

Edgewater Governing Board Minutes

June 14, 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)	Danielle Nethercott Claudette Benoit
		Commissioner: Wayne Clifford	
		Community: Kim Hamilton Christina Fazio (H&S)	Absences: Kim Hamilton
VC = Vice Chair RR = Regional Parent Committee Representative RA = Regional Parent Committee Alternate Sec = Secretary			Guests:

- 1) Welcome at 19:02. Thank you to Liz for feeding us tonight.
- 2) Adoption of the Agenda
Motioned by Athanasia Antonopoulos, Seconded by Trish Schofield; Carried
- 3) Adoption of the May 24, 2016 Minutes
Motion to approve by Beth Miller, Seconded by Kris de Forest; Carried
- 4) Question Period (for Public questions to the Governing Board)
 - a) **No Questions**
- 5) Business Arising from the Minutes
 - a) Review Success Plan (s.75) – Tabled until September
 - b) Begin periodic review of Educational Project (s. 74) – Tabled until September
 - c) Report on evaluation of the implementation of success plan (s. 83, 110.3.1) – Tabled until September
- 6) Reports
 - a) School Council – No Report
 - b) Principal's Report – See Addendum #1
 - i) **Motion** to approve the May-June Proposed Budget 2016-2017 by Suzanne Hermann; Seconded by Nadia Franceschini; Carried
 - c) Commissioner's Report – See Addendum #2

- d) Regional Parent Committee Report
 - i) Parent Rep Files can be found at the following DropBox site:
<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/gra4d21f8hg38u/AAD3IihP2jUz-KmdYlGvx3e6a?dl=0>
 - e) Daycare Report – See Addendum #3
 - i) **Motion** to approve the Daycare May-June Proposed Budget 2016-2017 by Nadia Franceschini; Seconded by Kris de Forest; Carried
 - ii) **Motion** to raise lunch fees to \$360/year (from \$350/year) to offset daycare by Athanasia Antonopoulos; Seconded by Suzanne Hermann; Carried
 - iii) **Motion** to make changes to the Daycare Handbook stating that “Daycare Services does not offer a drop-in service by Daphne Amster; Seconded by Kris de Forest; Carried
 - f) Home & School – introduction of Christina Fazio
 - g) Community Rep – no rep, no report
- 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 #4
 - b) GB Financial Report – Tabled until September
 - c) 2016-2017 Governing Board:
 - i) 2nd Year: Mike Aragona, Claudette Benoit, Suzanne Hermann, Vanessa Nolet
 - ii) 3 Open Positions: (Kris de Forest (RA), Nadia Franceschini, Darryl Climan (VC))
- 9) Correspondence
- a) 2016-17 Student Transportation plan proposal from Admin to Council
 - b) Consultation Closure - Three-year Plan of Allocation and Destination of Immovables 2016-2019
 - c) Consultation Closure - Strategic Plan 2015-2020
 - d) ADOPTION - By-laws 1(2016) and 1E(2016)
- 10) Varia & Field Trips
- a) **Motion:** PEF Grant Proposal for Escalire Specialized French Books for Guided Reading for \$3,600, by Trish Schofield; Seconded by Sandra Nouh; Carried
 - b) **Motion:** PEF Grant Proposal for 3 Stationary Bikes for \$1,903 by Kris de Forest; Seconded by Vanessa Nolet; Carried
 - c) **Motion:** PEF Grant Proposal for STEAM Activities for \$1,300 for Grade 4/5 Pilot by Beth Miller; Seconded by Darryl Climan; Carried
 - d) **Motion:** Grade 1 Field Trip to the Splash Park June 20th by Beth Miller; Seconded by Athanasia Antonopoulos; Carried
- 11) Adjournment: Motioned by Nadia Franceschini at 20:30; Carried

Date Minutes Adopted

Chairperson

Principal

Addendum #1 – Principal's Report

Principal's report to Governing Board June 2016



- Countdown to year end is on.. 7 days to go... so much to do in so little time!
- Budget will be presented at tonight's meeting.
- Staffing – We will be looking to fill only 1.5 posts at Edgewater during the priority pool hiring season.. sad that we will not be able to bring back many of the amazing teachers we've gained through the priority pool... but glad about the reduced demands that come from downsizing the school a wee bit.
- Staff making a concerted effort to ensure that the transition for the 50 students involved in MSC is a smooth one (admins have met and are in frequent contact, resource teachers are in contact, and special needs consultant for Dorset has visited the school twice)
- Bus supervision project in place.
- Survey sent to Grade 3, 4, 5 parents re. grad.
- Info re. potential new playground structure has been forwarded to the School board. Waiting for their response.
- Grade 6 students benefited from Primadanse workshops today
- Tech Institute for several Edgewater staff members this June.
- Grad trips and ceremony update
- Kindergarten orientation went very well, 52 students registered for k, unexpectedly high proportion of special needs students.
- School success plan update.
- Awards assembly June 23 at 10:00 a.m. by invitation.
- Hat Day Friday June 17 to raise funds for school playground will be moved to Monday.
- School fees still approx. \$5,500 outstanding, lunch and daycare \$K at last count. Bad debt also rising significantly.
- End on a positive note – many challenges faced this year, but it was all worthwhile to see the smiling faces of our wonderful students every day! Edgewater students are amazing!
- Congratulations to students Kieran Parker RUMboldt for winning an Ipad and coming third in an INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION for Book creator projects, and Olivia Csillag for winning a Kobo Reader for her submission to the LBPSB art contest.
- Encouraging parents and students to attend the City of Pincoirt's rally to support Suzanne Fradet from Pharmaprix's team in the Grand Defi Pierre Lavoie... they will be leaving from Chene Bleu High school on Sunday morning between 7 and 9:00 a.m.
- It was a pleasure working with our chair and our GB members. Thank you for making your children's education a priority and for giving your time to the school!

Addendum #2

Commissioner's Report – Governing Board – June 2016

Bill 86: As most people have heard by now, the Minister of Education, Sébastien Proulx, announced that the Liberal government has scrapped Bill 86 altogether. Instead of all the structural disruption that would inevitably result from the abolition of school boards, Proulx now intends to introduce a series of progressive new educational reforms designed to improve the student success possibly including compulsory attendance to age 18 and province-wide pre-K programs. At this point, I think we can all breathe a great sigh of relief!!

Quebec Entrepreneurial Awards: It was a great pleasure to attend the entrepreneurial awards ceremony at head office last week to see once again just how creative and inspiring students from throughout the board can be.

May 30th meeting of the Council of Commissioners

The **2016-2017 Student Transportation Organizational Plan** circulated earlier in the month was adopted. Transportation courtesy and accommodation fees will be no more than \$175 per elementary school student (with a maximum of \$375 per family) and \$300 per secondary school student (with a maximum of \$600 per family). Administration is authorized to organize, at its discretion, accommodation for students not zoned for transportation.

With a number of modifications suggested through the consultation process incorporated, especially to Direction 2 (Ensuring Wellness), the **LBPSB Strategic Plan 2015-2020** was adopted. School Success Plans are expected to be in place by next December or January.

Following consultation, the LBPSB **Three-Year Plan of Allocation and Destination of Immovables** 2016-2017 to 2018-2019 was adopted.

The Communications Committee announced an initiative whereby parents of Grade 10 & 11 students will soon have access to their children's **ministry exam marks online** through the SSO (Single Sign On) parental portal.

It was announced that the LBPSB's **Student Ombudsman**, Joanne Doucet, was retiring and that posting for the position would follow shortly. The role of the Student Ombudsman is defined by Article 220.2 of the Education Act and our **By-law #9 - Complaint Examination Procedure**.

SNAC Parent Commissioner Sandra Buckingham announced she will be stepping down from that role early next school year. Sandra has done a superb job of representing the parents of Special Needs students and will be sorely missed.

The Comité de gestion de la taxe scolaire for the Island of Montreal has set the **2016-2017 school tax rate** as \$0.17789 per \$100 of evaluation down from \$0.18839 for 2015-2016. Of

course, since the actual amount of taxes to be paid is dependent on the property evaluation each year, each individual situation will be different. School Tax bills normally are sent out at the end of June.

The **Pearson Educational Foundation** reminded everyone that the deadline for 2016-2017 grant submissions is June 30th.

Council approved a contract to supply state-of-the-art **network access switches** and a console to manage the switches for the period June 1, 2016, to May 31, 2018, to the lowest compliant bidder, *Micro Logic Sainte-Foy Ltée.*, for the amount of \$125,145.41 (before tax). The switches will be installed throughout the schools, centres and offices of the board and should improve telecommunication speeds.

Council identified several **By-Laws and Policies** as subject to review in the near future and defined a process for each review. The review of the **Major School Change** policy will be directed by an ad hoc committee; the review of **Food and Nutrition** policy will be directed by the Executive Committee; the review of the **Evaluation of Student Learning** policy will be directed by the Education Committee; the review of the **Library Materials Selection** policy will be directed by the Education Committee; the review of the **By-Law #9 – Complaint Examination Procedure** will be directed by the Governance and Ethics Committee.

As the final budget rules have not been received from the Ministry as yet, the LBPSB will be delayed in adopting its **2016-2017 budget** until the June or possibly August Council meeting.

In addition, please see the May Pearson News posted on the board website.

The final 2015-2016 regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners is scheduled for Monday, June 27 at 7:30 pm. As with all Council meetings, proceedings are webcast live at <http://www.lbpsb.qc.ca/eng/home.asp>.

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne Clifford
Commissioner – Ward 12

Addendum #3 Daycare Report

Edgewater Daycare Notes - June 2016

Splash Park Ped Day: The weather cooperated thankfully and 83 students had a great time at Parc Olympique. City of Pincourt was most helpful with extra garbage cans and picnic tables. The firefighters were all there with their trucks when the kids arrived which was very exciting and later in the day a huge motorcycle club arrived. So much free entertainment for the students!

Kindergarten Orientation: It went very well. There are some students with high needs that will be joining Edgewater that will be requiring daycare and lunch services.

Daycare/Lunch Registration for 2016-17: The last of the purple forms are still trickling in. There are approximately 80 students who have not registered. It is very difficult to access staffing needs without these forms. An estimate for next year in the daycare is 155 down from 180, which is expected given that we are 2 less homerooms this year, one of which is a Kindergarten.

Proposed Lunch Fee Increase: Edgewater is still in a considerable lunch deficit. With the budget limitations the daycare cannot subsidize the lunch program. It needs to be self-sufficient. It has been recommended that we increase the lunch fees to \$360/year.

Daycare Tech/Principal Workshop: Liz and Beth attended a workshop hosted by Human Resources in early June. The goal is to standardize some daycare policies and procedures amongst the whole school board and in some cases to standardize in specific regions.

Proposed Daycare Budget 2016-2017: Need Governing Board approval

Daycare Handbook: Need Governing Board approval on minor changes which include:

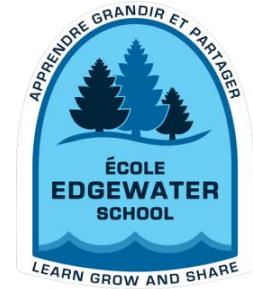
- "The daycare service does not offer a drop in service."
- "The lunch fees are \$360/ year" (only if GB approves lunch fee increase)

Addendum #4

Governing Board Annual Report

2015-2016

Edgewater Elementary School
220 Cardinal Leger. Pincourt QC



Chairperson's Message

The 2015-2016 School Year began with a lot of uncertainty as the Lester B. Pearson School Board went through a Major School Change consultation. The impact to Edgewater came in the form of re-zoning that moved a number of our families (in zone 51) to be served by Dorset. A Parent info session was held in February 2016 explaining the impacts and what could be done next. Luckily, by the end of April 2016, we were able to accept the transfers-back to Edgewater of all the families who requested it.

Other disruptions and uncertainty came in the form of the Teacher's contract negotiations where pressure tactics included a total Extra Curricular Activity ban, all while the Minister of Education talked about the removal of school boards. Thankfully, Labour action was approved in principal by the end of the calendar year and an agreement reached shortly thereafter.

With all that out of the way, Parents banded together to stave off the next big issue: Bill 86.

As always, thanks to our very-engaged Home & School and dedicated staff, there were 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 (where over \$4,000 was raised!), the Jump Rope for Heart challenge, the Great Kindness Challenge, and Anti-Bullying Week. Edgewater students also participated in a number of athletic events organized through the LBPS Board.

The 2015-2016 Edgewater theme was "I Love to Read" and each cycle explored what that meant to them. One thing that made us all very happy was to have our Librarian re-instated at our school!

2015-2016 Governing Board Members

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Meeting Dates

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

September 22, 2015 October 20, 2015 December 15, 2015 February 09, 2016

March 22, 2016 April 19, 2016 May 24, 2016 June 14, 2016

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

Actions and Events

2015-2016 completed our first two-year project cycle running a 1:1 iPad Pilot Project. With the success of the project and the overwhelming positive feedback (which can be found in the March 2016 Governing Board Minutes on our website), we agreed to make it an on-going project with an eye to ultimately including it in our next School Success Plan. We remain committed to using iPad technology as a tool to increase student engagement, motivation and to maximize learning.

2016 Field Trips included an Ottawa Trip to visit Parliament, Junior Leadership Day, a visit to the Ostrich Farm, an outing to Notre-Dame-de-Fatima, the Botanical Gardens, the Amerindiens "Droulers", and a couple of visits to St. Patrick's school for Peter Pan and a St. Paddy's Day assembly.

Some internal school activities included Hip Hop dance classes, acting workshops, Neurons Atomiques, and a Skipping Program. Our annual Art Vernissage was also a big hit!

Approved Field Trips for Daycare students included a visit to McMaze, Sliding at Parc Olympique in winter and Splash Park in spring, and Bowling.

Once again the Montreal Children's Hospital was the recipient of a number of fundraising events led by Edgewater students. Student initiated-and-led fundraising events also went to benefit The Canadian Cancer Society as well as a huge fundraiser to battle CNET cancer.

For Anti-Bullying Week, we had our yearly Pink Shirt day anti-bullying awareness assembly, brought in Chris "Knuckles" Nilan as a guest speaker while the kids sported temporary tattoos on anti-bullying, and repeated the LBPSB-approved Anti-Homophobia program.

Along with reviewing all our existing policies and procedures, the Governing Board approved a new on-going Home & School Fundraiser aimed at strengthening our engagement at school: Edgewater Spirit Wear! Feedback has been very positive and everyone (students and parents alike) love showcasing their school spirit.

Finally, last year's creation of a FaceBook page has been very much appreciated by parents who are using it to stay engaged and informed of all the activities going on in and around school life. Edgewater continues to honor its promise to improve communications with parents and making information and documentation readily available to those seeking it.

Adopted by the Edgewater Governing Board

Tuesday June 14, 2016

Date

Chairperson

Principal