

Edgewater Governing Board Minutes

March 21, 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)	Natalie Rippen-Randle Derek Patino Christina Fazio Suzanne Hermann
		Commissioner: Wayne Clifford	
		Community: Christina Fazio (H&S)	Absences: Kim Hamilton Daphne Amster
VC = Vice Chair RR = Regional Parent Committee Representative RA = Regional Parent Committee Alternate Sec = Secretary			Guests:

- 1) Welcome at 19:07
- 2) Adoption of the Agenda
Motioned by Beth Miller, Seconded by Kris de Forest; Carried
- 3) Adoption of the November 22, 2016 Minutes
Motion to approve by Kris de Forest, 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
 - c) Commissioner’s Report – See Addendum #2
 - d) Regional Parent Committee Report
 - i) Refer to the discussion area found on the site:
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B4MLCTipiGQRTm5CLXIGaFJMMEU?usp=sharing>

- e) Daycare Report – See Addendum #3
 - 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) Governing Board Composition consultation – Due May 12
- 9) Correspondence
- a) n/a
- 10) Varia & Field Trips
- a) **Ratified:** Principal Selection Criteria Consultation response.
 - b) **Phys Ed Update:** 69 grade 5 and 6 students have signed up to play in the March Madness Basketball Intra-mural tournament that takes place 3 days a week at lunchtime during the month of March.
Thanks to the money that was donated to our school from the Pierre Lavoie Défi challenge last year - the grades 1, 2 and 3 students are getting a chance to learn about the sport Curling. A great addition to our phys ed equipment!
 - c) **Motion** for the approval of the following Field Trips:
 - i) Green Summit: 2-4 Cycle 3 students, Westpark School, June 5, \$20 (\$10 by student, \$10 by school), Grade 5 Recycling Project
 - ii) Concours de Lectures: 6 Grade 5 students, created by School Board, May 1st, no cost
 - iii) TOPS: April 7th, Lakeside Academy, 9:15am-12:30pm, 69 students (Grade 6), \$14 per student
 - iv) Montreal Planetarium: March 31, Grade 1, 57 students, 9am-3:15pm, \$23 per student
 - v) Annie Junior: April 13, St. Patrick’s Annual Drama Production, 17 Homerooms (most of school), 10am
Motion by Ekaterina Kamardina; seconded by Trish Schofield; Carried
 - d) **Ratification** of the following Field Trips approved last June:
 - i) **Sumerlea Golf Course:** Grade 6, May 2017, no cost, morning until after lunch (lunch included)
 - ii) **Super Aqua Club:** Grade 6, week of June 19, \$45 per student
 - iii) **Basketball Tournament:** April 21 (Ped Day)
- 11) Adjournment: Motioned by Beth Miller at 20:20; Carried



Addendum #1 – Principal's Report – March 21, 2017

Report cards came out beginning of the month. Thank you to staff for their hard work and diligence in preparing report cards, as well as IEPs. No formal parent teacher interviews scheduled this term.

Snow day will not cause removal of a ped day.

Possibility of a brief concert in the p.m of Open House Day.. Looking at changing the schedule around a bit. Will discuss the possibility with home and school tomorrow night (via satellite ☺).

Enrollment and staffing update.

Graduation update.

High school mini day orientation to take place in April (24).

Partners in Prevention March 28 at Westwood Jr.

Students from Grades 4 to 6 will also be asked to complete the TELL THEM FROM ME survey for the first time in April. Suggestions solicited from Governing Board regarding potential questions.

Pink t-shirt day /anti bullying.antihomophobia assembly very successful. Thanks to Home and School for their support of these ventures.

Also, big thank you for TSAW extravaganza. Always appreciated in the long month of February.

Kindergarten Open House tentatively scheduled for June 5th ped day. If chair or a rep from Governing Board could be present that would be great. Exploring possibility of a new model for this event.

Working on the school calendar for next year, and starting the process of planning field trip calendar as well

Continuation of ipad program next year (will be incorporated in new success plan).

Beginning the planning for end of year tombola.

Annual Report and update on Strategic Plan

Field trip and ECA approvals.

Green Summit

Montreal Planetarium

Concours de Lecture

Annie Junior (17 homerooms to attend) April 13 St. Pats

TOPS April 7, Lakeside Academy



Addendum #2 Commissioner's Report – March 2017

News from the February 27th Meeting of the Council of Commissioners

Approval was given to the draft consultation document entitled **By-Law 5: Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct Applicable to the Council of Commissioners** that has now been distributed to the LBPSB community with responses to be returned by April 28th. Revisions in By-Law 5 are designed to address certain problems with the existing version which became clear in 2016 during the proceedings involving the board chair. We expect to adopt the final version of the By-Law before the end of the current school year.

The Educational Services Department of the LBPSB was authorized to operate a **Summer School Program** at St. Thomas High School and LaSalle Community Comprehensive High School between the dates of July 3-28. Where numbers warrant, bus transportation will be available for a fee to those students attending the St. Thomas High School program residing off-island. Kathleen O'Reilly will continue as the Director of Summer School.

Further to requests from the school administration, the school staff and the Governing Board of the school, approval was given to **St. Anthony Elementary School** in Pierrefonds to pursue the implementation of an **International Baccalaureate (IB)** Program. The only current LBPSB elementary schools offering an IB Primary Years Program are Clearpoint Academy in Pointe Claire and Children's World Academy in LaSalle.

A letter dated February 24th was received from Education Minister Sébastien Proulx stating that the practice of **weighing students** in Québec schools was never part of the physical education and health curriculum and must not be included in said curriculum. This controversial practice had apparently been in place in certain Québec high schools, but none within the LBPSB.

Considering the particularly large territory of the LBPSB and an increase in our number of eligible electors since 2014, a resolution was adopted requesting the Education Minister to authorize the LBPSB to establish two more electoral divisions (wards) than provided for in the **Act Respecting School Elections** for the school board elections anticipated in November 2018. (This would divide the school board territory into 12 wards which is the status quo though the boundaries of some existing wards might be modified.)

The Director General reported that the process of hiring of a new **Communications Officer** is almost complete. The individual in this new post will report directly to the DG and will be focused on marketing LBPSB successes and programs in the local community and beyond.

A subcommittee was struck to study the LBPSB's policy on the **Evaluation of Student Learning** which was last updated in 2005. It is anticipated that there will be a consultation on any changes to this policy early in the 2017-2018 school year.

The full **2015-2016 LBPSB Annual Report** will be presented to Council at the end of March with an abridged version for the public to be available shortly thereafter.

The Intercultural Advisory Committee announced that it is planning to sponsor its **Aboriginal Day** event at Lindsay Place High School on April 12th.

The annual **TOPS** variety show highlighting performances by very talented high school students from throughout the LBPSB will be presented at Lakeside Academy on April 7th and 8th.

The next regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners is scheduled for Monday, March 27th at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
[Wayne Clifford](#)
Commissioner – Ward 12

Addendum #3 Daycare Report – March 2017

Christmas Carnival was held on December 14, 2016. Over 150 students participated in the event which was organized and run by the senior daycare students. It was a great opportunity for leadership skills and working with their peers.

Open House: families seemed very interested in our school. Not many questions relating to the daycare.

Past Ped Days:

- Youth Stars Foundation (Jan 23rd) 3 morning and 3 afternoon sessions of yoga, dance and sports ending with a dance party in the gym complete with DJ and music! Very well received by the students
- Valentines Fun (Feb 3rd) organized and run by our staff from cooking to gym games all under the Valentine theme.
- Sliding (Feb 10th) going to Parc Olympique was cancelled due to the dangerous ice conditions but we had a backup plan at the school with fun winter activities....the highlight was making smores to go with the hot chocolate!
- The average attendance for these ped days was 70 students.

Pancake Breakfast was held on Valentine's Day complete with pink pancakes. Some of the senior students worked in the kitchen cooking the pancakes under the supervision of 2 educators; other seniors were serving the pancakes and other breakfast items. Over 130 students ate breakfast at Edgewater that day! There was no additional charge to parents for this activity.

Taxes: All tax receipts were processed in February. Daycare families were hand distributed at the sign in door, lunch only families went home via the student and past graduates were mailed.

Clubs: On an experimental basis we are exploring using "clubs" as part of the daycare program. We have had very positive feedback from the students and staff alike. Students can sign up for only one club per session and we try to always offer a junior and senior club each session. So far we have had a Board Game Club, Cooperative Game Club, Cooking Club and a Corking Club. Future clubs being explored are Cake Decorating, Pokemon, and Dream Catchers and Journaling. There is no additional charge to families for this pilot project.

Nutrition Workshop: Two staff members went to a nutrition workshop hosted by Educational Services. It was very insightful offering creative ways to get students to enjoy lunch time, explore new foods and take responsibility for their own choices.

Daycare Technician Conference: I will be attending a conference Thursday and Friday which will be attended by daycare technicians from all across Quebec.