

Edgewater Governing Board Minutes

January 31, 2017



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)	Ekaterina Kamardina Wayne Clifford
		Commissioner: Wayne Clifford	
		Community: Christina Fazio (H&S)	Absences: Kim Hamilton
VC = Vice Chair RR = Regional Parent Committee Representative RA = Regional Parent Committee Alternate Sec = Secretary			Guests: Tricia Lax

- 1) Welcome at 19:10.
 - a) Discussed creation of "GB Alternative Members" being introduced by board and taking effect next AGA.

- 2) Adoption of the Agenda

Motioned by Trish Schofield, Seconded by Daphne Amster; Carried

- 3) Adoption of the November 22, 2016 Minutes

Motion to approve by Beth Miller, Seconded by Suzanne Hermann; Carried

- 4) Question Period (for Public questions to the Governing Board)
 - a) **No Questions**

- 5) Business Arising from the Minutes
 - a) Storage Container for Outdoor Equipment (Home & School)

Motion was **not** approved. GB subcommittee will provide feedback to Playground Committee on alternatives.

- 6) Reports
 - a) School Council – Teresa Borrelli
 - i) Verbal report given
 - b) Principal's Report – See Addendum #1
 - c) Commissioner's Report – See Addendum #2

- d) Regional Parent Committee Report
 - i) Verbal report given.
 - e) Daycare Report – See Addendum #3
 - i) **Ratify** Bowling on May 19th instead of November.
 - ii) **Motion** to approve the Edgewater School Daycare November Revised Budget 2016-2017 by Debbie King-Brassard; seconded by Natalie Rippen-Randle; Carried
 - f) Home & School – No requests
- 7) Question Period (for Public questions to the Governing Board related to the Reports)
- a) **No Questions**
- 8) New Business
- a) Updated Schedule for 2017 GB Meetings: Mar 21, April 25, May 23, June 20
 - b) Selection criteria for principal consultation (s. 79, 110.1) – Due Feb 20, 2017
 - i) Minor modifications to be reviewed via email prior to submission
 - c) 2017-2018 Budget Consultation – Due March 31, 2017
 - d) Resolution for Edgewater Elementary School Governing Board – Amount Allocation for Grant 30170, 2016-2017 School Year
Motion by Derek Patino; Seconded by Suzanne Hermann; Carried
- 9) Correspondence
- a) LCEEQ Conference 2017 Parent Session
 - b) Hooked on School Days (Feb 13-17, 2017)
 - c) Modification to Emergency Preparedness Policy & Safe and Caring Schools Policy
- 10) Varia & Field Trips
- a) Pilo Polo tournament taking place at lunch for cycle 1 students running from January 11th and ends February 16th. 77 grade 1 and 2 students signed up. A big thank you to the 32 grade 6 students who signed up to help run the tournament by taking turns refereeing the games.
 - b) **Ratified:** Earth Rangers Presentation January 27, 2017
 - c) **Ratified:** Ford Drive 4 UR School Fundraiser set for Saturday April 29, 2017 8am-5pm
 - d) 10 Students from Grades 5 and 6 invited to Westpark for Jr. Leadership Day, February 10, 2017.
Motion by Vanessa Nolet; Seconded by Kris de Forest; Carried
- 11) Adjournment: Motioned by Daphne Amster at 21:05; Carried

Addendum #1 – Principal’s Report – January 2017

Kindergarten open house was a success. We have 44 registrations at this time. (last year in February we had 51 ☺)

Reregistration forms go out on Monday, February 13. As a result of last year’s major school change, parents who need to request a transfer last year, need to do so again at this time. The board holds a transfer meeting for all schools later in February, but we may or may not be able to confirm all requests at that time as we are only allowed to accept up to 90% of capacity in February.

All of the Grade 6 reregistration forms for high school were returned in a timely fashion and will be forwarded to the high schools. 95% of our Grade 6 students chose Macdonald High School last year, this year that percentage dropped to 71%. (49 Mac, 14 BHS, 2 St. Thomas, 4 other boards/unknown)

Congratulations to Mrs. Lamothe and the Edgewater Book Club for participating in the Kid’s Lit Quiz. A very successful field trip to Ottawa for the contest took place in January. Edgewater’s book club acquitted themselves very well against some tough competition!

Thank you to Ms. Anto and Home and School team for organizing another excellent “Born to Read” event. It was well attended and fun for everyone there! It also raises the positive profile of Edgewater in the community.

The Public Health Department has informed us that norovirus has made its way into the schools this year. We will be very vigilant about sending home students complaining of nausea or malaise as we want to avoid the spread of this pesky virus. We will also reinforce the necessity for frequent handwashing (students and staff) and cleaning of high-traffic surfaces (doorknobs, tabletops, etc.)

Now an annual event, the Kindness Challenge is underway and the children are showing great interest..Various spirit days organized during the week to ramp up the excitement.

Sincere thanks to home and school and in particular the antibullying sub committee for bringing Dare to Care back to the school in December to keep us current in our antibullying dialogue.

Thank you to Ms. Anto for taking advantage of Culture in the Schools grant to bring the whole school to the MMFA in December. Thank you to Ms. Debbie and the Christmas basket team for taking on this very big challenge and doing a great job! Also thanks for the wonderful Playground Pals Christmas dinner.

Earth Rangers visited the school to present their organization and some of the wildlife they protect. It was an experience enjoyed by young and old, as hawks and owls swooped over our heads, and snakes and skunks made their way around the gym!

The annual formal exam period is underway. Grade 4 classes are wrapping up the ELA exam. 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 education stagiaires from McGill and UQAM are or will be assigned to Edgewater for a fourth year stage.

Capital projects: repair fences? Repave schoolyard

Report cards going home the week of March 1 (a bit earlier than last year). 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.

10 students have been selected to represent Edgewater at Junior Leadership Day on February 10. They will be accompanied by 3 staff members. This boardwide event brings together Grade 5 and 6 students from every elementary school to a leadership event run by high school students. There will be a keynote speaker(s) and then the students will participate in three 30-minute breakout sessions. The breakout sessions will focus on leadership, collaboration, digital literacy and critical thinking, and how these skills impact students' daily interactions in high school. **(Resolution required)**

Measure 30170 – New fund 5 allocation to schools this year. Usually Fund 5 does not come under governing board's purview. However, the Ministry of Education has specifically requested that principals inform their governing boards of this funding (done) and how it will be spent (done). **(Resolution required.)**

Addendum #2 Commissioner's Report – January 2017

News from the December 19th Meeting of the Council of Commissioners

A resolution was unanimously adopted reiterating Council's full **support for all employees** of the LBPSB.

Long-time LBPSB employee Peter Amos was appointed as the new **Assistant Director of Equipment Services**.

The Program & Services Committee reported that the recently-adopted Bill 105 will have an effect on School Success Plans which will be known henceforth as **Educational Projects** – it is anticipated that there will be a delay of four to eight weeks in the process leading to their implementation at the school level.

Approval was given to launch the **2017-2018 Budget Consultation Plan** to permit the Lester B. Pearson School Board community "to provide input on the allocation of subsidies, school tax proceeds and income among educational institutions", with responses to be returned to the Secretary General by March 31, 2017. In practice, this consultation allows schools and centres to define their priorities before the budget-building process begins. According to Assistant Director General Carol Heffernan, the consultation documentation will be sent out in early January.

Once again our Student Commissioners brought to the attention of commissioners some of the intriguing initiatives that the **Central Students Committee** is considering. In their own words "This month, our question was 'What would you like to see in your school that doesn't already exist?' We had some very interesting suggestions come up for discussion, such as having tests based on feedback, not grades, incorporating a more comfortable and quiet environment for students and adding question periods in classes past the usual ones. We also had the idea of creating a comfort room (an environment for studying), having the option to participate in a model UN, opening tech to be used more often in classrooms, adding Chromebooks in all classes (because most Chromebooks are open only to Sec. 1) and implementing a method where students get the first 5 minutes of class to themselves, rather than the students doing so throughout the lessons. We discussed the possibility of allowing more time for students to work on the Chromebooks in class for projects to make meeting up easier for the students, and renting out the Chromebooks so that students are less likely to treat it like a personal device." Though focused on high schools, this input provides a great insight into the thinking of our student leadership.

The Transportation Advisory Committee advised that they are optimistic that the new **Bus Planner** application will be implemented in the near future. This will permit parents to establish the status of school buses in case of any delay.

Approval was given to adjusting **commissioner's stipends** to reflect the increase in the cost of living. In the interest of transparency, the amount of our stipends is listed on the LBPSB website.

The next regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners is scheduled for Monday, January 30th at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Wayne Clifford, Commissioner – Ward 12

Addendum #3 Daycare Report – January 2017

Christmas Carnival: Was held on December 14, 2016 and was very successful! The senior daycare students run a fun filled carnival from start to finish. This is its sixth year. A great leadership opportunity for the older students and the young ones just love it!

Ped Days:

- January 23rd: Youth Stars Foundation came into the school providing a full day program of dance yoga and gym games ending with a dance party complete with music and DJ. 80 students participated.
- February 3: Valentine Theme in-house ped day. 60 students are registered. The activities are planned by the staff.
- February 10th: off to Parc Olympique to slide. If it's too icy we will opt to stay at school and hold outdoor events in the school yard.
- May 19th: The ped day date for Bowling at the Pincourt Bowling Alley has been changed to May, 19, 2017 from November 2016.

Kindness Challenge: To kick off the Kindness Challenge the daycare made a rainbow kindness tunnel to welcome all the students getting off the bus. Great idea Mrs. Rivard! Pics are on the EW FB page.

First Aid: A number of staff are in need of a refresher course, so one will be set up in the coming weeks.

Daycare Rate Increase: As per MELS, there was a daycare rate increase from \$8.10 to \$8.15 effective January 1, 2017. The January 2017 invoices were delayed in going out by one week until the changes had been modified in the system. Parents were notified by hard copy and a notice was put on the school website as well.

Union Delegate Meeting: The daycare was closed on November 28, 2016 so that the support staff could attend the annual union delegate meeting.

Staffing: As a result of some regular and lunch staff on leave, we have had to restructure a bit in the daycare. Currently still in need of some lunch supervisors if someone knows someone they can recommend.

Pancake Breakfast: We held our last pancake breakfast in the vestibule on November 18th and it was a resounding success. Over 150 students participated in the breakfast. There is no charge for this event. Our next pancake breakfast is on February 14th.