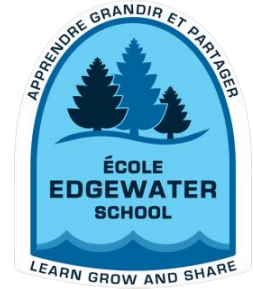


# Edgewater Governing Board Minutes

## November 21, 2017



### Governing Board:

Parents:	Staff:	Administration:	Regrets:
Kris de Forest (RR) Ekaterina Kamardina Derek Patino Mike Aragona (Chair) Vanessa Nolet Cassandra Fusco (RA) Christina Maurice Fazio (VC)	Daphne Amster Debbie King-Brassard Sandra Nouh Trish Schofield Natalie Rippen-Randle Teresa Borrelli	Shirley Kapitsky (Principal) Beth Miller (Daycare)	Vanessa Nolet Beth Miller Wayne Clifford Teresa Borrelli
<b>Alternates :</b> Sherry Lee Dawson, Nadia Silvestri, Nancy Mallette		<b>Commissioner:</b> Wayne Clifford	
		<b>Community:</b> Claudia Carpanzano (H&S)	<b>Absences:</b> Nadia Silvestri Nancy Mallette
VC = Vice Chair RR = Regional Parent Committee Representative RA = Regional Parent Committee Alternate Sec = Secretary			<b>Guests:</b>

- 1) Welcome at 19:00
- 2) Adoption of the Agenda
  - Motioned** by Derek Patino, Seconded by Sandra Nouh; Carried
- 3) Adoption of the October 17, 2017 Minutes
  - Motion** to approve by Daphne Amster, Seconded by Sandra Nouh; Carried
- 4) Question Period (for Public questions to the Governing Board)
  - a) No Questions
- 5) Business Arising from the Minutes
  - a) Chartwells
    - i) An email will be sent to parents on the current Motion to cancel Chartwells and time will be devoted to discussing and voting on it at the January 25, 2018 meeting.
    - ii) *There is a **MOTION** on the table to cancel Chartwells as of the 2018-2019 School Year*
    - iii) *Parents who use the service are invited to share their thoughts/ feelings on the matter*

- b) **Motion** to adopt the 2017-2018 Governing Board Budget as allocated by LBPSB by Kris de Forest seconded by Derek Patino; Carried
- 6) Reports
  - a) School Council – Teresa Borrelli
    - i) No report
  - b) Principal’s Report – See Addendum #1
  - c) Commissioner’s Report – See Addendum #2
  - d) Regional Parent Committee Report – See Addendum #3
  - e) Daycare Report – See Addendum #4
  - f) Home & School – Claudia Carpanzano
    - i) **Motion:** Budding Artist Fundraiser  
**Motioned** by Cassandra Fusco; Seconded by Debbie King-Brassard; Vote: Carried
    - ii) **Motion:** Lazy Legs Production, financed by Home & School, for a show in January 2018  
**Motioned** by Daphne Amster; Seconded by Kris de Forest; Vote: Carried
- 7) Question Period (for Public questions to the Governing Board related to the Reports)
  - a) No Questions.
- 8) New Business
  - a) Adopt November Revised Budget
    - i) **Motion** to adopt the November Revised Budget 2017-2018 by Ekaterina Kamardina;  
Seconded by Natalie Rippen-Randle; Carried
  - b) Review School Success Plan/ Education Project
    - i) **Motion** to adopt the Edgewater Education Project by Kris de Forest; Seconded by Cassandra Fusco; Carried
  - c) Anti-Bullying Anti-Violence Plan
    - i) **Motion** to adopt the Anti-Bullying Anti-Violence Plan (with changes) by Cassandra Fusco;  
Seconded by Natalie Rippen-Randle; Carried
  - d) Consultation for the Evaluation of Student Learning Policy (due: Jan 19, 2018)
    - i) Any comments will be circulated via email for an email vote prior to submission
- 9) Correspondence
  - a) n/a
- 10) Varia & Field Trips
  - a) **Ratified:** Chantal Parents' Grade 5 class trip to the Hydro Generating Station in Beauharnois and Electrium in Ste. Julie on December 14, 2017. Cost is \$19.00 per student.

- b) **Ratified:** Sophie and Daphne's class trip to Electrium in Ste. Julie on November 15, 2017 at a cost of \$18 per student and the Hydro Generating Station in Beauharnois on November 20, 2017 at a cost of \$19.00 per student.
- c) **Motion:** to allow KISoccer to offer their developmental soccer program to kids at cost of up to \$100/player for another 8 week session in January. Two sessions a week: Grades 3-4 and Grades 5-6.  
**Motioned** by Derek Patino; Seconded by Ekaterina Kamardina; Vote: Carried
- d) **Motion:** for The Super Recyclers fundraiser on Nov 30<sup>th</sup> and Dec 1<sup>st</sup> for the College Amelioration Jeunesse. The fundraiser is asking the community to drop off old clothes, linens, stuffed animals and shoes to be recycled. Funds received will be split between school in Dominican Republic and Grade 6 grad items/events.  
**Motioned** by Daphne Amster; Seconded by Christina Maurice Fazio; Vote: Carried
- e) **Motion:** Carpooling for selected students from 451 and 501 to attend trouble shooting training from Apple at Fairview on December 18th from 10:00-11:30. 25 students approx. depending on carpooling options.  
**Motioned** by Cassandra Fusco; Seconded by Natalie Rippen-Randle; Vote: Carried
- f) **Motion:** for the Edgewater Book Club students to walk to Elite Daycare and read to the children. 12 students, the morning of December 12th.  
**Motioned** by Derek Patino; Seconded by Daphne Amster; Vote: Carried
- g) **Motion:** to have Jeunesse Musicales Canada come to Edgewater and hold a Christmas concert (Un Monde Pour Noel) on Dec 13<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$5 per student.  
**Motioned** by Debbie King-Brassard; Seconded by Kris de Forest; Vote: Carried
- h) **Motion:** to ask Grade 6 students to join MAC in the Pincourt Food Drive on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Pizza will be served at MAC after dropping off of food.  
**Motioned** by Natalie Rippen-Randle; Seconded by Sandra Nouh; Vote: Carried

11) Adjournment: Motioned by Christine Maurice Fazio at 20:20

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Date Minutes Adopted

Chairperson

Principal



## **Addendum #1 – Principal's Report**



### **Principal's Report to Governing Board November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 Meeting**

- Thank you to the Home & School for the very fun family halloween dance. It was very well attended.
- Thank you Mrs. Randle and the grade 6 students for the haunted house. Everyone had a great time walking through the scary hallway.
- Thank you Mr. Berard, Mrs. Randle, and Mme Corriveau for helping to prepare the students for the Remembrance Day assembly. The students did a fantastic job and the song was beautiful.
- Thank you to Ben & Florentine for their generosity in feeding the entire school (students and staff)
- Thank you to Mrs. Randle Ms. Tina, Miss Angela, Ms. Ulla, and the grade 6 students for making sure all 460 people were fed.
- Thank you to Macdonald High School leaders for running a spirit assembly
- Thank you to Ms. Anto for the enormous amount of time and effort put into the mural that is now up on the fence across from the school. The students from grade 3 to 6 all worked about an hour each on the mural over three weeks. This project was in collaboration with the City of Pincourt and the local artist Madeleine Turgeon. There is a press conference on Thursday, November 23 at the Omni Centre. Ms. Anto will attend.
- Our grade 6 students had the opportunity to go to the very touching Remembrance Day ceremony held at the John Abbott campus
- Our grade 4/5 and 5 classes went to the Electrium and Hydro to kick off their electricity unit.
- Report cards were released yesterday on the Parental Fusion Portal.
- We received hats, mitts, and socks from a generous parent to distribute as we see the need.
- I would like to ask parents and grade 6 students, if they want to participate in the Pincourt food drive held on Saturday, December 2, on approval of Governing Board. This will be in collaboration with Macdonald High School.

#### Upcoming Events:

- November 22 to 28 - parents will be able to book interview appointments
- November 30 & December 1 - Interviews
- November 30 & 1- Fundraiser to clean out your cupboards of old clothes, stuffed animals, boot and shoes (if approved)
- December 9 - Craft Fair 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The class that brings the most cans of food and people to the craft fair will win a pizza lunch.
- December 13 - Christmas concert/play, (if approved) there will be two performances
- December 14 - Mlle Parent's Grade 5 to Electrium & Hydro on a field trip

I wish all members of the Governing Board a very happy and safe holiday. Thank you for all your hard work in helping to make Edgewater such a great place for the students and staff.

## **Addendum #2 Commissioner's Report – November 2017**

### **News from the October Meeting of the Council of Commissioners**

Congratulations and a very warm welcome to Melina Siles of BHS, and Miranda Bohns of PCHS the two *Student Commissioners* designated by the Central Students Committee to sit on the Council of Commissioners for the balance of the current school year. These students were sworn into office as the opening item on the agenda. The perspectives that our student commissioners bring to the table play a very important role in informing Council as to the most pressing issues affecting students throughout the board, helping us determine priorities going forward.

*Infrastructure Upgrade:* A professional services contract for “the replacement of main electrical entrance and transformer, gym divider and basketball lifting systems, exterior ramp, water compressors, bathrooms renovations, ventilation systems, ACM ceilings, and the installation of card access and camera systems at Beaconsfield High School (Project #1702)” was awarded to the bidder with the highest final score for quality, Langlois Architectes inc. This is a first step towards this project being undertaken next summer. A number of other contracts were also awarded.

*Consultation Launch:* Council resolved that the draft consultation document entitled *Evaluation of Student Learning Policy*, dated October 30, 2017, be distributed to Governing Boards and our other consultative partners during the week of November 1<sup>st</sup>, with responses to be returned to the Secretariat no later than January 19, 2018. (In addition, it is expected that a consultation on the ECA and Field Trip Policy will be launched at the November Council.)

Following an audit carried out by the board's external auditing firm Deloitte LLP, approval was given to the LBPSB *2016-2017 Financial Statements*, showing revenues of \$299,935,294 and expenses of \$294,100,316, with a surplus of revenues over expenditures of \$5,834,977 versus a deficit of almost \$2 million in the 2015-2016 school year. Approximately \$2.5 million of the current year surplus were Ministry grants attributed to the 2015-2016 school year for increases in professional salaries from the collective agreements and salary equity. An additional \$1 million was from revenues recognized during the 2015-2016 school year from the international student program. The balance of the surplus is attributed to the 2016-2017 school year and includes an additional \$1 million in revenues generated from an increase in international students, more than \$500,000 in energy savings due to a warmer winter and the board's energy savings programs and miscellaneous other savings throughout the board. The resulting surplus available for use by the board is about \$1.1 million and can be used for budgets going forward beginning in 2018-2019.

The *Communications Committee* reported that there are approximately 16,500 Fusion users at this present time which equates to approximately 85% of our student population. More than 22 schools took part in issuing interim report cards through the portal. Approximately 70% of accommodation busing fees were paid through online transactions, significantly reducing the amount of time for cheque processing in the Transportation department. Also, 40 + school websites have been updated and are now active. The Board website is currently being updated with hopes that the new version will be released later this school year.

Bill 87, an “Act to facilitate the disclosure of wrongdoings relating to public bodies”, adopted by the Quebec National Assembly in Dec. 2016, states that all public bodies must designate a person as the *officer responsible for dealing with the disclosures of wrongdoings* in the organization. It was resolved that the Secretary General of the Lester B. Pearson School Board, Geneviève Dugré, be designated as said individual. She will carry out her additional responsibilities in conjunction with the LBPSB’s existing “Whistleblower” policy:

[http://www.lbpsb.qc.ca/content/policies/Policy\\_Reporting%20of%20Financial%20Fraud%20and%20Misconduct\\_2014%20Mar.pdf](http://www.lbpsb.qc.ca/content/policies/Policy_Reporting%20of%20Financial%20Fraud%20and%20Misconduct_2014%20Mar.pdf)

The Director General announced that the interim replacement of Erik Olsthoorn as *Coordinator of Student Services* will be Stephanie Stever. Mr. Olsthoorn is on a one-year leave of absence from the board while Ms. Stever, formerly principal at Springdale Academy, is returning from a maternity leave.

The *Pearson Educational Foundation* announced their next major fundraiser for this year: The second annual *Comedy Benefit Fundraiser Event* (adults only) to be held on Friday, November 10, 2017 at the John Rennie High School Louise Chalmers Theatre starting at 8 pm. Five Montreal comedians – headlined by Derek Seguin – will be featured. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased online at: <http://pef.lbpsb.qc.ca/Comedy.htm>

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Much more info on what’s happening all around the board can always be found on the Pearson News blog <http://pearsonnews.lbpsb.qc.ca/> and on the LBPSB Facebook page.

The next regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners is scheduled for Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**Wayne Clifford,**

Commissioner – Ward 12

Postscript: Following the resignation of former Chair Suanne Stein Day a special council meeting was held November 14<sup>th</sup> to elect her replacement. Vice-Chair, Noel Burke, who had been Acting Chair, was elected to become Chairman of the Lester B. Pearson School Board, following the Parents ‘Committee recommendation that the chair be selected from current serving commissioners.

A procedure was outlined to allow for the selection of a commissioner for Ward 4 (replacing Noel Burke). A 9 commissioner committee was struck to do the selection and advertising has been arranged to advise the public of this opening to be filled within 30 days.

## **Addendum #3 Parents Committee Report – November 2, 2017**

### **MEETING SUMMARY REPORT**

**ATTENDEES:** Representatives 29 of 48 member schools were in attendance, as well as Commissioner Nan Beaton, and Assistant Director General Thomas Rhymes from the LBPSB Administration. Commissioners and Administration were each extended independent and formal invitations to future Parents' Committee and subcommittee meetings.

*The meeting began with a brief statement regarding the unceded Aboriginal territory we were occupying.*

### **KEY TOPICS:**

- ☐ **Communications:** introduction to GAFE accounts and Basecamp for new members.
- ☐ **Meeting dates:** PC meeting dates for the year were set (the first Thursday of every month with January being the exception: December 7<sup>th</sup>, January 11<sup>th</sup>, February 1<sup>st</sup>, March 1<sup>st</sup>, April 5<sup>th</sup>, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, June 7<sup>th</sup>).
- ☐ **Food and Nutrition Policy Consultation:** an ad hoc subcommittee was approved to formulate a response by November 24.
- ☐ **Evaluation of Student Learning Consultation:** tabled to December meeting
- ☐ **Student Success:** an ad hoc subcommittee was initiated to examine current learning programs and how effective they are at preparing our students for the job market of the future; and to make recommendations based on the subcommittee's findings to the PC and to suggest the most appropriate means to promote/pursue the realization of these recommendations.
- ☐ **Face-Covering Ban Discussion:** the School Board has only had very preliminary discussions as the government has yet to set the parameters.
- ☐ **US Travel Ban Update:** nothing has been set by the board; principals are free to make their own decisions regarding trips to the U.S. No students in the LBPSB have been turned away at the border since the implementation of the US Travel Ban.
- ☐ **QESBA (Quebec English School Boards Association):** concerns were noted from the public as well as from parent representatives regarding LBPSB's membership in QESBA which costs approximately \$210,000 yearly; it was noted that QESBA is not financially transparent, has not adequately represented its members, and is in the process of hiring a consultant to clarify its mandate.

### **UPDATES:**

- ☐ **Internal Rules Subcommittee:** a draft copy of the revised Internal Rules should be ready to be presented to the PC at the December meeting.
- ☐ **Communications Subcommittee:** no one attending the subcommittee meeting on October 27. This committee is responsible for the web site, FB page, and the Parent2Parent newsletter. The subcommittee needs more members.

### **VARIA and REPORT HIGHLIGHTS:**

- ☐ Clarified that Bobbi Brown's term as Director at EPCA is two years, not one.

- ☐ A third parent member was elected to the Intercultural Advisory Committee.
- ☐ The lack of equality between French and English students was noted by a member of the public; citing the lack of proper translation and the delay of the new History textbooks; administration noted that the LBPSB pushed the Ministry and the books will be available early in the new year.
- ☐ The “Where Is My Bus” app should be available in the very near future.
- ☐ The Ministry is asking for feedback from parents regarding school fees, so EPCA is preparing a survey for all parents in the English School Boards; please encourage all Governing Boards and parents to submit feedback.
- ☐ It was noted that parents are unfamiliar with the Board and the representation of services available to them. This was brought to the attention of the Parents’ Committee by the Commissioner Representing Parents, Angela Berryman. Commissioner Berryman suggested that Parent Reps and Alternates assist with the dissemination of this information to their parent population in conjunction with highlighting this topic in the Parent2Parent newsletter and website.
- ☐ The next SNAC meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 15 at 7:00pm at the School Board; Dr. C. Finn will make a presentation on Educating Students with Special Needs in Quebec.
- ☐ The PC Budget will be available for the December meeting.

#### **REPORTS (and upcoming meeting dates):**

- ☐ Elementary West Subcommittee Report (none)
- ☐ Elementary East Subcommittee Report (none)
- ☐ High School Subcommittee Report (none)
- ☐ Parent Commissioners Report to PC (none)
- ☐ SNAC Report (none)

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** December 7, 2017

Please note this document contains live hyperlinks. To access to electronic version, please visit: <http://parents.lbpsb.qc.ca/reports>



## **Addendum #4 Daycare Report – November 2017**

Santa's Elves Workshop Ped day: Friday December 1st. \$15. This is an in-house ped day chosen to help offset the costs for parents related to yearend holidays.

Daycare Technician on leave: Allison Burns is supporting the daycare in Beth's absence. If the absence is extended, the school board will provide support for payroll and statement of accounts.

Pancake Breakfast: Wednesday, November 22. 7:15-8:30am; no additional charges even for those who are not registered on that day. The breakfast will be set up in the front foyer. Senior students will be serving the breakfast to the daycare.

Union convention: annual union convention is on Friday, November 24th. There are no daycare services on this date. Information has been shared on electronic statement of accounts, at the daycare sign in area and on the school website.

Last day of daycare 2017: the last day of daycare services is on Friday, December 22. Tentatively, the daycare will close at 4 pm (awaiting confirmation from the school board). Notification will be sent to parents via sign in area posters, December statement of account and the school web site. Likewise for the first day of school in 2018.

Budget: pushed to January 2018

**Winter reminder:** the winter weather has arrived.....families must send weather appropriate clothes as all daycare students will be outside for regular outdoor recesses.....that means the students are outside at least 4 times a day. Children are not allowed to stay indoors without medical notes. Reminder for extra socks, mitts and to label all personal items with a Sharpie.

January ped day reminder: as approved by the governing board; daycare services will be closed on Monday, January 22, 2018, so that the whole school staff can participate in a pedagogical development day.

**Christmas Carnival:** will be held on Wednesday, December 15th. Senior daycare students will be hosting a 20 game carnival in the gym. This is a great leadership program.....seniors organizing an activity for the rest of the daycare. There is no additional charge for this event. All registered daycare students are invited to attend.