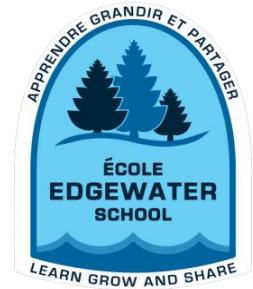


Edgewater Governing Board Minutes

March 17th, 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	Nathalie Lacombe Heather D'Entremont Marg Zipay Daphne Amster Deborah King-Brassard Kiel Howden	Liz Rivard (Principal) Beth Miller (Daycare)	Beth Miller Nadia Franceschini Suzanne Hermann
		Commissioner: Wayne Clifford	
		Community: Jodie Roberts (Sec)	Absences:
			Guests:
RR = Regional Parent Committee Representative RA = Regional Parent Committee Alternate Sec = Secretary			

- 1) Welcome at 19:05. Happy Birthday to Heather! ☺
- 2) Adoption of the Agenda
Motioned by Kiel Howden, Seconded by Kris de Forest; All in Favor
- 3) Adoption of the February 16, 2015 Minutes
Motion to approve by Marg Zipay, Seconded by Darryl Climan; 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) Almost a "fait accompli". Will be formalized.
- 6) Reports
 - a) School Council
 - i) Highlights of last meeting reviewed
 - b) Principal's Report – See Addendum #1
 - i) Drumroll.... We will have 4 Kindergarten classes next year!
 - c) Commissioner's Report – See Addendum #2
 - d) Regional Parent Committee Report – See Addendum #3

- e) Daycare Report – See Addendum #4
- f) Home & School
 - i) Request to move 50th Anniversary Event date to May 29th. Currently a conflict with that date but an email confirmation will be sent out when resolved.
 - ii) Open House in May: will there be coordination for the thank you pizza for volunteers?
 - iii) Teachers need to hand in their Financial receipts by 2nd week in April (budget in May)
 - iv) Fundraising: a little disappointed with results. 149 opt-outs for the current drive. 123 orders, 101 no responses. 90% of those who opted out don't sell cookie dough. Both are our biggest events.
- 7) Question Period (for Public questions to the Governing Board related to the Reports)
 - a) **No Questions.**
- 8) New Business
 - a) Review GB composition and request change from school board (s. 43, 103)
 - i) No changes required
 - b) 3 year plan of allocation consultation – Deadline April 16, 2015
 - i) Reviewed
- 9) Correspondence
 - a) The inbox was full! But mainly of past events.
- 10) Varia
 - a) **The Music Man Jr, Walking Field Trip:** 4 Grade 1, 2 Grade 4, increased volunteers. St Patrick's, Wed April 22, 9:30am-12pm.
Motioned by Kris de Forest; Seconded by Darryl Climan; Vote: All in Favor
 - b) **Grade 6 Botanical Gardens, Planetarium Field Trip:** 66 students, Wed April 15. Cost of \$16.00 (buses paid by Culture in the School Grant).
Motioned by Marg Zipay; Seconded by Kris de Forest; Vote: All in Favor
 - c) **Destination Imagination:** Tournament in Vaudreuil Friday April 24 (Ped Day). Travelling by Bus, no cost to parents.
Motioned by Kris de Forest; Seconded by Marg Zipay; Vote: All in Favor
 - d) **iPad Program 2015-2016:** Met with 2 teachers for next year's Grade 4 classes to start planning. Info session for current-Grade 3 parents will be April 21 (plan, contingency, etc). Info session for current-Grade 4 classes will be March 31. Finalization of staff can only be known in September.
- 11) Adjournment: Motioned by Kris de Forest at 20:25, Seconded by Kiel Howden; All in favor

Date Minutes Adopted

Chairperson

Principal

Addendum #1 – Principal's Report

Principal's report to Governing Board March 17, 2015

Report cards coming out this week. Thank you to staff for their hard work and diligence in preparing report cards, as well as IEPs. Parent teacher interviews March 19th.

High school mini day orientation to take place in April (28).

Major school change process begins end of this month. Time to start thinking of where Edgewater fits in this process. How do we meet the growing demand for immersion education off island? How do we best serve our community?

Please complete SEVEQ survey for parents. Sorry for technical glitch with ERMS message. Everyone should have received the link by now. Your input is very important for creation of the new success plan. I would hope that all governing board members would complete it.

Students from Grades 4 to 6 will also be asked to complete the TELL THEM FROM ME survey for a second time in April.

Pink t-shirt day /anti bullying/ antihomophobia assembly very successful. Thanks to Home and School for their support of these ventures.

Fun was had by all at our Carnival day before March break. Thank you so much to teachers for organizing during a very bus time of school year and thanks to H&S and volunteers for hot chocolate. No thanks will be offered to the weatherman.

Also, big thank you for TSAW extravaganza. Being thanked so extensively makes the miserable month of February much more bearable.

Kindergarten Open House June 8th ped day. If chair or a rep from Governing Board could be present that would be great. Great time to build interest in new parents.

Spring Concert March 25 and 26. K's on 25, 1's on 26.

Hip hop cancelled this Thursday and next Thursday as well. Both dance classes will continue until Open House. Additional \$\$ contribution from parents being requested. Money for tap classes returned to parents this week as no teacher was found.

Working on the school calendar for next year, and starting the process of planning field trip calendar as well

This Sunday, LBPSB will be represented at the St. Patrick parade. Feel free to join us in the parade if you are going.



1. **École active 2015**

We are pleased to announce that the program *École active* will be held again this year. By granting financial support, this initiative encourages physical, sports and outdoor activities, as well as lasting ethical and safe behaviours in schools, particularly for the less physically active children. The program's goal is to encourage public and private schools offering pre-K, elementary or high school education and school daycare services to enhance or diversify the quality of their offerings in terms of physical, sports and outdoor activities.

New this year!

Special attention will be given to outdoor activities projects, pre-K student (4 & 5-year-old kindergarten) projects and handicapped student projects.

To be eligible, the projects must focus on:

- indoor or outdoor spaces development for physical, sports and outdoor activities; or
- buying or repairing equipment for physical, sports and outdoor activities; or
- buying equipment or developing spaces aimed at the development of basic motor skills in the kindergarten grades; or
- buying or adapting equipment or spaces to allow or facilitate physical, sports or outdoor activities for handicapped students; or
- enhancing security or ethical behaviours while performing physical, sports or outdoor activities.

Every selected school will receive some financial support, up to 65% of the new project execution costs or of the extra costs for upgrading an existing project, up to \$6,500.

To register your school or for more information, please visit

www.mels.gouv.qc.ca/ecoleactive

<http://www.mels.gouv.qc.ca/enseignants/ecole-active/>

Addendum #2 – Commissioner’s Report

Edgewater Governing Board

March 17th, 2015

News from the February 23rd regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners:

- **A much greener school board!** It was reported that the LBPSB has globally met and even exceeded its energy-efficiency targets as set by MELS. There have been major improvements in this regard over the past decade at all schools and centres. Council adopted a resolution congratulating the Equipment Services Department for spearheading this very positive initiative.
- **Summer School.** The locations for 2015 were confirmed as St. Thomas High and Lasalle Community Comprehensive High, as per last year. Summer School dates will be July 6th to July 24th inclusive. Transportation will be made available for off-island students.
- **Three-year Plan of Allocation and Destination of Immovables.** As required by the Education Act, this annual consultation with schools, centres and other consultees such as municipalities was launched.
- **Pearson Education Foundation Grant Applications.** PEF has announced that the deadline for 2015-2016 grant applications has been significantly advanced to June 30th, 2015 with Governing Board approval required in advance. Grants will be decided upon in October.
- **Student Commissioners.** Council received a report from the Central Students’ Committee urging an improvement in the standard of bathroom cleanliness throughout the board.
- **Parent Commissioners.** The Central Parents’ Committee reported on certain concerns they have about the security aspects of Google Apps for Education (GAFE). In addition, they are urging a stronger emphasis on promoting and marketing of our schools.

In addition, please see the February Pearson News at

<http://www.lbpsb.qc.ca/eng/pearsonnews/pdf/Pearson-News-Volume-XVII-No-6.pdf>

The next regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners is scheduled for Monday, March 30th at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne Clifford, M.Ed. C.C.C.

Addendum #3 – Parent Committee Representative

Region 1 Report February 2015

- 1) April 24 & 25th is the 13th Edition of the Junior Robot for grade 3rd to Secondary 5 at John Rennie High School.
- 2) School Board is looking for a platform for all the schools websites. They are looking at a 2 year period to be on the same platform.
- 3) EPCA had a meeting with the minister of education. We have the ear of the minister.
- 4) Tops will take place on April 17th & 18th. On the 17th the schools are invited (elementary schools, grade 5 & 6). Theme, 100 years of the top hits of each decades.

Rhiannon Sparkes, Elementary School Teacher, Dorset Elementary School, Quebec. She is an Apple Educator was 1 of 3 teachers chosen in North America by Apple for her work with The Secret Garden video project.

She set out to build a lesson that would deeply engage her students in the setting and themes of *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett. By using books and apps on iPad, her fifth graders tap into their creativity and express their knowledge in the way that best suits their individual learning style.

Rhiannon's students download a free version of *The Secret Garden* from the iBooks Store. They start by reading the novel together as a class to get a sense of the plot. This way, each student has the foundational context to dive deeper into the complex concepts and characters at a pace that best suits their individual skill level.

- 5) Chartwell: Presentation from Janet Maccullie from the school board Food Service and Nutrition.

-Portions; as per the nutritionist the portions are norms, 1/3 of a child's requirement.

-We are not the only ones with a drop off service that use our staff to distribute the meals.

-All different companies: The schools could not all have different companies because the issues would still fall on the School Board (ex: food poisoning). Also it would be quite the logistics for the board (ex: food quality). And Chartwells prices would not be as good if only a few schools use their service. We presently have volume pricing.

-If we have questions or comments we can contact the school boards Food Service and Nutrition department.

Claudette Benoit

Addendum #4 – Daycare

Edgewater Daycare Notes March 2015

Pancake Breakfast: over 150 students enjoyed the pancake breakfast held last Wednesday morning. Each student enjoyed pancakes, strawberries, cantaloupes and a juice. For those who didn't care for pancakes we offered cereal and milk. There were enough leftovers, to warm for the following day as well!

Destination Imagination: the students meet regularly at lunch in the library. We have 2 teams participating again this year. The tournament will be held in Vaudreuil on April 24, 2015. GB approval required for this. We will be travelling by bus. There is no cost to the parents.

Staffing: there will be some staff changes starting on March 26, 2015 in the daycare as another educator will be on leave.

Chartwells: the service has improved regarding the count. For next school year the daycare will not be able to cover the staffing costs for the distribution of the hot meals three days/week. A surcharge to families using the service should be considered.

Taxes: tax receipts were delivered through the students' homeroom classes. Teachers were very cooperative in distributing them to all students. Those students who were absent had their tax receipts mailed; along with last year's grade 6 graduates. An ERMs was also sent out to all families to advise them to check their child's school bags for the receipts. This method of distribution was at a huge savings in postage to the daycare.

Outstanding Fees: A follow up letter was sent to all families with outstanding fees. There were 20 families whose files have been forwarded to the board's finance department.

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