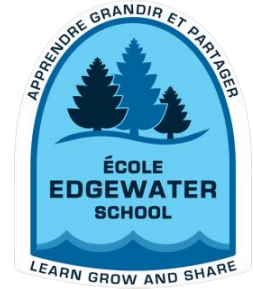


# Edgewater Governing Board Minutes

## June 09th, 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)	Darryl Climan Kris de Forest Claudette Benoit Kiel Howden
		<b>Commissioner:</b> Wayne Clifford	
		<b>Community:</b> Jodie Roberts (Sec)	<b>Absences:</b>
			<b>Guests:</b>
RR = Regional Parent Committee Representative RA = Regional Parent Committee Alternate Sec = Secretary			

- 1) Welcome at 19:02 and Happy Retirement to Marg! 😊
- 2) Adoption of the Agenda  
**Motioned** by Lily Medeiros; Seconded by Heather D'Entremont; All in Favor
- 3) Adoption of the April 28, 2015 Minutes  
**Motion** to approve Marg Zipay; Seconded by Beth Miller; All in Favor
- 4) Question Period (for Public questions to the Governing Board)
  - a) **No Questions.**
- 5) Business Arising from the Minutes
  - a) n/a
- 6) Reports
  - a) School Council
    - i) Highlights of last meeting reviewed
  - b) Principal's Report – See Addendum #1
    - i) **Motion** to approve Proposed School Budget 2015-2016 by Suzanne Hermann; seconded by Nadia Franceschini; All in Favor
    - ii) **Resolution** to approve the PEF grant request for the Multi-Sensory Relaxation Tools for the Classroom (Total amount \$2,528.21) by Beth Miller; seconded by Lily Medeiros; Majority in Favor
    - iii) **Resolution** to increase 2015-2016 School Fees to \$45.00 and approve the Supply List by Daphne Amster; seconded by Deborah King-Brassard; Majority 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 Update Daycare Handbook with GB-approved changes by Marg Zipay; seconded by Lily Medeiros; All in Favor
    - ii) **Motion** to approve Proposed Daycare Budget 2015-2016 by Deborah King-Brassard; seconded by Nadia Franceschini; All in Favor
    - iii) **Chartwells:** A pulse survey will be sent to Parents from Liz to get feedback based on how they would feel about our desire to stop using the Chartwells service.
  - f) Home & School
    - i) **Request** to approve the Annual H&S Events as listed:
      - 1) Halloween Dance, Friday October 30, 2015
      - 2) Craft Fair, Saturday November 14, 2015
      - 3) Shop Fest, Saturday April 2, 2016
      - 4) Movie Night, Friday April 29, 2016
      - 5) May Open House/ Pizza Day, exact date to be provided by Edgewater**Motion** by Suzanne Hermann; seconded by Beth Miller; All in Favor
    - ii) **Request** to use a new company, QSP, for the Cookie Dough Campaign. QSP organized per child, has more flavors, includes gluten free and peanut free. **Motion** by Beth Miller; seconded by Heather D'Entremont; All in Favor.
- 7) Question Period (for Public questions to the Governing Board related to the Reports)
- a) **No Questions.**
- 8) New Business
- a) GB Annual Report – See Addendum #5
- 9) Correspondence
- a) 2015-2016 Student Transportation Organizational Plan
  - b) Central Parent Committee Letters to MNAs – See Addendum #6
  - c) Letter from Christina Tetley re: Librarian cutbacks
  - d) An Open Letter to Parents of LBPSB Students
- 10) Varia & Field Trips
- a) **Daycare Field Trips (1/10 adult/student ratio), costs to be determined:**
    - i) McMaze for Pumpkin Picking (by bus)
    - ii) 2 Sledding Trips to Parc Olympic (walking)
    - iii) Bowling at Pincourt Bowling (walking)
    - iv) "Amis de la Forest" at Parc Omega in Montebello (by bus)**Motion** by Suzanne Hermann; seconded by Daphne Amster; All in Favor

b) **September 2015 Field Trips:**

- i) Kindergarten field trip to Quinn's Farm
- ii) Grade 6 Ultimate Frisbee competition

**Motion**, in principle, ONLY if work to rule sanction has been lifted, by Nadia Franceschini;  
seconded by Deborah King-Brassard; All in Favor

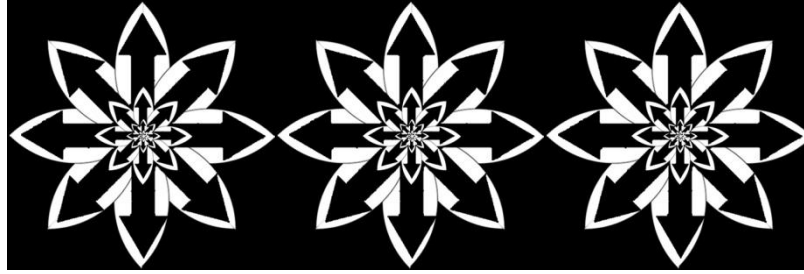
c) **Parent GB Term for 2016-2017**

- i) **Final Term/ seeking re-election:** Mike Aragona, Lily Medeiros, Claudette Benoit, Suzanne Hermann
- ii) **Second Term:** Darryl Climan; Kris de Forest, Nadia Franceschini

11) Adjournment: Motioned by Marg Zipay at 20:50, Seconded by Lily Medeiros; All in favor

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Date Minutes Adopted	Chairperson	Principal

## **Addendum #1 – Principal's Report**



- Congratulations to Edgewater staff and Home and School for running an excellent open house 2015, and to Home and School for a lovely event to mark the school's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- Budget will be presented at tonight's meeting, as well as a field trip grid. Budget cuts at the board level ongoing... first wave was the school librarians. School board needs to cut \$4 million this year alone.
- Staffing – Still waiting to find out if we will get an additional allocation for resource. At the moment Mme Murdoch will be doing 50% resource and 50% art, we are hoping for an increased allocation to put her into resource 100%. That would mean that we are looking for 7 – 8 teachers on priority pool... Hoping to get many people back – as always these decisions are not made at the school level.
- Congratulations to Daphne for submitting an entrepreneurial grant which was a winner at the regional level, and feted at the school board recently.
- Tech Institute for several Edgewater staff members this June.
- Next year's calendar - k orientation will be held on Ped day, Meet the teacher in September. Staff's vote to no longer do work off days has resulted in decision to change the 3 evenings during the school year that teachers are contractually obliged to work.
- Labour action – work to rule goes into play in September 2015. Picketing, black clothing and extended recess are, or will be happening before school ends. Grad field trips going ahead, as well as swimming at Pincourt pool.
- Buy in for continuation of Grade 4 ipad project is high. Only 3 parents so far have requested school supply the ipad. None have expressed desire to opt out.
- Major school change... strange news item today about school closures required by September 2015. Is there the will to prepare a brief in this community?
- Kindergarten orientation went very well yesterday, 64 students registered for k, higher than usual proportion of special needs students.
- School success plan update.
- Future steps Technology Fair June 15
- Awards assembly June 23 at 10:00 a.m. by invitation.
- Hat Day Friday June 12 to raise funds for PEF.
- School fees still approx. \$5,000 outstanding, lunch and daycare \$34K at last count.

## **Addendum #2 – Commissioner’s Report**

### **News from the May 25<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Council of Commissioners**

**2015-2016 Budget Rules.** After a long delay, all school boards have now received the preliminary budget rules for the upcoming school year for “consultation” and the news is not good. Proposed cuts could affect library services, daycare services, student success funding, support for Special Needs students, building maintenance, etc. Council authorized preparation by a small committee of our response in which the “Lester B. Pearson School Board demands that the government provide funding to respect the collective agreements that it has signed with its unions, that the provincial government view education as an investment in the future of Québec and not as a burden on expenses and that the Québec government prioritize students and education as a key to the economic prosperity of the province of Québec”. Final budget rules are expected by June 15<sup>th</sup> after which a budget will be adopted.

**SNAC GB recommendation.** The Special Needs Advisory Committee has written to Council proposing that a position be reserved on every Governing Board for a parent of a special needs student. This proposal now will be the subject of an informal consultation with all GB’s, the CPC and the regional parent committees.

**Pearson Educational Foundation.** A reminder was received from PEF that all grant requests for 2015-2016 need to be submitted by the end of June.

**Busing.** Council adopted the 2015-2016 Student Transportation Organizational Plan which is essentially unchanged from this year.

**School Taxes.** Council was informed that the School Tax Council of the Island of Montreal has set the 2015-2016 school tax rate at \$0.18889 per \$100 of evaluation, down from \$0.19462 this year. However, as evaluations usually increase annually, most taxpayers will actually see a slight increase in taxes due to rising evaluations.

**Resolution: Facilities – Beacon Hill Elementary School – Building code and accessibility upgrade**  
Council approved the contract for the building code and accessibility upgrade project at Beacon Hill Elementary School. This was awarded to the lowest compliant bid, Construction Adoc Inc. in the amount of \$132,200 [plus taxes].

**Resolution: Facilities – Eco- Energy Project [Phase 3]: Professionals: Additional Professional Fees [Project 1201]** Professional services fees in the amount of \$173,451 [plus taxes] were approved in order to complete this project impacting 16 schools and centres.

Standing Committee written reports can be found on the Board’s website under “Council of Commissioners”. In addition, please see the May Pearson News at:

<http://www.lbpsb.qc.ca/eng/pearsonnews/pdf/Pearson-News-Volume-XVII-No-9.pdf>

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

## Addendum #3 – Regional Parent Committee Report

# Parent Commissioners' Report

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Lester B. Pearson School Board

May 2015

### News from Council – May 25th meeting

**Emplois Quebec funded LBPSB& Dawson Community Centre**  
Approved Collective Gardens and healthy Living Project in Verdun for 2015-2016 School year.

#### Facilities resolutions passed

Beacon Hill Elementary School- Building Code & accessibility upgrade construction project  
Eco-Energy project Phase- 3 additional service fees approved to Les Services EXP paid to complete the project

#### Council and Executive 2015-2016 meeting dates passed

#### 2015-2016 Student Transportation Organization Plan

Transportation zones and services remain the same for the new school year

#### Response to 2015-2016 preliminary budget rules

Resolution denouncing the successive past budget cuts and the newly imposed cuts of \$350 million cuts for 2015-2016 school year.

#### Mass Messaging System renewal

After public tender process, ERMS Corporation contract has been renewed along with increased functionality of services

### Other news

#### **CPC mobilization against budget cuts to education.**

News about the budget cuts for the 2015-2016 school year are hitting home. CPC is urging Governing Boards to pass resolutions to counter the cuts to services to students and make it known to local MNA's. More information can be found at: <https://goo.gl/kivRMb>

#### PEF Grant Applications Due June 30<sup>th</sup>

Schools deadline approaching fast and need Governing Board approvals. Online application info can be found here

<http://pef.lbpsb.qc.ca/forms.htm>



Click on image to see the schedule

#### Summer School 2015 - July 6 – 24<sup>th</sup>

Will take place at St. Thomas and LCCHS in Lasalle  
Followed by MELs Exams from July 27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>



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**LBPSB CPC** Central  
Parents Committee

New page <https://www.facebook.com/centralparents.lbpsb>

### Consultation ([LBPSB page](#))

#### MSC 2016-2017

Consultation for Sustaining and Enhancing Services  
Due: Oct 31, 2015

#### SNAC Meeting

June 2<sup>nd</sup> 19:00  
<http://snac.lbpsb.qc.ca>

**EPCA** English Parent  
Committee Association.  
[epcaquebec.org](http://epcaquebec.org)

### Parent Commissioners

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Next meeting of Council: Monday June 29, 2015

## **Addendum #4 – Daycare**

### **Daycare Notes June 2015**

**Ped Days:** Ninety students went bowling. Public Security escorted us both ways which helped immensely for safety. Ninety students were registered for the Splash Pad Ped day at Parc Olympique, due to poor weather conditions a picnic was held in the gym followed by a carnival!

**First Aid:** Daycare Technician is recertified. In August there will be a recertification course for first aid on Friday, August 28, 2015 for many of the lunch supervisors and daycare educators. The course will be held at the school.

**Pancake Breakfast:** Over 350 pancakes were consumed at our last pancake breakfast held in May. Berries, juice and milk were served with the pancakes. The children so enjoy this event as they eat all together in the library.

**K Orientation:** Went very well.

**Preregistration Daycare/Lunch:** 185 daycare students and 200 lunch students have registered so far for next year. It appears that registration will be similar to this past school year.

**Daycare Week:** The students and staff had a great week with special treats, events and games. A group of students made a mobile that is hung in the board room at the school board made out of recycled CD's. The theme this year was "Our daycare shines brightly".

**Kindergarten Lunch Hour:** the 4 kindergarten classes will have an additional 18 minutes added to the end of their lunch hour. The students will be supervised by our lunch and daycare staff.

**Grad Bulletin Board:** The morning Grade 4/5 group made a wonderful graduation board for all the Grade 6 graduates. It's in the main hall if you want to take a peek.

**Fire Drills:** Two fire drills were held in May, one during the lunch hour and the other during afterschool daycare. Both went very well.

**Budget 2015-16:** Effective July 1, 2015 the daycare rate will be \$8/day. There will also be a review of said rates again in January 2016. The budget for the year 2015-16 has been reduced significantly by MELS. Request: approval of the 2015/16 budget.

**Chartwells:** The daycare technician met with the Chartwells rep to review the year. A very dissatisfied evaluation was given by Edgewater. Some of the main difficulties discussed were: lateness of delivery service, count of the food off, on-line food order difficulties, quality of the food - sour milk, rotten fruit, bland recipes, the time the daycare technician has to spend weekly to resolve caf-mobile issues, and that the daycare has to pay for 2 staff to distribute the food. Request: to reduce the number of Chartwells caf-mobile days from 3days/week to 1 day/week.

**Daycare Handbook:** Request: for GB approval of the few minor changes to the handbook (lunch rate changes, no last minute changes to daycare schedule)

**School Web Site:** All daycare documentation including ped day forms and how to pay on-line are available to all the Edgewater families, in the daycare section of the school website.

**Daycare Photo Collage:** During the last week of daycare we will display in the main hall a photo collage of all the activities and events that happened throughout the year. Daycare parents' will be invited to come and have a glass of lemonade and see the photo collage on one day during that week.

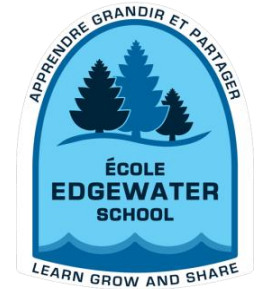


## **Addendum #5**

# **Governing Board Annual Report**

2014-2015

Edgewater Elementary School  
220 Cardinal Leger. Pincourt QC



### **Chairperson's Message**

The 2014-2015 School Year began with everyone returning to a school with upgraded lighting and heating systems as part of an energy conservation project that ran Board-wide to reduce energy costs. With a student registration number at 462, we knew this year would be a challenging one filled with making the best of our space situation while ensuring all student needs were met. Thanks to our very-engaged Home & School and dedicated staff, there were also ample opportunities provided to students for enhancing their curriculum through the arts, music, challenges, projects, and field trips.

Annual activities included the Terry Fox run, the Jump Rope for Heart challenge, and Anti-Bullying Week. Edgewater students also participated in a number of athletic events organized through the LBPS Board and this year were also participants in Health Awareness activities through the city of Pincourt.

Although the school year was one filled with political uncertainty, stemming from the November 2014 School board elections and the Quebec Government's opinions on school boards, through to the Teachers Contracts and the Major School Change announcements and budget cuts, Edgewater was able to put that aside for one night in June 2015 and celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Hosted by the Edgewater Home & School Association, the event reunited Edgewater alumni and staff for an evening of reminiscing and dancing.

The 2014-2015 Edgewater theme was "Heroes" and each cycle explored who and what that meant to them. Events that tied into this theme included holding a Peace Assembly on the International Day of Peace, a Remembrance Day Assembly, and taking part in the Kindness Challenge.

## 2014-2015 Governing Board Members

<b>Parents:</b>	<b>Staff:</b>	<b>Administration:</b>
Mike Aragona (Chair)	Nathalie Lacombe	Liz Rivard (Principal)
Kris de Forest (Vice Chair)	Heather D'Entremont	Beth Miller (Daycare)
Lily Medeiros (RA) (Sec)	Marg Zipay	<b>Commissioner:</b>
Nadia Franceschini	Daphne Amster	Wayne Clifford
Claudette Benoit (RR)	Deborah King-Brassard	<b>Community:</b>
Suzanne Hermann	Kiel Howden	Jodie Roberts (Sec)
Darryl Climan		

## Meeting Dates

Meetings were held in the Edgewater Staff Room at 7:00pm on the following dates:

September 30, 2014    October 21, 2014    November 18, 2014    December 9, 2014

February 16, 2015    March 17, 2015    April 28, 2015    June 9, 2015

The Agendas and Minutes of these meetings can be found on the school web site.

## Actions and Events

2014-2015 marked our first official year running a 1:1 iPad Pilot Project for our Grade 4 classes. Although there were a number of bumps along the way, it is clear that this use of technology goes a long way towards engaging the students and it has been exciting to see their creativity spark. Info sessions were held and decisions made in regards to how this will roll out next year as we continue the Pilot for Grade 5 and introduce the project to a new batch of Grade 4 students.

Other projects and challenges that students were involved in this year included: Destination Imagination, the "Future Steps" program (for which we won an award), and the LBPSB Junior Leadership Day. Governing Board also moved forward with the Homework assistance program, Francisation program, and the Hip Hop and Ballroom Dance programs. Edgewater also participated in the Stimulation Jeunesse Pilot Program aimed at helping children relax and energize themselves.

The Montreal Children's Hospital was the recipient of a number of fundraising events led by Edgewater students including: a Hat Day of "Wonder" Fundraiser, a Rainbow Loom Children's Hospital Foundation (RLCHF) request, and a student also raised funds for the MCH and then cut her hair at the School Open House! Other fundraisers included a Hat Day Fundraiser for the

"Shave to Save" School Board fundraiser and "Peluches de Zoe" – a request to collect stuffed animals for distribution to children.

Field Trips this year included visits to the Museum of Fine Arts, a Disney Beauty and the Beast musical (conducted by our own Kiel Howden!), and a trip to CBC to learn about Weather Forecasting, in addition to the various activity-related field trips.

Edgewater formally instituted the "Kiss and Cry" drop off zone where parents can drop their children off on 8<sup>th</sup> avenue between 8:50am and 8:55am and a teacher will walk them into the school.

For Anti-Bullying Week, we had our yearly Pink Shirt day anti-bullying awareness assembly, brought in an entertainer to perform for the school, and implemented the LBPSB-approved Anti-Homophobia program.

Along with reviewing all our existing policies and procedures, the Governing Board approved a Nutrition Policy for the school. In doing our part for the community at large, we allowed the use of our premises to hold a parent workshop on Anxiety in Children.

Finally, with the creation of a new FaceBook page and a complete revamp of our school website, Edgewater is working hard to improve communications with parents and making information and documentation readily available to those seeking it.

## **Adopted by the Edgewater Governing Board**

Tuesday June 09, 2015

Mike Aragona

Liz Rivard

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Date

Chairperson

Principal

## Addendum #6

Attn: Mrs. Marie-Claude Nichols  
Member of the National Assembly of Quebec for Vaudreuil  
[Marie-Claude.Nichols.VAUD@assnat.qc.ca](mailto:Marie-Claude.Nichols.VAUD@assnat.qc.ca)

Subject: Concerns over the latest budget cuts to education

Dear Mrs. Nichols,

On behalf of the Edgewater Elementary School Governing Board, comprised of educators, staff and parents, I write to you to express concerns over the latest cuts to education announced by Carlos Leita, Minister of Finance, in his second austerity budget. Edgewater is part of the Lester B. Pearson School Board and is situated in your electoral riding. We fear that the effects of this budget will negatively impact the education of Edgewater students, the children of your electors, by directly cutting the services to our students.

In recent years, successive increased cuts were made to education without considering the efficiency of school board management and administrative performance. This approach greatly disadvantages the Lester B. Pearson School Board that has been noted in consecutive MEESR reports, “Indicateurs de gestion,” as one of the most efficient and best performing school boards in Quebec. Last year, for the first time in its history, the Lester B. Pearson School Board brought down a deficit budget in order to minimize the effects of past cuts that had already been imposed.

The latest cuts, combined with Quebec's restrictive language laws that reduce enrollment and subsequent *per capita* funding, will further disadvantage our students and adversely affect the quality of education. We are also concerned about the negative message from our representatives suggesting that **education is not a priority for the current Liberal Government**. With the expected budget cuts, our students will be further restricted in their reception of the quality education to which they have been accustomed at Edgewater.

This year, as well as last year, the preliminary “budgetary parameters” provided to School Board administrators by MEESR have experienced **unreasonable delays** after the deposition of the Quebec Budget. This uncertainty constrains our administrators' planning of the next school year's offering of services.

In closing, I ask you to convey our message in Quebec City and hope that you will speak up on behalf of our students so that they may all continue to receive a high quality education. We cannot condone actions that will erode the future prospects of our students. We must work together to enhance their chances to become engaged, productive citizens, thus ensuring a bright future for all.

We do hope you will take our concerns to heart.

Sincerely,

Mike Aragona  
Edgewater Elementary School Governing Board Chair  
220 Cardinal Leger. Pincourt QC