

Edgewater Governing Board Minutes

June 13, 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)	Wayne Clifford
		Commissioner: Wayne Clifford	
		Community: Claudia Carpanzano (H&S)	Absences:
VC = Vice Chair RR = Regional Parent Committee Representative RA = Regional Parent Committee Alternate Sec = Secretary			Guests: Jodie Roberts

- 1) Welcome at 19:05. Presentation of the GB Annual Report (See Addendum #1)
Motion to adopt the GB Annual Report by Beth Miller, Seconded by Daphne Amster; Carried
- 2) Adoption of the Agenda
Motioned by Trish Schofield, Seconded by Vanessa Nolet; Carried
- 3) Adoption of the May 23, 2017 Minutes
Motion to approve by Suzanne Hermann, Seconded by Teresa Borelli; Carried
- 4) Question Period (for Public questions to the Governing Board)
 - a) **No Questions**
- 5) Business Arising from the Minutes
 - a) Chartwells (status) – there is a Motion to cancel this service on the table.
 - i) Tabled until next year. A final decision needs to be made by March 2018
 - b) Anti-Bullying Anti-Violence Plan
 - i) **Motion** to approve by Derek Patino, Seconded by Daphne Amster; Carried
- 6) Reports
 - a) School Council – Teresa Borrelli
 - i) Verbal report given
 - b) Principal’s Report – See Addendum #2
 - i) **Motion** to approve School May-June Proposed Budget 2017-2018 by Daphne Amster; seconded by Suzanne Hermann; Carried.

- c) Commissioner’s Report – See Addendum #3
- d) Regional Parent Committee Report
 - i) Refer to the discussion area found on the site:
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B4MLCTjpiGQRMTNrYTk4OEZDMTQ?usp=sharing>
- e) Daycare Report – See Addendum #4
 - i) **Motion** to approve Daycare June Proposed Budget 2017-2018 by Daphne Amster; seconded by Debbie King-Brassard; Carried.
- f) Home & School
 - i) Welcome Back Team Building with Dynamix in September
 - ii) Ford Fundraiser (apply in January for Spring)
 - iii) Scholastic Book Fairs (October/ May)

Motion to approve the above-listed items for the 2017-2018 school year by Kris de Forest; seconded by Debbie King-Brassard; Carried.

- 7) Question Period (for Public questions to the Governing Board related to the Reports)
 - a) n/a
- 8) New Business
 - i) 2017-2018 Governing Board:
Returning 2nd Years: Kris de Forest, Ekaterina Kamardina, Derek Patino
 Four Open Positions: (Mike Aragona, Claudette Benoit, Suzanne Hermann, Vanessa Nolet).
 Claudette and Suzanne are graduating parents and will not return. Mike and Vanessa expressed interest in coming back for another term.
- 9) Correspondence
 - a) n/a
- 10) Varia & Field Trips
 - a) n/a
- 11) Adjournment: Motioned by Claudette & Suzanne at 20:00; Carried

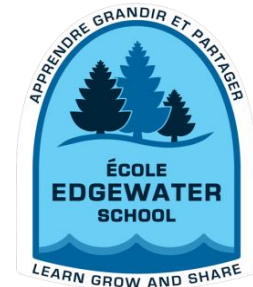
Date Minutes Adopted	Chairperson	Principal
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Addendum #1

Governing Board Annual Report

2016-2017

Edgewater Elementary School
220 Cardinal Leger. Pincourt QC



Chairperson's Message

The 2016-2017 School Year began with a "whoosh" as we returned to school during the completion of our plumbing project which finally saw all our bathrooms upgraded, including auto-flushers which definitely gave some of our younger kids a scare at times 😊

Miss Ulla officially became the school's new secretary, taking on this new challenge much to the Principal's relief who feared having to do that job as well 😊

As a result of the Major School Change, our numbers were down to 397 students registered in 2016-2017 compared to the 460+ in prior years. However, this did allow us to give Daycare their own room this year which allowed them to participate in Open House with a montage of photos on the smart board as well as other items for parents and students to see.

Other changes to the school included revamping the library, new UDL classrooms, and a new Snoezelen-inspired relaxation room. Parents were able to take all this in during portfolio night.

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. This year, they definitely made history by raising \$6,000 for our school in one day for the Ford Drive Event!

The 2016-2017 Edgewater theme was "Around The World" which gave each class a chance to explore the world in various learning activities.

And for the first time in recent memory, Edgewater was closed twice this year, the first for a Snow Day and the second due to the flooding in the area where the community at large came together to help those that were impacted by it. Ms. Lamothe's Grade 5 class also won \$1,000 for a charity of their choice from their act of "Paying it Forward" and making muffins for the flood relief volunteers. They chose to donate their \$1,000 to the West Island Palliatives Care Residence.

2016-2017 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 20, 2016 October 18, 2016 November 22, 2016 January 31, 2017
 March 21, 2017 April 25, 2017 May 23, 2017 June 13, 2017

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

Actions and Events

Physical Education had a renewed interest this year with Ultimate Frisbee, Grades 4-6 intra-mural Omnikin tournament, Pilo Polo tournament for cycle 1 students, and Grade 5 and 6 students playing in the March Madness Basketball Intra-mural tournament. Also, thanks to the money that was donated to our school from the Pierre Lavoie Défi challenge last year - Grades 1-3 students got a chance to learn about Curling.

Field Trips included a winter outing to Notre-Dame-de-Fatima, visits to Labonte Farm, Quinn's Farm, the Eco-Museum, the Amerindiens "Droulers", Junior Leadership Day at Westpark Jr., and the Montreal Planetarium. The students were also exposed to a number of plays and events like Annie Jr., the Studio de Danse Montreal for the Digital Citizenship Play "Delete", the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, Shrek the Musical, and TOPS.

Annual activities included the Terry Fox run, Great Kindness Challenge, and Anti-Bullying Week. This year, our annual Art Vernissage was held over two days in order to ensure everyone a chance to enjoy it. Even Daycare participated by creating an art project of birds around the world.

For the Anti-Bullying event in December, Home & School brought back Dare 2 Care for a series of workshops and lectures which were extremely appreciated. For Anti-Bullying Week, we had our yearly Pink Shirt day anti-bullying awareness assembly, and repeated the LBPSB-approved Anti-Homophobia program.

Edgewater's love of Reading was in full swing this year with various activities including a Grade 4 Read-a-thon for Education Fundraiser and school-wide PJ day, a Book Club trip to Elite Daycare to read to pre-schoolers, Ms. Anto and Home and School's organization of another excellent "Born to Read" event, Concours de Lectures, and the Battle of the Books event. Also, for the first time ever, the Edgewater Book Club participated in the KidsLit Quiz Ottawa Heat as the sole representatives from Quebec!

Finally, Ms. Randle's Grade 6 class won first prize in the CBC Radio Scary Stories contest and received a visit by Kenneth Oppel and a producer from CBC radio to record parts of their discussion with the class, who were all given a copy of his new book "The Nest"!

Although there are a lot of items and events listed in this report, there are still a lot more that have happened and continue to happen every year. Information on all events can be found in the Governing Board minutes although, in my opinion, the best way to stay abreast of everything in the school is to be actively involved in the Governing Board or Home & School.

Sadly, this year we must bid adieu to Liz Rivard who has been guiding our school for the last 5 years. We wish her all the best in her new role. We are certain she will have as positive an impact there at John Rennie as she did with our children here at Edgewater. Since we know assignments change every few years, there is a high probability that some of us will be working with her again in the future! 😊

Adopted by the Edgewater Governing Board

Tuesday June 13, 2017

Date

Chairperson

Principal

Addendum #2 – Principal's Report – June 2017



- The end of the school year is nigh!
- Budget will be presented at tonight's meeting. It looks like Edgewater will be in a good position financially to start the year, although to continue the Ipad program in Grade 4 this year it appears we will have to purchase at least 6 – 10 Ipad minis for parents who cannot afford to supply them. Hopefully, fingers crossed, Home and School can help out with this purchase...
- Staffing – We will be looking to fill only 1 post at Edgewater during the priority pool hiring season.. No English posts to fill so we will be losing the wonderful Ms. Lenora. Hopeful that Mlle Parent will be back... fingers and toes crossed!
- There will be 3 K's, 2 Grade 1's, 1 combined ½, 2 Grade 2's, 2 Grade 3's, 1 combined ¾, 2 Grade 4's, 3 grade 5's and 2 Grade 6 homerooms next year.
- Grad ceremony June 22 at 4:00 p.m.
- Today Grade 5 students presented a \$1000 cheque to West Island Palliative Care Centre and welcomed Elaine Wolfear, a native woman who survived a sad experience in residential schools, to give a presentation and workshop.
- Grade 1 students in Mme Pascale and Mme Marie Eve's classes presented their annual dramatic tour de force today 😊
- Tech Institute for several Edgewater staff members this June.
- Visits to swimming pool next week. Power Hour On June 23
- Reminder that June 23 is a shortened day, students will be dismissed at 12:25, daycare closes at 4:00 p.m.
- Kindergarten orientation went very well, 52 students registered for k, several special needs students
- Awards assembly June 22 at 9:45 a.m. by invitation.
- It was a pleasure working with our chair and our GB members over the past 5 years. Thank you for your ongoing contributions to your children's education and for your donation of your time – a precious commodity!

Addendum #3

Commissioner's Report- Governing Board – Edgewater Elementary

News from the May 29th Meeting of the Council of Commissioners

New school and centre administrative assignments for the 2017-2018 school year were announced, including a new Principal for Edgewater, **Shirley Kapitsky**, formerly a teacher at St. Anthony School in Pierrefonds. Liz Rivard moves on to become a Vice-Principal at John Rennie High School.

The full complement of school/centre administrative changes has been posted on the LBPSB website at <http://www.lbpsb.qc.ca/eng/home.asp>

In addition, a number of senior administrative appointments/changes were announced. These included **David Chisholm**, currently the Assistant Director of Human Resources, to the position of **Regional Director, Region 1**, replacing **Veronique Marin** who becomes the **Director of International Services**. The current Director of International Services, **Steven Colpitts**, will become the new **Director of Educational Services**, taking over from Tom Rhymes. **Paula Pedroso**, currently Director of the P.A.C.C. Adult Ed. Centre was appointed to the newly-created position of **Director of Continuing Education**. (The vacant position of Assistant Director of Human Resources should be filled at the end of June.)

Following consultation with the Parents' Committee and the Pearson Teachers Union, the Youth Sector School **Calendar for the 2018-2019** school year was adopted. It should be posted soon on the board website.

Also following consultation and extensive review, the completely-revised **By-Law 5: Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct Applicable to the Council of Commissioners** was adopted. The modifications incorporated provide for additional transparency, more stringent sanctions and an overall improved process that addresses problems identified with the old version of the By-Law. An overview can be found in the following article from The Gazette: <http://montrealgazette.com/news/local-news/west-island-gazette/school-board-council-of-commissioners-adopts-new-code-of-ethics>

As is required annually by the Education Act, the LBPSB's **Three-Year Plan of Allocation and Destination of Immovables** was adopted.

Approval has been received from the Ministry of Education for the LBPSB to define **12 election wards** for the next school board elections, currently scheduled for November 2018. This is the same number as in 2014 although several wards will have their boundaries modified.

It was announced that the CS Marguerite-Bourgeoys will take possession of the former **Thorndale** Elementary School building at the end of May and plans to operate an elementary school there next year.

The Parents' Committee brought our attention to the excellent online **free tutoring** services that are made available through Learn Quebec – see <http://www.learnquebec.ca/information-about-online-tutoring>

The School Tax Management Committee of the Island of Montreal informed Council that **2017-18 school tax rates** are being increased marginally from the previous year: \$0.17873 per \$100 of assessed property value for the 2017- 2018 fiscal year, an increase from last year's rate of \$0.17789.

The Pearson Educational Foundation announced that it has created a special fund – the **Rona Cupak Flood Relief Fund** - to direct aid to the families of flood victims attending LBPSB schools. All profits from the recent PEF Fun Run will be directed to the fund. Anyone wishing to contribute can find full details on the PEF website: <http://pef.lbpsb.qc.ca/>

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Visit the Pearson News blog <http://pearsonnews.lbpsb.qc.ca/> and Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/LBPSB/> for updates from around the LBPSB.

The last regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners for 2016-2017 is scheduled for Tuesday, June 27th at 7:30 pm. It is anticipated that the 2017-2018 LBPSB budget will be debated and adopted at the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Clifford

Commissioner – Ward 12

Addendum #4 Daycare Report – June 2017

Granby Zoo: 62 students attended with 6 staff. Though the weather wasn't spectacular they had a great time. Despite posters, registration forms and speaking to parents at the door, we still 10+ students' parents still thought it was a regular daycare day.

Next Year registration: though the number wavers over the summer it looks like the daycare will remain the same size, despite having 2 less homerooms. Before school closes for the summer, we hope to contact all families who have not completed registration forms.

Outstanding Fees: All fees for lunch and daycare are due by June 15, 2017. I will be calling all families with outstanding fees starting on June 16, 2017; in the hopes of collecting some of the funds owed. Parents are allowed to continue to make small on-line payments over the summer.

K Orientation: went very well. Many families have sibling already in the school!

Proposed Daycare Budget: needs approval by governing board.

Daycare Handbook: The board wide standard daycare/lunch handbook will be ready in September 2017. At that point it will be shared with Governing Board to review it.

Thank you: A big thank you to Mrs. Rivard for all the support she gave the daycare over the past 5 years. It is not easy to run a large daycare without the complete support of the administration. Children always came first!