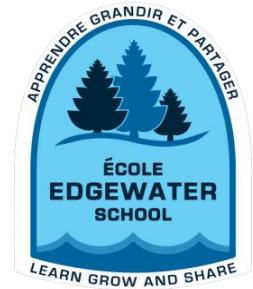


Edgewater Governing Board Minutes

April 28th, 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)	Lily Medeiros Suzanne Hermann
		Commissioner: Wayne Clifford	
		Community: Jodie Roberts (Sec)	Absences:
			Guests: Barbara Freeston
RR = Regional Parent Committee Representative RA = Regional Parent Committee Alternate Sec = Secretary			

- 1) Welcome at 19:05.
- 2) Adoption of the Agenda
Motioned by Darryl Climan; Seconded by Marg Zipay; All in Favor
- 3) Adoption of the March 17, 2015 Minutes
Motion to approve by Kris de Forest; Seconded by Kiel Howden; All in Favor
- 4) Question Period (for Public questions to the Governing Board)
 - a) **Concern:** Could the current labour unrest affect our school?
Response: The Teacher's Union is in contract negotiation. Some talk of Pressure tactics has been heard. See Principal's Report (Addendum #1) for more.
- 5) Business Arising from the Minutes
 - a) Pearson Education Foundation – Barbara Freeston
 - i) PEF is a Registered Charity and Legally independent entity
 - ii) Along with providing grants for school projects, can help collect funds for a school fundraiser and provide tax receipts for donations over \$20.
 - iii) Numerous fundraisers can be held simultaneously. All managed online.
 - iv) PEF charges a 3% administration fee (most charities take 5.9 to 9.9%)
 - v) \$8.5 million has been siphoned out in the last 3 years. Contingency and extras will be gone.

- 6) Reports
 - a) School Council
 - i) Highlights of last meeting reviewed
 - b) Principal's Report – See Addendum #1
 - i) City of Pincourt starting to get really upset with the large number of cars being parked in front of the school. Parents need to respect the drop-off times and zones.
 - ii) **Motion** to accept the School Nutrition Policy as prevented (does not apply to Home and School) by Daphne Amster; seconded by Darryl Climan; 10 in favor; 2 abstain
 - c) Commissioner's Report – See Addendum #2
 - d) Regional Parent Committee Report
 - i) Bathrooms remain #1 on our list of improvement requests
 - e) Daycare Report – See Addendum #3
 - i) **Motion** to increase Lunch Fees to \$350 a year per child by Darryl Climan; seconded by Kiel Howden; All in Favor.
 - f) Home & School
 - i) Movie night May 1st
 - ii) Still waiting on fundraising money from some families
 - iii) Principal for a day in May
- 7) Question Period (for Public questions to the Governing Board related to the Reports)
 - a) **No Questions.**
- 8) New Business
 - a) LBPSB Major School Change
 - i) Discussion held. Mike Aragona will send email to see if anyone interested in a sub-committee
 - b) Volunteer Recognition Evening
 - i) Event cancelled
 - c) Air Quality Testing
 - i) Underway. See note from School Board for more information
 - d) By-law 1 (2015): A By-law to fix the day/time/place of regular meetings of the Council of Commissioners – Consultation Deadline May 8, 2015
 - i) Any comments should be submitted
 - e) By-law 1E (2015): A By-law to fix the day/time/place of regular meetings of the Executive Committee – Consultation Deadline May 8, 2015
 - i) Any comments should be submitted.
- 9) Correspondence
 - a) No correspondence to share

10) Varia

- a) **Ratification** of email vote. Pulse Aide Inc. BabySitting course to our Grade 6 students, running April 13-16 (4 days) from 3:20pm to 6 pm (\$ 55 per student). Vote: All in favor
- b) **Ratification** of email vote. Grant Miss Daphne Permission to drive 3 Grade 6 Students to the Centre Multisports in Vaudreuil for the awarding of prizes related to the Quebec Entrepreneurial Contest on April 30th. Vote: All in favor
- c) **End of School Year Swimming Field Trip:** Sometime in June (same as every year at Olympic Park).
Motioned by Beth Miller; Seconded by Daphne Amster; Vote: All in Favor
- d) **Grade 6 Super Aqua Club Field Trip:** 66 students, 6 adults, Friday June 19, 2015. Cost of \$35.00
Motioned by Kiel Howden; Seconded by Beth Miller; Vote: 10 in favor; 2 abstain
- e) **Grade 6 Bowling Field Trip:** Cost of \$7.00
Motioned by Kiel Howden; Seconded by Beth Miller; Vote: 10 in favor; 2 abstain
- f) **Future Steps for Children Tech Fair:** Monday June 15, 2015, in the Gym. For classes during the day, and for the Community during the evening. A "Tell and Show" event.
Motioned by Daphne Amster; Seconded by Kiel Howden; Vote: 9 in favor; 3 abstain

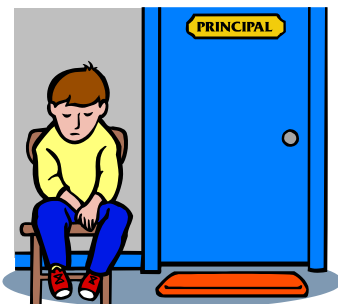
11) Adjournment: Motioned by Marg Zipay at 21:20, Seconded by Kiel Howden; All in favor

Date Minutes Adopted

Chairperson

Principal

Addendum #1 – Principal’s Report



Congratulations to all of the new administrators and administrators with new assignments. In our region, the changes are as follows:

DAOUST	DOMINIQUE	VICE PRINCIPAL	ST THOMAS	PRINCIPAL	BIRCHWOOD
GRANT	PEGGY	VICE PRINCIPAL	LPHS	PRINCIPAL	EVERGREEN
DI IORIO	CARMELA	PRINCIPAL	ALLION	PRINCIPAL	ST PAUL
HARPER	MICHELLE	PRINCIPAL	LAKESIDE	PRINCIPAL	BHS
JOSEPH	DION	PRINCIPAL	PETES	PRINCIPAL	PETES/SOULANGES

School fees – centralization of process taking place – all schools need to follow exactly the same procedures to come up with school fees to create more coherence across the system. Breakdown of school charges will be presented to Governing Board at May meeting.

We are entering a period of labour unrest, with teacher contracts under negotiation. I have full confidence that the highly professional Edgewater teaching staff will not allow any pressure tactics to compromise the academic success of their students in any way.

May 14th Open House going forward as scheduled. Mini dance recital will be held at 7:30 p.m. (very brief)

Major School Change: Looking for ways to rationalize the network, to offer the best possible education to the English sector, to deal with widespread budget cuts and still deliver the goods Where does Edgewater fit into this process? We are full .. which means we are responding to the need expressed by our community... but we can't expand... Where do we want to be 5 years from now? How do we deal with the demand for the early immersion program? How can we maximize use of the two English schools in our community? School board is looking for any and all suggestions. Governing board can submit a brief. Can seek input from the community. Could do a joint brief with St. Pat's.

Guiding Questions • What do you want for your students, your school community? •What do we need to do in order to achieve what we want for our students/community while also thinking of the good of the system?

Analyze the situation at your school and those schools around you • Is there an obvious problem that needs to be addressed? • Are there obvious solutions? • What are your parents asking for in your school? • Is the school meeting the community needs? • Are there new programs that would “sell” in your neighbourhood?

Key dates of the MSC process:

- Community Meetings (as requested)
- Briefs (due October 31, 2015)

- Public Hearings (Nov 17-18-19, 2015)
- Lock – Up (Dec 14, 2015)
- Decision Webcast (Dec 14, 2015)
- Press Conference (decision time)
- Post-decision information (after Dec 14, 2015)

Draft calendar has been set for 2015 -2016, but we are experiencing a glitch finalizing the calendar. Teaching staff have voted to reduce or eliminate work off nights in 2015-2016. This would have an impact on evening events – concert, open house, grad, vernissage, etc. We’d have to come up with a new model for these events if all work off nights are eliminated next year. As soon as results of the vote can be assessed, calendar will be finalized.

School success plan committee meeting in school as well as attending a board level workshop next week, as we continue the process of shaping our plan for the next five years.

Parent teacher interviews went very well.

Have received Edgewater’s preliminary staffing allocation for 2015 2016. We have been given the go ahead to open 4 kindergartens which is great news, however, the rest of the allocation is very lean (one less homeroom in Cycle 1), and reduced resource support. It is still early, and we are lobbying for more. ERC will be returned to the homeroom teacher.

Also due to budget cuts, changes foreseen in the kindergarten workload. Specialist time being reduced from 6 to 3 periods per week. Looking at lengthening the lunch hour by 18 minutes a day to ensure k teachers still receive the 180 minutes of preparation time per week.

1-1 technology project... two parent information meetings held, for current and future parents... thank you to Daphne and the rest of the team for volunteering their time to run these helpful sessions!!

Welcome to our World high school transition workshop in May, one grade six student chosen to represent Edgewater – Dwight Sinclair.

High school miniday by all accounts went very well.

Thank you to Mme Anto and Mr. Friedman for organizing an amazing vernissage. The quality of the work produced by the students never ceases to amaze me.

No changes planned for the subject time allocation.

4 more fire drills to take place between now and the end of the school year.

Nutrition policy survey results will be presented. Looking for a final vote from Governing Board re: formalizing the policy at this point.

Parking issues will be discussed.

Field trip approvals required.

Addendum #2 – Commissioner’s Report

May 2015

News from the April 27th regular meeting of the LBPSB Council of Commissioners:

Director General Announces Retirement. After more than 42 years of service in public education, the last nine at the helm of the LBPSB, Director General Robert T. (Bob) Mills officially announced he will be retiring at the end of the school year. Even while tributes to the excellence of his leadership were being made, the Council of Commissioners began plans to recruit a successor. A posting for the new DG’s position can be found at http://www.lbpsb.qc.ca/eng/admin/news_scroll/extra/img/22DIRECTORGENERAL.pdf

Administrative Appointments. As is customary at this time of year, Council announced a series of new administrative appointments for the 2015-2016 school year, most necessitated by a number of retirements by principals. The full roster of changes by region can be found at http://www.lbpsb.qc.ca/eng/admin/news_scroll/extra/img/21Resolution_AdministrativeStaffingChanges2015-2016Council.pdf

Home Schooling Policy. After an extended consultation, Council adopted a revised Home Schooling Policy. Such a policy is required by the Education Act to ensure that a student receiving home schooling in Quebec is accorded an evaluation equivalent to what would be provided at school.

Food Services Contract. Following a public tendering process, a contract for the provision of food services throughout the network of schools, centres and offices of the Lester B. Pearson School Board was awarded to Groupe Compass (Québec) Ltée (Chartwells) for a period of three years, beginning July 1, 2015 and concluding June 30, 2018, with options for two (2) additional years.

Three-year Plan of Allocation and Destination of Immovables 2015-2018. As a follow-up to the recent consultation, Council adopted a resolution confirming this plan.

In addition, please see the April Pearson News at <http://www.lbpsb.qc.ca/eng/pearsonnews/pdf/Pearson-News-Volume-XVII-No-8.pdf>

The next regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners is scheduled for Monday, May 25th at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wayne Clifford, M.Ed.,C.C.C.
Commissioner Ward 12

Addendum #4 – Daycare

Daycare Notes April 2015

Destination Imagination Tournament: Edgewater had 13 students participate in the LBPSB Destination Imagination Tournament on Friday, April 24, 2015. Over 200 students from 12 schools participated in this event held at the Opti-Center in Vaudreuil-Dorion.

Ped Days:

- **Western Ped Day:** there were 85 students who attended the in-house western ped day. Kids dressed up, we had a photo booth, western games and crafts. Cowboy lunch was eaten all together in the gym.
- **Bowling Ped Day:** May 15, 2015 walking to the Pincourt Bowling Alley. It has become a favorite ped day and a celebration that summer is really here!

Brault and Boutillier: 2 staff attended a workshop at Brault and Boutillier. The workshop focused on new innovative games and creative art projects. The daycare spent \$500 on craft supplies and cooperative games.

Earth Day Initiative: a number of Grade 2 and 3 students carried out a garbage cleanup project in the school yard during April. They collected over 9 bags of garbage. They will be continuing with a sweeping project to push all the pebbles back into the school playground.

Daycare Rate Increase: Here is the link from Revenue Quebec that was published on April 22nd. It also indicates that the in-school daycares rate will be set as a flat rate, not based on the parent's income (only for CPE's parent users). This information may be important to parents registering for Daycare next year, the website:

http://www.revenuquebec.ca/en/citoyen/situation/parent/autres_infos/contraddsdgsubv.aspx

The link is in English and will be forwarded to all daycare parents, as well as posted on the school website.

Registration /Forms 2015-16: The lunch and daycare registration forms will be going out in the first weeks of May. Parents must complete the forms in order to participate in the lunch and or daycare program.

IPad Pickup: We have adjusted the sign in sheet at the daycare area to incorporate a column for the parents to initial pick up and drop off of their child's IPad. We have also had a dolly constructed that the locked filing cabinet sits on, allowing the unit to be moved closer to the sign in area allowing easier access for the educator to hand the IPads out.

Staff has also been reminded to insist on signatures from all parents and to keep the cabinet locked.

Second Issue of Tax Receipts: April 14, 2015 the second issue of tax receipts were mailed to those families who made an additional payment on their 2013-2014 outstanding fees.

Lunch Fee Increase: The daycare requests a raise in lunch fees from \$335 /year to \$350/year. The lunch program has been running at a deficit for the past few years. Staff salaries continue to go up and the lunch program must be self-sufficient.