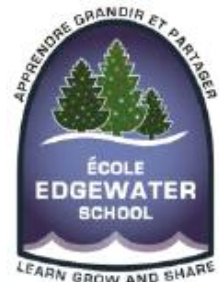


Edgewater Governing Board Minutes

December 15, 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 (VC)	Claudia De Fazio Danielle Nethercott Daphne Amster Debbie King-Brassard Sandra Nouh Trish Schofield	Liz Rivard (Principal) Beth Miller (Daycare)	Nadia Franceschini Daphne Amster Darryl Climan
		Commissioner: Wayne Clifford	
		Community: Kim Hamilton	Absences: Kim Hamilton
VC = Vice Chair RR = Regional Parent Committee Representative RA = Regional Parent Committee Alternate Sec = Secretary			Guests: Athanasia Antonopoulos

- 1) Welcome at 19:06
- 2) Adoption of the Agenda
 - Motioned** by Kris de Forest, Seconded by Vanessa Nolet; All in Favor
- 3) Adoption of the October 20, 2015 Minutes
 - Motion** to approve by Kris de Forest, Seconded by Beth Miller; All in Favor
- 4) Question Period (for Public questions to the Governing Board)
 - a) **Request:** Will the parking situation improve?
Response: The school is still in talks with the city of Pincourt.
- 5) Business Arising from the Minutes
 - a) Governing Board Internal Rules of Operation
 - i) **Motion** to remove “fax” as a voting option
Motioned by Debbie King, Seconded by Beth Miller; Vote: All in favor
 - ii) **Motion** to replace “Record of votes” in “Section 11. Minutes” to “Results of voting as being either “unanimous”, “carried” or “defeated” without need of listing total number of individual votes (for, against, abstain).”
Motioned by Beth Miller, Seconded by Sandr Nouh; Vote: All in favor
 - b) Major School Change
 - i) Moot topic, covered in Principal’s report

- c) Enrolment Criteria 2016-2017 (due Nov 27, 2015)
 - i) Adopted at Council
- 6) Reports
- a) School Council
 - i) Report presented
 - b) Principal's Report – See Addendum #1
 - i) Ped Days have been "unrevoked"
 - ii) **Motion** to approve November Revised budget 2015-2016, by Beth Miller, Seconded by Debbie King; **Carried**
 - c) Commissioner's Report – See Addendum #2
 - d) Regional Parent Committee Report – See Addendum #3
 - e) Daycare Report – See Addendum #4
 - i) **Motion** to approve November Revised budget 2015-2016, by Trish Schofield, Seconded by Claudia De Fazio; **Carried**
 - f) Home & School – No report available
 - g) Community Rep – No report available
- 7) Question Period (for Public questions to the Governing Board related to the Reports)
- a) **Request:** What happens with the outstanding fees from families leaving Edgewater?
Response: They follow the family, which is why we are bringing them to the school board and collections sooner this year. When they leave, if no money is recovered, the school has to cover the losses.
- 8) New Business
- a) Reviewed Finalized School Budget (s.95, 110.4)
 - b) Review Success Plan (s.75) – tabled until May or April
 - c) Anti-Bullying and Anti-Violence Plan (s. 75.1) – has not changed. To be reviewed in February
 - d) Approve the management and Success Agreement (s. 209.2) – tabled until May or April
 - e) Begin periodic review of Educational Project (s. 74) – tabled until May or April (part of Success Plan)
 - f) Review rules of conduct and safety measures (s. 76) – tabled until May or April (part of Success Plan)
 - g) Capital budget priorities (s. 96.22, 110.13) – Washrooms are the only items left on our list
 - h) Approve approach to implementation of Basic School Regulation (s. 84, 110.2) – Under review
 - i) Approve subject time allocation for the following year (s. 86, 110.2) – No changes
 - j) Report on evaluation of the implementation of success plan (s. 83, 110.3.1) – tabled until May or April

- 9) Correspondence
 - a) One letter received from PEF confirming approval of Grant for Multi Sensory Relaxation Tools
- 10) Varia & Field Trips
 - a) **Ratification** of email vote for Revocation of Jan 18, May 20, June 6, 2016 Ped Days; Cancelled due to School Board "unrevoking" the revocation of Ped Days
 - b) **Request:** Sparks of Hope Fundraiser; Tabled until next meeting
- 11) Adjournment: Motioned by Vanessa Nolet at 20:30; All in favor

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

Principal's Report to Governing Board Meeting Dec 15, 2015

1. Labour action – agreement in principle signed with teachers, money issues still to be worked out
2. New parking restrictions – nothing heard from the city about new signage
3. Major school change – loss of one zone to Dorset, affects approximately 80 students. Letter went out to parents tonight, more information will follow as things develop.
4. School success plan/management agreement –
Annual report will be presented at April or May GB meeting.
School success team will hopefully continue work on 5 year plan in the new year
Special needs at both ends of spectrum, anxiety and stress, + maintaining our great results will be the foci.
5. Kindergarten Open House will be held January 13th. 3 k's next year?
6. Bathrooms construction project last item on our capital projects wish list will be done this summer.
7. Congratulations to Home and School for organizing another incredible Craft Fair event.
8. Hip hop and ballroom will be starting in January.
9. Great Kindness Challenge takes place in January. Students will receive checklists encouraging them to commit random acts of kindness.
10. Last day of school before holiday break will be a full day (am & pm) with regular daycare service.
11. Bruno St. Aubin School visits last week.
12. Budget

13. Resolutions

- a. Service contracts for Debbie King, Mike Bayer re homework program
- b. Service contract for 2Mahvelous (Lincoln and Leah) for hip hop starting end of January
- c. November revised school and daycare budgets



Addendum #2

Commissioner's Report – December 2015

Certainly the main business of the Council of Commissioners over the last month has been **Major School Change**. Hearings were held on the evenings of Nov. 17th, 18th and 19th at Verdun Elementary, Westwood Junior High and John Rennie High respectively during which some 25 schools and other interested parties expanded on their briefs and answered questions from commissioners. Webcasts can be reviewed at <http://www.lbpsb.qc.ca/eng/msc2015/indexV2.asp>

Currently, the senior administration of the LBPSB is considering all the input received as well as a vast array of demographic data concerning past, present and projected future enrollment in our schools to develop various scenarios for commissioners to consider. Specific proposals are then expected to be debated at the Council of Commissioners meeting on December and be voted upon. Any MSC resolutions adopted will come into effect as of registration for the 2016-2017 school year.

November 30th meeting of the Council of Commissioners

An excellent presentation entitled “**Kids Can Create Change**” was presented by BHS students Isabel and Jane Szollosy focusing on the Sparkes of Hope initiative in the Dominican Republic furthering the education of young Haitian emigrants who otherwise would have no access to formal schooling. The significant contribution of the BHS community and other LBPSB schools in supporting this project was highlighted. The Szollosy sisters received a well-deserved standing ovation from the assembled commissioners following their presentation!

Several **administrative appointments** were approved including that of the current principal of Dorval Elementary, Erik Olsthoorn, as the new Coordinator of Student Services. Replacing him at Dorval Elementary as of Feb. 1st will be Wusua Mitchell – retired administrator Jan Langelier will be there in the meantime. Also, Valeria Forgetta was named Assistant Director of Finance and Martine St. Pierre will become the new Coordinator of Human Resources.

Due to the strike action of November 17th, the current **2015-2016 calendar** was amended such that the board-wide pedagogical day of Friday, May 20th will now be designated a regular school day. The Director General also announced that one or more school-level ped. days will need to be re-designated by each school to maintain the minimum 180 days of instruction required.

Transportation announced a GPS pilot project whereby the location of school buses could be tracked by parents on computers and other smart devices. If successful, this initiative could be introduced on a board-wide basis next year.

A new two-year contract with Guardium Sécurité for the Judicial Records verification (**Background Checking**) of new employees, stagiaires and volunteers was approved which should result in significant savings for the board.

The next meeting of the Council of Commissioners is scheduled for Monday, December 14th at 7:30 pm. 14th (at Lindsay Place High School Auditorium). As with all Council meetings, proceedings are webcast live at <http://www.lbpsb.qc.ca/eng/home.asp> and are also available later in an archived version.

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

Addendum #3 Region 1 Report, December 2015

- 1) We did not have quorum.
- 2) MSC public hearing Nov. 18th
- 3) MSC decisions Dec. 14th
- 4) Region 1 review from November;

Action Plan for This Year

A) Lockdowns Per School & Procedures:

- The Lockdown Procedure can be located in each school's Emergency Preparedness Binder; it is a procedure that needs to be reviewed yearly. If changes are proposed to the Emergency Preparedness Policy it must be re-opened by council and follow the process of review
- There is a different Lockdown procedure for Elementary & High School
- Every school has an identified evacuation site which is situated off school property
- It was suggested by F. Clarke & T. Samolis to compose a letter to request the reopening of the Emergency Preparedness Policy; this suggestion will be brought to the next Elementary & High School Regional Parent meetings

B) Bullying

- Anti bullying plans should be reviewed/approved every year by all Governing Boards
- The law requires that we tabulate bullying statistics in all LPBSB schools
- Because of the plans & strategies that each school has put into place, we are confident that bullying in our schools is under control
- There is a section in the LBPSB Strategic plan that is specific to bullying

C) GPS on School Buses

- It was announced at the Transportation Committee that Dorset & Macdonald High School will both be piloting the school bus GPS App
- More information to come on this initiative at the December Regional Parent

- 5) During the December 10th meeting, before the region meeting we saw the movie made at Westwood High School, a LBPSB school.

Silent Majority is a Canadian movie project based on the true story of a ADAM TANGUAY having been bullied in primary, secondary and vocational training. It is the english adaptation of Période Infernale, the french version produced and distributed in Quebec' schools in 2011. The new movie is co-produced by author Adam Tanguay himself and realized by filmmaker DOMINIC BOUFFARD from [db promedia inc.](#) In adapting the film in English, the author wants to educate a wider audience by distributing it across Canada and the United States. Silent Majority is expected to be launch in September 2015.

Claudette Benoit Region 1 rep.

Addendum #4 Daycare Report

Daycare Notes- December 2015

Pancake Breakfast: was held late November! Over 150 students were able to participate. No additional cost was charged to the parents. It is the intention of the daycare to hold another pancake breakfast mid-winter. The children really enjoy spending time with friends sharing a meal.

Christmas Carnival: changing the theme this year we switched from a pizza Christmas Party to a Daycare Christmas Carnival. It was an overwhelming success. Over 165 students participated. Again parents whose children did not attend regularly on the date were invited to participate at no additional charge. The senior daycare group students and the daycare educators produced 14 carnival games with a passport. Prizes were distributed at the end of the day at the daycare door to every participant.

Pizza Mania Ped Day: 100 students participated in this Ped day. All made their own pizza, played pizza games and made a chef hat! Was good to see kids cooking on their own!

Budget Training: I went to a budget workshop in November to help in produce a balanced budget especially given the reductions in government funding.

New Term - Classroom Use: teachers have been more than accommodating as we changed classrooms for the second term. Some even offered their class again for the second term. Thank you to those teachers who are so supportive.

Last day of school: the school is running on Friday, December 18th for a full day. Daycare will be running regular hours from 7am to 6pm. We distributed a form today to help facilitate the dismissal on the last day. As an exception, parents are allowed to make changes to their normal daycare schedule as long as they have completed the forms distributed this week.

Outstanding fees: because of strike days, invoices for December were not produced until after the teachers strike day. Hard copies and electronic invoices have both been distributed to all parents who have an outstanding fee. Electronically, an invoice was sent to all parents so that they can review it, even though they do not have an outstanding fee. Parents were very receptive. There were a few inquiries which were clarified. Very helpful to send invoices periodically to parents so that they are aware of what they are being charged for.

Daycare Rate Increase: effective January 2016 the daily daycare rate will increase to \$8.10/day from \$8.00/day. I will be attending a workshop to implement these changes. The notification for rate increase is currently on the web site and the daycare handbook will be modified in the New Year.