBPSB in January and indicated that, although none of the anticipated school board merger plans are expected to involve our board, major changes to the overall governance of school boards in the province could be expected to be announced in the near future.

The next regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners is scheduled for Monday, February 23rd at 7:30 pm. and, as are all council meetings, will be webcast via the board website.

Addendum #3 – Parent Committee Representative

Region 1 Report December 2014 & January 2015

-The GB training took place on January 29th.

-The most important issues that will be in every committees agendas in the future, will be the budget cuts and the school board re-structuring. One good thing is that LBPSB has been running a lean budget for quite a few years. Even other school and the government had asked how do we do it.

In these challenging times we have to work together even with the parent community to find new and innovative ways to do things more efficiently. We have to take this opportunity to show how exceptional our school board and schools are and that we will not let the kids down.

We had the person who

- The school board is looking into getting a communication & marketing committee together, which is one of next year's school board objectives to improve communication to parents.

- Chartwells contract to be renewed soon, not too many other companies can meet the school board requirement, we do not have much selection. But it is the time to come up with the issues the schools face with Chartwells.

Addendum #4 – Daycare

Edgewater Daycare Notes February 2015

Teacher Appreciation:

On behalf of the whole daycare and lunch staff I would like to thank Home and School and all others parties involved for including the support staff in this event. It is greatly appreciated to be included as part of the team. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed all the treats.

Training: 9 staff went to a training entitled "wiggles and giggles" orchestrated by our Educational Services and its Special Needs Group. The purpose was to train our staff with strategies to support our student population who have difficulties staying focused and respecting personal space.

Daycare room changes: as the new term arrives so will the classrooms used for daycare in the morning and after school. Teachers have been more than accommodating to the needs of the daycare and its staff, especially considering the space constraints that exist in our school.

Staffing: A new employee has been hired to replace one of our regular daycare educators, who is on an extended leave. The students have adjusted quite well to the changes in staff and routines.

Safety: an additional 6 walkie talkies have been added for staff use. This frees up walkie talkies for bus duty teachers, daycare and administration all to use at the same time.

Chartwells: there were 2 weeks in late January/early February where the service of hot lunches was awful.....the count was off by 9+ meals each day, requiring the school to have to feed these kids "breakfast for lunch". Class lists were incorrect; families who ordered on-line, names did not appear on class order lists. This occurred for 6 lunch services. Numerous complaints from students and parents were fielded. Chartwell's support service was poor, initially; eventually after getting the board and senior management of Chartwells involved the service did improve. Additional lunches were provided by the company while they sorted out the problems, along with an additional case of juice boxes provided for count mistakes. They also reimbursed the school for the lunches we had to give children who were supposed to have a hot lunch but there were none available.

Tax receipts: are in the process of being prepared. They have to be distributed no later than February 28, 2015. The cost of mailing all the tax receipts is now well over \$500. As a cost savings to the daycare, we are going to try distributing the tax receipts through the students on a specific day. As a safe guard an ERM's will be sent out the same evening to remind parents to check their child's school bag. Anyone absent on the distribution day will be mailed that evening.

Tax information letter has been posted on our website and a hard copy was available at the daycare sign in door for all daycare families.

Ped days:

February 5, 2015: Due to extreme temperatures, we opted not to go sliding at Parc Olympique. As there was enough snow in the school yard we continued with the program, at EW, but with the ability to warm up frequently. 105 students participated on the day.

March 20, 2015: the venue had to be changed, from Sportira Cage to ZigZagZoo in Vaudreuil-Dorion due to space limitations. Approval required from governing board.

Outstanding fees: final collection letters will be sent out by the end of this week to all families with an outstanding fee.

Lunch Fees: It was recommended by the Daycare Manager that the lunch fees be raised again for 2015-16. We will discuss this at the March meeting.

Addendum #5 – HOME & SCHOOL EVENT REQUEST

To: Edgewater Governing Board

Subject: Edgewater 50th Anniversary Alumni Reunion

From: Edgewater Home and School Association 50th Anniversary Committee

We are requesting permission to hold an adult only (18+) event in the school to celebrate the 50th anniversary. It will be an event open to the community in hopes of having past and present staff members and past students in attendance. This event will not be considered a school fundraiser. Any surplus money will be added back into the H&S bank to be allocated to the school as we do for all events.

Event Date – Friday April 17, 2015

Event Time – 7:00pm till 11:00pm

The format we would like to have for the evening is as follows

7:00pm – 9:00pm a social that would include small tours of the school accompanied by a volunteer every 15-20 minutes.

9:00pm – 11:00pm a dance with a DJ (hallways of school roped off after 9:00pm so no access to classrooms etc.. during this time)

We would like to get a license to sell alcohol. It would be wine and beer (no hard liquor). Tickets would be sold for all drinks. We will need to see what is available to us i.e. discounts on wine, beer on consignment etc... before knowing what we can charge for these drink tickets.

The registration fee that we charge would be based on quotes for catering (hors d'oeuvres) and additional expenses such as the liquor license, any rentals needed, the DJ, custodial services, security (if we choose to hire outside).

We are looking at a fee of between \$10 and \$15 per person which would include food and 1 drink ticket (we would also add the option to purchase a ticket at the door for a slightly higher price than pre orders). Staff and alumni would also be able to bring a guest at the same registration price.

Staff (past and present) would not be charged an entrance/registration fee in order to entice them to attend.

We will also ensure that the amount of tickets sold meets the fire regulation based on the setup we choose (sit down with tables, lounge etc...).

Thank you for taking this event into consideration, we feel that this is a very important milestone for Edgewater to be celebrating and feel that it is an event that the entire Edgewater and Pincourt community will enjoy.

- Access to the Edgewater Gym for Friday April 17, 2015
- Gym for set up of event as of early afternoon
- Permission to sell alcohol
- Permission to charge registration fee
- Tours of school given by a volunteer from 7-9