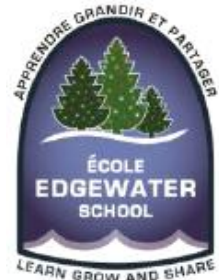


# Edgewater Governing Board Minutes

## February 09, 2016



### 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)	Athanasia Antonopoulos Danielle Nethercott Daphne Amster Debbie King-Brassard Sandra Nouh Trish Schofield	Liz Rivard (Principal) Beth Miller (Daycare)	Darryl Climan Kim Hamilton
		<b>Commissioner:</b> Wayne Clifford	
		<b>Community:</b> Kim Hamilton	<b>Absences:</b>
VC = Vice Chair RR = Regional Parent Committee Representative RA = Regional Parent Committee Alternate Sec = Secretary			<b>Guests:</b> Jodie Roberts Jenn Whiting

- 1) Welcome at 19:20
  - a) Late start due to the special parent session on re-zoning prior to the GB meeting
  - b) Athanasia Antonopoulos replaces Claudia De Fazio on the Edgewater GB
  
- 2) Adoption of the Agenda
 

**Motioned** by Kris de Forest, Seconded by Beth Miller; Carried
  
- 3) Adoption of the December 15, 2015 Minutes
 

**Motion** to approve by Beth Miller, Seconded by Kris de Forest; Carried
  
- 4) Question Period (for Public questions to the Governing Board)
  - a) **Request:** Multiple questions on re-zoning  
**Response:** Answers will be posted on-line
  
- 5) Business Arising from the Minutes
  - a) Review Success Plan – Tabled until April or May
  - b) Anti-Bullying and Anti-Violence Plan
    - i) 2 key points: this policy applies strictly to events considered “bullying”. 95% of daily issues are conflict. One missing item is the “report box which was started by a teacher who has since retired. Will speak with staff to see if someone can take over and monitor.

- ii) The policy applies to all staff including daycare.
  - iii) Only incidents not resolved at school level are brought to the board and noted in the Annual Report
  - iv) All incidents Parents feel are not properly handled should be reported to the Principal
- c) Approve the management and Success Agreements – Tabled until April or May
  - d) Begin periodic review of Educational Projects – Tabled until April or May
  - e) Review rules of conduct and safety measures – Tabled until April or May
  - f) Approve approach to implementation of Basic School Regulation – No changes
  - g) Report on evaluation of the implementation of success plan – Tabled until April or May
- 6) Reports
- a) School Council
    - i) Verbal report given
  - b) Principal's Report – See Addendum #1
    - i) Emergency Preparedness Plan reviewed. **Motion** to accept the Emergency Preparedness Plan by Suzanne Hermann, seconded by Daphne Amster; Carried
    - ii) Board-wide Strategic Planning underway. GB will be surveyed as well. A special meeting to review will take place as soon as the Plan is ready.
  - c) Commissioner's Report – See Addendum #2
  - d) Regional Parent Committee Report
    - i) Last meeting was a roundtable discussion on the MSC.
  - e) Daycare Report – See Addendum #3
  - f) Home & School
    - i) **Motion** to introduce Spirit Wear as a new, on-going, fundraiser by Kris de Forest, seconded by Nadia Franceschini; Carried
    - ii) **Motion** for the Spring Fundraiser of chocolate and popcorn by Claudette Benoit, seconded by Daphne Amster; Carried
  - g) Community Rep – No report available
- 7) Question Period (for Public questions to the Governing Board related to the Reports)
- a) **Question:** Any negative feedback on the anti-homophobia program?  
**Response:** No.
  - b) **Question:** Should Grade 6 Parents get together to plan a grad?  
**Response:** There is a vote on Feb 15 on the Work to Rule, but either way a graduation ceremony will take place.
- 8) New Business
- a) Budget Consultation Begins (Closure Date: March 31, 2016)
    - i) Ideas should be forwarded to Wayne who will bring it to the board.

- b) Selection Criteria for Principal Consultation
  - i) **Motion** to accept presented draft by Kris de Forest, seconded by Daphne Amster; Carried
  
- 9) Correspondence
  - a) No correspondence to report
  
- 10) Varia & Field Trips
  - a) **Ratification** of Feb 19, 2016 Daycare Ped Day Field Trip to Olympic Parc. 1:10 ratio of adults to students, cost of \$15 for whole day. Originally approved June 2015. **Carried**
  
  - b) **Motion** one Cancer Fundraiser day by Nadia Franceschini, seconded by Suzanne Hermann; Carried
  
- 11) Adjournment: Motioned by Sandra Nouh at 20:50; Carried

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

## **Principal's Report to Governing Board February 2016**

Kindergarten open house was attended in huge numbers, however we have only 51 registrations for the 2016-2017 school year at this point. St. Pat's has 96.

Reregistration forms go out on Monday. This is the point in the process where parents who want their children to remain at Edgewater in 2016 2017 can request a transfer. The board holds a transfer meeting for all schools on February 25, but we may or may not be able to confirm all requests at that time as we are only allowed to accept up to 80% of capacity in February.

The Kindness Challenge went very well.

Labour action: provincial agreements have been signed, but return to normalcy stalled by PTU vote to continue with the work to rule. ECA's (like dance) on hold until all issues resolved.

Teachers are frequently being asked by many parents to provide school work for students absent due to family vacations or participation in sports events. Teachers are not required to do so. This will be put into the Parent Handbook.

The annual "exam marathon" has already begun. Students in Grades 3 to 6 are completing board level or MELS exams from now to the end of June. Very important that parents take these exams seriously – students should not go on holidays during the school year, and in particular during exam periods.

Two art education stagiaires from Concordia are currently assigned to Edgewater for 10 weeks, one day a week.

All of the Grade 6 reregistration forms for high school were returned in a timely fashion and have been forwarded to the high schools. 95% of our Grade 6 students chose Macdonald High School this year.

Capital projects: repair fences, change water fountains? (request being made)

Report cards going home the week of March 14. As per the 2016 – 2017 school calendar, there are no formal parent teacher interviews this year in March. Teachers are meeting with parents as needed in January and February.

Feb 22 Chris Nilan visits Edgewater, Feb 24 anti bullying day (pink shirts and assembly), anti-homophobia curriculum presented in the classrooms all week.

Thank you to the Pearson Educational Foundation which provided Edgewater with a shipment of "emergency" sweatpants, socks and underwear for students.

Junior Voyageurs summer day camp will run again this summer for two weeks, July 4-15 at Clearpoint. The target audience remains students currently in grades 4-7 from both within LBPSB and also from outside our board. Campers signup for two courses, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Examples include; Junior Chef, A Passion for Fashion, Geocaching, Crime Scene Investigators, Science Lab, Robotics, Broadway Bound and many more. The full list and course descriptions are on the camp website: <http://juniorvoyageurs.lbpsb.qc.ca/>

Emergency Preparedness plan overview.

## **Addendum #2**

### **Commissioner's Report – Governing Board - Feb. 9th, 2016**

#### **January 25th meeting of the Council of Commissioners**

Based on new relevant information from the communities involved, Council reconsidered two MSC decisions taken in December (the closure of Lakeside Academy and the merger of Riverview and Verdun Elementary schools effective June 30, 2016) and by a 9-4 vote each time decided to postpone a final decision in each case until December 2016. This will afford the communities additional time to work with potential partners at the municipal, provincial and even federal levels on new initiatives with a view to making their schools viable again.

Among resolutions 2015-12-#15 which established attendance zones for elementary schools;

There were follow-up resolutions which allowed for catchment areas without transportation including one of interest to parents of Edgewater students affected by the December Council meeting zoning changes;

THAT zone 52 be added to Dorset Elementary School as a catchment area without transportation.

Energy Consumption: a Bilan Energetique study has been received from the Ministry providing energy consumption values of all Quebec school boards from 2004-05 through 2013-14. Results indicate a very significant improvement at all LBPSB schools since 2004-05.

Council approved the 2014-2015 LBPSB Annual Report for transmission as required, to the Minister of Education. The Annual Report demonstrates excellent success rates in virtually all academic disciplines – the Communications Committee has been asked to organize a public event to get the word out on these accomplishments.

As is required by law, Council launched the 2016-2017 Budget consultation for submission to the LBPSB community for information and input, with responses to be returned to the Secretariat by March 31st. The format is unchanged from last year. Meanwhile, the consultation on the Criteria for Selection of a Principal remains ongoing with a deadline of February 19th.

Also, please see the January Pearson News which will be available shortly on the board website.

#### **Bill 86 – the act to “modify the organization and governance of school boards”**

The Quebec government introduced this bill into the National Assembly just before the holidays. With the appointment of a new Minister of Education – Pierre Moreau – in the cabinet shuffle on Thursday, hearings at the Assembly on Bill 86 scheduled to begin that very day have been postponed indefinitely. There is hope that the new minister will listen far more attentively to the concerns that have been voiced about Bill 86 than did his predecessor.

The next regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners is scheduled for Monday, February 22nd, 2016 at 7:30 pm. 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 Daycare Report**

## **Edgewater Daycare Notes -February 2016**

### **Ped Days:**

*Chinese New Year Celebration:* 85 children participated in an in-house ped day in January. Kids even had egg rolls and fortune cookies to round out the day!

*Sliding:* registration is ongoing for our sliding day at Parc Olympique on February 19<sup>th</sup>. The staff and children are walking to the park. A staff car is going as well as a safety precaution.

**Outstanding fees:** A number of families have been contacted a final time by Mrs. Rivard and/or myself. Those that have not made some kind of payment arrangement have had their files sent to collections + the board.

**Evacuation:** On December 17, 2015 the daycare was evacuated in the later afternoon as a result of an unusual smell in the school. 911 was called and staff and children were all evacuated outside for about 15 minutes until the emergency personnel assessed what the cause was and that it was safe for the children to re-enter. Huge praise goes out to both the staff and the students for handling the situation very well and also to the staff for maintaining a calm and secure environment for all the children. Parents were very supportive and full of praise for how the evacuation was handled.

**Taxes:** The daycare technician was at a workshop last week. Receipts will be issued before March break. An ERMs will be sent out to all families to remind them to check their student school bags. Last year's grade six graduates will have their receipts mailed.

**Yoga:** The daycare has asked the Home and School if they could help support the cost of offering a 10 week morning yoga course in the daycare. We are waiting to hear if our request has been granted.

**Walkie Talkies:** we are experiencing difficulties with a number of our walkie talkies. We are looking for someone to overhaul them. A number of them also require new batteries which is a costly expense.

**Kindergarten Open House:** Went very well. There were lots of good questions regarding the daycare.

**Pancake Breakfast:** Our next pancake breakfast is scheduled for Wednesday, March 9, 2016. No additional costs to the parents.

**Dr. Seuss Week:** In honor of his birthday we are having a week of Dr. Seuss fun from February 22 to the 26th including a birthday party on complete with a Cat in the Hat birthday cake (baked by the seniors), story time, poems read by the seniors to the juniors, crafts and fun food snacks related to Dr. Seuss. No additional cost to the parents.