

Edgewater Governing Board Minutes

October 18, 2016



Governing Board:

Parents:	Staff:	Administration:	Regrets:
Mike Aragona (Chair) Vanessa Nolet (VC) Claudette Benoit (RR) Suzanne Hermann Kris de Forest (RA) Ekaterina Kamardina Derek Patino	Daphne Amster Debbie King-Brassard Sandra Nouh Trish Schofield Natalie Rippen-Randle Teresa Borrelli	Liz Rivard (Principal) Beth Miller (Daycare)	Christina Fazio Wayne Clifford Ekaterina Kamardina Vanessa Nolet
		Commissioner: Wayne Clifford	
		Community: Christina Fazio (H&S)	Absences:
VC = Vice Chair RR = Regional Parent Committee Representative RA = Regional Parent Committee Alternate Sec = Secretary			Guests:

- 1) Welcome at 19:05. Quick discussion on extending technology use at GB Meetings followed. In-person attendance preferred and agreed upon.
- 2) Adoption of the Agenda
Motioned by Debbie King-Brassard, Seconded by Kris de Forest; Carried
- 3) Adoption of the September 20, 2016 Minutes
Motion to approve by Daphne Amster, Seconded by Beth Miller; Carried
- 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 – Teresa Borrelli
 - i) Verbal report given
 - b) Principal's Report – See Addendum #1
 - i) Grade 6 Students will take part in the Remembrance Day Ceremonies at John Abbott
 - ii) Please review the Anti-Violence and Anti-Bullying Plan currently on the school website for discussion next GB Meeting
 - iii) **Ratified:** Crazy Legs Dance Club Service Contract (\$300 for line dancing workshops)
 - c) Commissioner's Report – See Addendum #2

- d) Regional Parent Committee Report
 - i) Please see documents sent via email
 - e) Daycare Report – See Addendum #3
 - f) Home & School – No requests required
- 7) Question Period (for Public questions to the Governing Board related to the Reports)
- a) **No Questions**
- 8) New Business
- a) Grade 6 visit by Kenneth Oppel and a producer from CBC radio to record parts of their discussion on October 24th. The class won a copy of his new book “The Nest”.
 - b) Grades 4-6 intra-mural Omnikin tournament will be held in November during lunch time. There is no cost for the event. Semi finals and finals the first week of December. 130 students have signed up so far.
- 9) Correspondence
- a) No correspondence
- 10) Varia & Field Trips
- a) **Motion:** Two Grade 6 Students to attend a Summit for Peace held by the School Board on October 19, 2016. Students will be chosen by Grade 6 Teachers. Parents will be asked to drop off the children at the School Board.
Motioned by Kris de Forest; Seconded by Daphne Amster; Vote: Carried
 - b) **Ratified:** Grade 1 Field Trip to Quinn’s Farm for Pumpkin Picking on October 31 from 9:00am-12pm. 57 Students, Ratio of 1:6, Cost of \$15. Approved May 24, 2016.
 - c) **Motion:** Food Drive (outside of our traditional Christmas baskets drive) with St. Patrick’s Church and the Boy Scouts.
Motioned by Beth Miller; Seconded by Sandra Nouh; Vote: Carried
 - d) **Motion:** Book Club trip to Elite Daycare to read to pre-schoolers. 13 students, 2 adults. Would be done on a Ped Day. Afternoon logistics and date to be confirmed.
Motioned by Daphne Amster; Seconded by Suzanne Hermann; Vote: Carried
- 11) Adjournment: Motioned by Kris de Forest at 19:48; Carried

Date Minutes Adopted

Chairperson

Principal

Addendum #1 – Principal's Report

Principal's report to Governing Board October 18, 2016



- Two successful fire drills held so far and a lockdown drill.. 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 **costumes in the p.m....** no masks, props, blood or violent themes. Note will be sent home to parents.
- Congratulations to Ms. Randle's Grade 6 class for winning the CBC Radio Scary Stories contest, and receiving an author visit from K. Opel.
- Thanks to staff for their hard work on interim report cards and IEPs.
- Term 1 report Cards will be distributed Nov. 16, with interview/portfolio night Nov 17 (spillover on Nov. 18)
- Successful photo day was held, vaccinations for Grade 4 students as well.
- Elementary Cross Country Run – Wednesday October 19, 2016, Morgan Arboretum
- , as well as LBPSB Peace summit for Grade 6 student reps from each school at PEC (needs to be ratified, as well as transportation..)
- Work on new library commons continues. Pushing forward for grand reopening of repurposed space.
- Change to background check protocol
- November 11 Remembrance Day Peace Assembly will be held for students and staff.
- CP rail has been in to talk about rail safety, war amps about amputees, and bus company (bus safety workshop) upcoming.
- Plan is to repeat presentation of Antihomophobia program during February antibullying week at Edgewater.
- Great Kindness challenge will happen again in 2016 -2017 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. 11 2016. To support program for developmentally delayed young adults. Join us for a fun evening at the Beaconsfield Golf Course. This auction and casino fundraiser supports LBPSB students with special needs who work at Light A Dream. Tickets are \$30 and can be bought at the door or from Cindy Finn
- Governing Board Training – Thursday October 20, 2016 – Brookdale offices, 7 PM
- High School Enrichment program entrance exam on Saturday, October 29th (grade 6)-
- Anti-Violence and Anti-Bullying Plan
- Service contract to ratify:
 - o Crazy Legs Dance Club – Judy \$300.00 for line dancing workshops Nov. 1
- Field trips to ratify:
 - Quinn Farm Oct 31 Grade 1, 57 students, 1/6 ratio, \$15.00 each

Addendum #2 Commissioner's Report

Congratulations and best wishes to all those who've volunteered to serve on the Governing Board during 2016-2017. Any school is only as strong as the commitment of those people willing to go the extra yard to ensure its excellence. Thank you!

Bill 105: With the withdrawal of Bill 86 in June following opposition from almost everyone involved in public education in Quebec, Education Minister Sébastien Proulx has introduced this new more moderate legislation focused on granting parent commissioners the right to vote at meetings of the council of commissioners and allowing them to be appointed to the office of school board vice-chair. The bill also introduces measures to encourage the participation of school principals and centre directors in certain school board decisions concerning the allocation of board resources. Hearings have been held and it is anticipated that Bill 105 will be back in the National Assembly for consideration shortly.

News from the Aug. & Sept. meetings of the Council of Commissioners

2016-2017 Budget: The Council of Commissioners adopted a balanced 2016-2017 school board budget projecting revenues of \$287,784,519 and expenses of \$287,784,519 following receipt of the final budget rules from the Ministry in July. The budget does include some good news with a \$3 million increase in capital funding through the provincial government reinvestment in infrastructure (financed in part through a \$1 million cutback in technology grants).

GB Funding: Approval was given to the distribution of the 2016-2017 funds for Governing Board operational expenses at all schools according to a formula unchanged from last year based on the number of GB members and enrolment.

2017-2018 High School Transportation Zones: Council adopted revised 2017-2018 High School Transportation Zones before Open Houses are held as recommended by the Transportation Advisory Committee. For students attending BHS, this adds free busing next year for students residing in zone 53 on NDIP and Pincourt.

Parents' Committee: Council approved the recommended composition for the new Parents' Committee (replacing the former Central Parents' Committee) as follows: one representative from each school, elected each year at the meeting of the parents of the students who attend that school, held before September 30th and one representative of SNAC, designated by and from among the parents who are members of that committee.

Pearson Educational Foundation: PEF announced the 2nd annual LBPSB Alouette Family Day fundraiser – tickets to the Alouette Thanksgiving Day game (Oct. 10) are available for \$16 from PEF at: <http://pef.lbpsb.qc.ca/alouettes.htm> **Administrative Appointments:** A number of additional administrative appointments were approved by Council mostly in the Adult Education/Careers sector but also including the creation of a new Vice-Principal position at Westwood Junior High School in St. Lazare to be filled by Dona Bianchi.

Capital Projects: Council approved the hiring of professionals for capital projects to be undertaken in the summer of 2017 including the Poirier Fontaine Architectural firm for a project to caulk windows on A&C wings and sandblast columns on A wing at BHS.

Student Ombudsman: With the resignation of the incumbent, and pending consultation with the Parents' Committee, Caroline Lemay was designated by the Council of Commissioners as the new interim Student Ombudsman of the LBPSB, effective Oct. 1st. The Student Ombudsman's role is formally defined by section 220.2 of the Education Act and the LBPSB's By-Law 9, the Complaint Examination Procedure.

Interesting News from the Communications & Marketing Committee

School Website Updates: Close to 26 sites have been completed from a programming prospective and an additional 4 have been added since the beginning of the school year. Sites will be completed as schools submit the content necessary to launch a final product.

Launch of Fusion: The Fusion parent portal was launched for parents of Secondary 4 & 5 students at the end of the last school year. Parents had the ability to access Ministry marks and summer school marks. The launch was a great success and the vast majority of parents are hoping for more capabilities through the portal. Development is ongoing for report cards, schedules and absences being the next stage.

Digital Bus Passes: With the collaboration of Transportation Services, the Communications and Innovations department developed an online digital version of student bus passes sent via email to parents.

Parent/Teacher night - Online Appointments: The department is nearing completion of an online booking process for parents to select the dates and times available for Parent/Teacher interviews. The program has been developed so that all schools can benefit from the tool hoping that it can reduce the time teachers spend on manual scheduling of parents and that parents can choose a time that is suitable for their needs.

The next regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners is scheduled for Monday, October 24th 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

Daycare Notes – October 2016

Sportira Cage Ped Day: 72 students and 7 staff participated in this very active ped day in Anjou. They were gone all day and came back very tired!

Country Jamboree Ped Day: This will be an in-house ped day scheduled for Tuesday, November 1, 2016. We are expecting a high registration because it's the first time that a ped day is held mid-week. A line dancer has been contracted to teach the student line dancing in small groups!

Our Daycare is Physically Active: Mrs. Rivard and Ms Beth attended a workshop at the school board in the hopes of our school being selected to be part of an extended pilot project that trains staff to facilitate more physical activity in the daycare. Not necessarily sport related but any kind of movement that creates an increase in heart rate.

Homework: The ministry has changed its policy of 30 minutes daily of homework to the daycare must offer a session of homework during the week. Our daycare will be offering homework periods 2 days a week from grade 2 to 6.

Chartwells: We had another incident with poor service last week. The company advised us that the delivery of foods would be late. It was delivered after the lunch bell. As all staff had to be in a class, some Grade 6 students volunteered to do the service but students ate 30 minutes late.

Stagiere: There is a student from Vanier who is working with the daycare as part of her training in Early Childhood Counselling."