# Edgewater Governing Board Minutes February 20, 2018



## **Governing Board:**

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

- 1) Welcome at 19:00
- 2) Adoption of the Agenda **Motioned** by Debbie King-Brassard, Seconded by Kris de Forest; Carried
- Adoption of the January 24, 2018 Minutes
   Motion to approve by Beth Miller, Seconded by Debbie King-Brassard; Carried
- 4) Question Period (for Public questions to the Governing Board)a) n/a
- 5) Business Arising from the Minutes
  - a) Chartwells
    - i) There is a **MOTION** on the table to cancel Chartwells as of the 2018-2019 School Year
    - ii) Minimum orders for Chartwells are 50
    - iii) Deadline for signing of contracts is usually the end of the year. However, contract is up for tender this year

- b) Options discussed:
  - i) Offering 1 day a week and not charging which would offset the costs.
  - ii) Having it two days a week and charge 20\$ per person using the service.
- c) The Governing Board agreed to circulate a letter (via ERMS) explaining the motion and reasons.Beth and Shirley to draft the letter and the GB will review.

### 6) Reports

- a) School Council Teresa Borrelli
  - i) Verbal report given.
- b) Principal's Report See Addendum #1
  - i) Edgewater Elementary School 2017-2018 Ministry Grants
     It is hereby **RESOLVED** that the Edgewater Elementary School governing board confirms that
     the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur has allocated to the school an
     amount of \$ 71,905 for the specific dedicated and protected grants.
- 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) No report
- 7) Question Period (for Public questions to the Governing Board related to the Reports)a) n/a

### 8) New Business

- a) Home & School Request to swap May meeting dates with the Governing Board.
  - i) It was agreed that the Governing Board meeting initially scheduled for Tuesday May 15, 2018 will be moved to Tuesday May 8, 2018 with the possibility of cancellation should the members agree that the meeting is not required.
- 9) Correspondence
  - a) n/a

- 10) Varia & Field Trips
  - a) **Motion:** For a crazy hair or hat day on February 27th and have the students bring in 1 dollar for a school in Kenya.

Motioned by Natalie Rippen-Randle; Seconded by Beth Miller; Carried

b) **Motion:** EducaZoo birthday experience for Kindergarten from 1pm-3pm paid for by parent of Erica Fazio, date to be confirmed. The company comes to the school and will separate the 52 kindergarten kids in 2 groups.

Motioned by Debbie King-Brassard; Seconded by Sandra Nouh; Carried

11) Adjournment: Motioned by Beth Miller at 19:47

Date Minutes Adopted

Chairperson

Principal



# Addendum #1 – Principal's Report



### Principal's Report to Governing Board February 20th, 2018 Meeting

Thank you to Ms. Lamothe and Ms. Randle for preparing the book club students. They competed in the Kids' Lit competition in Ottawa and did very well with one of the three teams coming in fourth out of 20.

Thank you to Home and School for the unplug and play day. It was well attended and many happy families went home with a new game.

Thank you to Home and School for treating and appreciating the entire staff last week. The staff is very thankful for your recognition

Registration is over and we have 399 registered students

We had the Planetarium here for three days, Thank you to Ms.Daphne for applying for the cultural grant all the students really enjoyed their experience.

Congratulation to Mr.Berard and all the students on the wonderful music concert

The Grade 6 grade trip at Fatima was a great success. It was filled with amazing experiences, wonderful activities and I am sure the Grads will have many wonderful memories.

Deputy Minister Peter Schiefke was here today to answer questions from some of our grade 5 classes on the Canadian Government and his job.

Upcoming Events:

### February 26-30th Kindness week

**February 26th- Monday** - Kick into Gear and Help Somebody Near: Wear different colored socks or shoes,

February 26th-Mr. Gerry Mitchell, Singer/Songwriter for two shows

February 27th- Crazy for Kindness: Wear crazy hats or hair styles,

**February 28th**-Anti Bullying- pink shirt assembly 11:00 to 11:50 with classes from each grade level participating

March 1- Score Points by Helping Others: wear sports/dance/scouting/guiding attire

**March 1**-Amazing race in the morning and winter carnival in the afternoon, with March 2nd as a weather inclement date.

March 2nd - reports cards released on Fusion.

March break 5th to 9th

March 13th - Home and School meeting

# Addendum #2 Commissioner's Report

#### News from the January 29, 2018 Meeting of the Council of Commissioners

Students of Beechwood Elementary School (winners of the CBC Music Challenge) presented an enthusiastic rendition of their winning selection to council. Teachers of the Montreal Chinese Program in China were honoured. Bill Stockwell of the BHS Alumni Association brought to attention of Council and the LBPSB community the significant news that Beaconsfield High School will be celebrating its 60th anniversary (Diamond Jubilee) in October. In addition, Bill – an original student when BHS opened – recounted a number of anecdotes concerning the earliest days of the school's operation.

#### The meeting was called to order at 7:56 p.m.

Council observed a **Minute of Silence** in remembrance of the victims of the Quebec City mosque terrorist shooting of January 29th, 2017 and adopted a resolution affirming that all forms of racism, hate, xenophobia, bigotry, including but not limited to Islamophobia, are not tolerated within the Lester B. Pearson School Board. In addition, the Intercultural Committee was requested to make recommendations to the Council of Commissioners of the LBPSB on an annual activity designed to counter all forms of hate and racism in our communities.

Following a thorough review of consultation responses related to the draft **Food and Nutrition Policy**, the final version of the revised policy was adopted by the Council of Commissioners, with an effective date of July 1<sub>st</sub>, 2018. In addition, following an extensive review of consultation responses, Council adopted the final draft of By-law 9-A, **Complaint Examination Procedure** and By-law 9-B, **Complaint Examination Procedure** for International Students, to be effective as of February 7th, 2018.

Further to the Act Respecting School Elections and with regard to the next school board elections scheduled for November 4th, 2018, Council appointed **Rosemary Murphy** to fulfill the functions of **Returning Officer of the Lester B. Pearson School Board** from March 12th to December 31st, 2018.

The Transportation Advisory Committee reported that approx. 100 parents of Pierre Elliott Trudeau and Mt. Pleasant students are currently piloting **the Bus Planner - Where's My Bus?** software. Macdonald High will be the next to pilot at the beginning of February with the hopes of implementing it for all Off-Island schools by the spring. On-Island schools will require a little more time due to training that is required with the Transport companies and schools. In addition, **School Bus Safety Week** activities are scheduled for January 29th - February 9th.

The **Pearson Education Foundation** reminded anyone who wished to support a school fundraiser that they can obtain an official tax receipt if their donation is processed through PEF. (For further information or help setting up such payments for school fundraisers, please contact Susan Grand of PEF at 514-422-3000, Ext. 37000.)

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, February 26th at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, *Wayne Clifford*, Commissioner – Ward 12

# Addendum #3 Parents Committee Report – February 1, 2018

## **MEETING SUMMARY REPORT**

**ATTENDEES:** Representatives of 27 of 48 member schools and SNAC were in attendance. Thomas Rhymes, representing the administration, and a member of the public were also in attendance. Please see attached attendance record for further details.

### **UPDATES:**

Internal Rules Review subcommittee: A draft of the updated Internal Rules of Procedure was presented. Amendments were made and the document was approved as amended.
 Commissioner Replacement Process Post-Mortem subcommittee: draft was not ready to be presented; will be posted on Basecamp.

**EPCA School Fees Survey Update:** the survey has been extended until the end of February, and members of EPCA will be meeting with the Ministry to discuss the results of the survey.

□ **Communications subcommittee:** the Parent2Parent newsletter has been sent and feedback included that it be sent earlier next year (to introduce the PC and Commissioners Representing the Parents' Committee); possibility of creating a document "PC Resources at your Fingertips;" website will be updated to include FUSION and LEARN Resources received at the joint subcommittee meeting.

□ **Sexuality Education Curriculum Update:** LBPSB Programs and Services committee will be receiving a report based on pilot school feedback.

□ **Complaint Examination Procedure Policy:** the revised policy, now actually two separate policies (one dealing with domestic students and the other dealing with international students), has been adopted and will be made public shortly.

## **NEW TOPICS:**

□ **Closing the Gap:** in the interest of integrating new members and promoting their participation, methods were discussed that would help them navigate the learning curve; suggestions included:

□ archiving and making available all historical documents,

 $\Box$  a mentoring program where new members could interact/seek guidance from veterans,

 $\Box$  a more in-depth previous year's review at the AGA,

□ video conferencing to include parents unable to physically attend meetings,

 $\hfill\square$  and the recording and archiving of presentations for future reference.

All excellent options. Some are currently being explored for implementation. New ideas will be examined.

□ **LBPSB's 20th Anniversary (2019):** the LBPSB is looking at updating its Mission Statement to celebrate LBPSB's 20th Anniversary; various LBPSB committees are planning events and activities; the PC will look at planning an event for the LBPSB parents.

□ **Bullying:** concerns were expressed that despite the LBPSB having a blanket 'Safe and Caring School' policy, not all of the schools are implementing it or addressing the topic

sufficiently; bullying remains to be a large problem. Further discussion will continue on Basecamp.

## VARIA:

□ Updated budget actuals were presented.

□ The Long Term Planning Committee is currently looking at demographics and population projections in all schools.

□ The Intercultural Advisory Committee has been mandated by Council to organize activities to counter all forms of hate and racism in our communities; as it may not be possible to hold Indigenous Day this year, a lecture on White Privilege, which would be open to all board stakeholders (staff and parents), is being considered instead; in the past, IAC has allocated funds to applying schools for intercultural events but will be looking at other methods of promoting interculturalism for next year.

□ SNAC will be having a Parent to Parent info night on March 27th; please see http://snac.lbpsb.qc.ca/ for more info.

□ The bus strike went extraordinarily well with school staff and parents coming together to mitigate the inconveniences; no incidences were reported.

□ Concern was voiced about the use of cell phones in schools and the proper use of them in general, as well as what our children are posting on social media; it was noted that resources are available at the school level to address these issues.

□ LBPSB has begun to simplify the language used with regards to consultation documents and reports, etc.

□ PC's April meeting has been rescheduled for the 12th as the 5th is a religious holiday.

## DATE OF NEXT MEETING: March 1, 2018

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

# Addendum #4 Daycare Report – February 2018

## Teacher Appreciation:

On behalf of the whole daycare and lunch staff I would like to thank Home and School and all others parties involved for including the support staff in this event. It is greatly appreciated to be included as part of the team. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed all the treats.

<u>Daycare room changes</u>: the half way mark has arrive so classrooms used for daycare in the morning and after school have rotated. Teachers have been more than accommodating to the needs of the daycare and its staff, especially considering the space constraints that exist in our school.

<u>Tax receipts</u>: are in the process of being prepared. They have to be distributed no later than February 28, 2018. The cost of mailing all the tax receipts is now well over \$500. As a cost savings to the daycare, we are going to try distributing the tax receipts through the students on a specific day. As a safe guard an ERMs will be sent out the same evening to remind parents to check their child's school bag. Anyone absent on the distribution day will be mailed that evening. Tax information letter has been posted on our website and a hard copy was available at the daycare sign in door for all daycare families.

<u>Ped days</u>: February 9 2018: 65 students enjoyed the services of Youth Star Foundation, sharing in dance, DJ and music and yoga sessions.

<u>Outstanding fees</u>: final collection letters will be sent out by the end of this week to all families with an outstanding fee

<u>Clubs</u>: We have clubs happening both during the lunch hour and during morning daycare. Yoga runs 5 days/week at lunch, chess 2 days/week and boards Games 2 days/week. They are held during the second half hour of the lunch period. Science, Yoga and cooperative games and friendship bracelets are the morning daycare clubs. All these sessions start at 8am.

<u>Commercial Fridge</u>: has died after 5 years.....repairs almost half of what a new fridge would cost. We are waiting on the board to get us some quotes. This is an unanticipated expense this year.