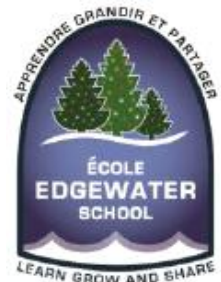


Edgewater Governing Board Minutes

October 20, 2015



Governing Board:

Parents:	Staff:	Administration:	Regrets:
Mike Aragona (Chair) Kris de Forest (RA) Vanessa Nolet Nadia Franceschini Claudette Benoit (RR) Suzanne Hermann Darryl Climan	Claudia De Fazio Danielle Nethercott Daphne Amster Debbie King-Brassard Sandra Nouh Trish Schofield	Liz Rivard (Principal) Beth Miller (Daycare)	Vanessa Nolet Daphne Amster Suzanne Hermann
		Commissioner: Wayne Clifford	
		Community: (TBC)	Absences:
RR = Regional Parent Committee Representative RA = Regional Parent Committee Alternate Sec = Secretary			Guests: Athanasia Antonopoulos Jodie Roberts Jennifer Whiting Kim Hamilton Craig Chislett

- 1) Welcome at 19:02
- 2) Adoption of the Agenda
 - Motioned** by Beth Miller, Seconded by Nadia Franceschini; All in Favor
- 3) Adoption of the Sept 22, 2015 Minutes
 - Motion** to approve by Beth Miller, Seconded by Sandra Nouh; All in Favor
- 4) Question Period (for Public questions to the Governing Board)
 - a) **Request:** Would Edgewater be interested in a "Take back the Tap" event similar to what St. Thomas did? (Tracy-Anne Primeau) <https://www.facebook.com/StThomasTakeBackTheTap?nr>
Response: Yes. Tracy-Anne Primeau encouraged to get more details about the event and suggest it to Home & School.
- 5) Reports
 - a) School Council
 - i) No report. Trish Schofield identified as the representative.
 - b) Home & School
 - Request** for a Magazine and Hockey Memorabilia Fundraiser
Motioned by Darryl Climan; Seconded by Debbie King-Brassard; Vote: All in favor
 - Request** to have Chris Nilan speak at the school on Monday February 22, 2016 between 9am-11am, kicking off Anti-bullying week; all costs covered by H&S

Motioned by Danielle Nethercott; Seconded by Darryl Climan; Vote: All in favor

- c) Principal's Report – See Addendum #1
- d) Commissioner's Report – See Addendum #2
- e) Regional Parent Committee Report
 - i) Date for the next GB Training not set yet. Could include a web cast component
 - ii) Re-thinking ways to make more use of Libraries
 - iii) Requesting feedback on the use of Google Apps for Education
 - iv) A Transport project will begin soon with having a GPS on buses
 - v) Discussion on MSC should emphasize on diversity of school program
- f) Daycare Report – See Addendum #3
- g) Community Rep
 - i) Kim Hamilton introduced herself to the Governing Board. GB welcomed her as our Community Rep
- 6) Business Arising from the Minutes
 - a) Governing Board Internal Rules of Operation
 - i) Items requested for change will be brought forth at next GB Meeting
 - b) Major School Change
 - i) MSC brief was reviewed and discussed.
 - ii) Status Quo item to be expanded and further explained with emphasis on the Philosophy of Edgewater and why it matters.
 - iii) Upward Expansion item to be looked at as partial or "expansion to stop the bleeding" without being a full upward expansion.
 - iv) Junior/Senior Campus item to be removed
 - v) Francais Plus item to be removed
 - vi) MELS Funding Discussion item would work best with the QSBA lobby group
- 7) Question Period (for Public questions to the Governing Board related to the Reports)
 - a) **No Questions**
- 8) New Business
 - a) Adopt GB Annual Operating Budget
Motioned by Kris de Forest; Seconded by Nadia Franceschini; Vote: All in favor
 - b) Establish Daycare Advisory Committee
 - i) No parental requests received.
 - c) Enrolment Criteria 2016-2017 (due Nov 27, 2015)
 - i) No changes to current enrolment criteria. GB members asked to review for next meeting
- 9) Correspondence
 - a) No correspondence to review

10) Varia & Field Trips

- a) **Ratification** of email vote for Home & School to offer Subway Days again; Ratified

- b) **Request:** Pulse Aide Inc. BabySitting course to our Grade 6 students, running March or April 2016 (4 days) from 3:20pm to 6 pm (\$ 55 per student). Canadian Red Cross Certification, Wallet Card, First Aid Kit, and Manual included.
Motioned by Kris de Forest; Seconded by Nadia Franceschini; Vote: All in favor

- c) **Request** to have Grade 4/5 students organize a Cancer Fundraiser one-day event
Motioned by Debbie King-Brassard; Seconded by Kris de Forest; All in favor

11) Adjournment: Motioned by Sandra Nouh at 20:40; All in favor

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

Principal's Report to Governing Board Meeting Oct 20, 2015



- Labour action: Strike day confirmed for Oct. 29th. School and Daycare closed. Did parents receive ERMS from school board?
- Major school change brief needs to be submitted by October 31st, 2015.
- Distribution of results of air quality tests conducted on all the schools in the LBPSB has been delayed to new year.
- Integration aide changes
- Successful fire drill held during lunch program today. Reminder to parents about suggestion to have sweater on classroom chair at all times in case of evacuation.
- Halloween – staff has voted this year for students to wear **orange and black with crazy hair or crazy hats**... no costumes this year, nor masks, props, or violent themes. Note will be sent home to parents.
- Emergency preparedness plan will be presented at November meeting.
- Interim reports and IEPS will be distributed as close to Oct. 22 as principal can manage.
- Barring any further labour action, report Cards will be distributed Nov. 18, with interview/portfolio night Nov 19 (spillover on Nov. 21)
- Successful photo day was held, vaccinations for Grade 4 students as well.
- November 11 Remembrance Day Peace Assembly will be held for students and staff.
- Teachers have agreed to repeat presentation of Antihomophobia program during February antibullying week at Edgewater.
- Great Kindness challenge will happen again in 2015 -2016 school year.
- Homework program will start as soon as funding parameters are released. A reminder that participation is by teacher recommendation.
- Light a Dream Casino and Auction Night Nov. 13, 2015. To support program for developmentally delayed young adults.

Addendum #2

Commissioner's Report – October 2015

First of all, congratulations and best wishes for the 2015-2016 school year to all those who've volunteered to serve on the Governing Board. The strength of any school community is a direct reflection of the commitment of those people willing to go the extra yard to ensure its excellence.

Thank you!

News from the August 31st meeting of the Council of Commissioners

Michael Chechile, the LBPSB's Director General since the retirement of Bob Mills in July, was welcomed to his first Council meeting in his new capacity. A number of **Administrative Appointments** were approved, significant among them the naming of Veronique Marin as the Director of Schools for Region 1, replacing Stephen Colpitts who is now the Interim Director of Human Resources. In addition, Christopher Fuzessy, previously the Assistant Director of Student Services was appointed Interim Director of Schools for Region 2. Finally, as a cost-saving measure, the former post of Director of Continuing Education (V. Marin's previous position) was not filled; instead, the Assistant DG, Steve Balleine, will be directly responsible for the Vocational Training Centres such as the Gordon Robertson Beauty Academy while the Adult Education Centres such as Place Cartier will join Region 1, so continuing to be the responsibility of V. Marin.

2015-2016 Budget

The Council of Commissioners adopted a balanced 2015-2016 school board budget following receipt of the final budget rules from the Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Research (MEESR) in July. The Ministry has cut funding to school boards with the LBPSB seeing a \$3 million reduction in its subsidies including, despite the Minister's public statements to the contrary, grants for students with special needs and for school success. The MEESR authorized the board to negate a \$1,660,873 deficit by using its past accumulated surpluses to balance. As many of you have heard, through savings realized through attrition, a reduction in executive compensation, and other cutbacks, funding became available over the summer to ensure the provision of documentation technology resources for each elementary school library; many of the library technicians laid off in the spring have been rehired on a full or partial basis. Also, the Chair of the LBPSB assured Council that there were no cutbacks in services for special needs students (eg. Integration Aids) contemplated.

Pearson Educational Foundation

PEF highlighted an upcoming fundraising activity: The First Annual LBPSB Family Day at The Montreal Alouettes. Sunday, Oct. 18th vs. Hamilton Tiger-Cats. Only \$14 per ticket! (\$2 donated to PEF) Regular price for these tickets is \$36. For further information: <http://pef.lbpsb.qc.ca/>

News from the Sept. 28th meeting of the Council of Commissioners

The formula for **funding of Governing Boards** in 2015-16 will remain the same as it was in 2014-15.

Council launched the **Enrolment Criteria for 2016-2017** consultation as is required under the Education Act with responses due by November 27th. It should be noted that while no changes are contemplated from 2015-2016, the existing policy does contain the following provision “*Exceptions to the Enrolment Criteria document may be necessary for schools affected by the Board’s Major School Change Policy*”.

Two additional **Administrative Appointments** were approved: Marie-Eve Claude, the LBPSB’s Coordinator of Student Services, will become the new Assistant Director of Student Services replacing Christopher Fuzessy while France D’Aoust, previously of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, will become the new Director of Finance.

In addition, please see the August Pearson News at:

<http://www.lbpsb.qc.ca/eng/pearsonnews/pdf/Pearson-News-Volume-XVIII-No-1.pdf> and the September version which will be available shortly.

The next regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners is scheduled for Monday, October 26th at 7:30 pm. As with all Council meetings, proceedings are live webcast at <http://www.lbpsb.qc.ca/eng/home.asp> and are later available in an archived version at the same address.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wayne Clifford M.Ed. C.C.C.

Addendum #3 Daycare Report

Daycare Notes- October 2015

McMaze: Excellent field trip in Alexandria and perfect weather! 65 students and 7 staff attended. We shared a bus with PETES, which was very cost effective.

Chartwells: As a result of the teachers' strike on Thursday, October 29, 2015; the Chartwells service has been cancelled for that day. All students who had ordered food on that day will receive a credit note from Chartwells that they can use on future orders.

Statement of Accounts: A second issue of the October invoice went out on Friday, October 16, 2015, as a reminder. There is \$14,000 outstanding in fees to date for this school year.

Edgewater as a Polling Station: Given the layout of our school and with what happened on Monday, it is highly recommended that we continue to have field trips on days when the public has access to our school.

Upcoming dates:

October 29th- Teacher strike date, daycare closed

November 4th - Possible Support Staff Strike date - to be confirmed

November 12th - Deadline to register for the November 20th ped day

November 20th - In-house ped day

November 27th - Daycare closed - support staff union conference