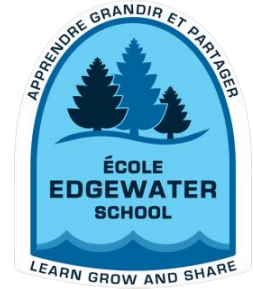


Edgewater Governing Board Minutes

November 20, 2018



Governing Board:

Parents:	Staff:	Administration:	Regrets:
Cassandra Fusco (RA) Christina Maurice Fazio (VC) Derek Patino Laura Humphreys Mike Aragona (Chair) Melissa Nolet (RR) Vanessa Nolet	Daphne Amster Debbie King-Brassard Sandra Nouh Trish Schofield Natalie Rippen-Randle Teresa Borrelli	Shirley Kapitsky (Principal) Beth Miller (Daycare)	Ekaterina Kamardina Sherry Lee Dawson Krista Brotzel Natalie Rippen-Randle
Alternates : Sherry Lee Dawson, Ekaterina Kamardina, Krista Brotzel, Mark Armstrong, Kevin Scott		Commissioner: Wayne Clifford	Absences: Kevin Scott Vanessa Nolet Christina Maurice Fazio
VC = Vice Chair RR = Regional Parent Committee Representative RA = Regional Parent Committee Alternate Sec = Secretary		Community: Claudia Carpanzano (H&S)	Guests:

- 1) Welcome at 19:01
- 2) Adoption of the Agenda
Motioned by Derek Patino; Seconded by Cassandra Fusco; Carried
- 3) Adoption of the October 16, 2018 Minutes
Motioned by Teresa Borrelli; 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) Reminder: Governing Board Meetings 2018-2019: Dec 11, Jan 22 (tbc), Feb 19, Mar 19, Apr 16 (tbc), May 21, Jun 11 (tbc)
- 6) Reports
 - a) School Council – Teresa Borrelli
 - i) Verbal report given
 - b) Principal's Report – See Addendum #1
 - i) Adopt November Revised Budget 2018-2019

Motioned by Daphne Amster; Seconded by Sandra Nouh; Carried

- c) Commissioner's Report – See Addendum #2
- d) Regional Parent Committee Report - See Addendum #3
 - i) Letter to CAQ expressing opposition to the banning of religious symbols
Motioned to support by Melissa Nolet; Seconded by Daphne Amster; Carried
- e) Daycare Report – See Addendum #4
 - i) Adopt November Revised Daycare/Lunch Program Budget 2018-2019
Motioned by Cassandra Fusco; Seconded by Debbie King-Brassard; Carried
 - ii) Sportlife will come on Friday, November 30, 2018; \$9.00/student.
Motioned by Derek Patino; Seconded by Cassandra Fusco; Carried
- f) Home & School
 - i) New Adult Only Comedy Night Fundraiser
Motioned by Beth Miller; Seconded by Sandra Nouh; Carried
- 7) Question Period (for Public questions to the Governing Board related to the Reports)
 - a) Discussion on Off Island School Taxes and helping to inform parents
- 8) New Business
 - a) Review School Success Plan/ Education Project - postponed to next meeting
 - b) Anti-Bullying Anti-Violence Plan
Motion to adopt plan with discussed changes by Beth Miller; Seconded by Debbie King-Brassard; Carried
- 9) Correspondence
 - a) n/a
- 10) Varia & Field Trips
 - a) **Motion** to approve a curling field trip for grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 during the month of March. The field trip would be 1 day in March for each grade from 9:15am to 1:30pm at the Baie D'Urfé curling club at a cost of \$15-\$17 each. The club will provide instructors to take about 30 students on the ice at a time for 90 minutes.
Motioned by Daphne Amster; Seconded by Cassandra Fusco; Carried
 - b) **Motion:** to approve a field trip for Grade 4 students to the Village Quebecois D'Antan (Drummondville) in June at a cost of \$40 per student. 6 adults/ 60 students
Motioned by Cassandra Fusco; Seconded Teresa Borrelli; Carried
 - c) **Ratify:** fundraiser for CNET held on Nov. 14th. Students would wear a bright colour to school that day and bring a loonie or toonie. \$662 was raised.
 - d) **Motion:** field trip to the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts on January 15 and 18 for Grades 3 through 6 at a cost of up to \$16 per student (depending on the Culture in Schools Grant). 240 adults/ 30 students
Motioned by Debbie King-Brassard; Seconded by Cassandra Fusco; Carried

- e) **Motion:** Jeunesses Musicales Canada Play on Inventions on Dec 17, 2 shows for all grades, at a cost of \$4 per student.

Motioned by Laura Humphreys; Seconded by Mark Armstrong; Carried

- f) **Motion:** for motivational speaker Manny Pizarro to give a presentation on his climbing Mount Everest, Jan 2019. The cost of \$650 will be covered by the school.

Motioned by Cassandra Fusco; Seconded by Mark Armstrong; Carried

- g) **Motion:** Mrs. Lamothe's Book Club to participate in the KidsLit Heat being held at the School Board on January 23, 2019 (3 groups of 4 students) via car pooling

Motioned by Daphne Amster; Seconded by Mark Armstrong; Carried

11) Adjournment: Motioned by Laura Humphreys at 20:18

Date Minutes Adopted

Chairperson

Principal



Addendum #1 – Principal's Report



Principal's Report to Governing Board November 20, 2018 Meeting

Congratulations to Debbie Sarjeant for getting the class principal job in daycare.

Thank you to Home and School for organising the Halloween Dance.

Thank you to the grade 6 classes for the wonderful haunted house that they put on for the school.



Nutritower is up and running in grade two.

Grade 6 had a wonderful opportunity once again to go to the Remembrance Day Ceremony held at John Abbott College. Macdonald high school, St. Pats, McGill, John Abbott and veterans from the St Anne's hospital all had participants in attendance. Over 2000 people were at the event.

Thank you to Randy Howarth, the grade 6 teachers, and students for organizing the Remembrance Day assembly and thank you to everyone for the beautiful posters and to Mr. Berard for teaching all the students the song "One Tin Soldier"

Thank you to all the teachers for a wonderful first term.

Grade 6 went to Montreal Aviation Museum on November 19th and had a fantastic experience.

6 first year student teachers started November 19th and will be observing in all the classes over the next 3 weeks.

The dental hygienist was here November 19th working with students in cycle 1.

Upcoming events

Nov. 23th - Reports Out and interview sign up times open

Nov. 24th - Craft Fair- 10am to 3pm

Nov. 26th - Bus safety presentation in kindergarten

Nov 28th - parent teacher interviews after school and in the evening

Nov. 28th & 29th - Super Recycleurs fundraiser

Nov. 28th - Book Fair 9am to 9pm

Nov. 29th - ped day/parent teacher interviews in the morning if needed

Nov 30th - Ped day- many workshops for teacher and integration aides

Addendum #2 Commissioner's Report to the Governing Board

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

The meeting began on an extremely sombre note with a Minute of Silence being observed in respect of the victims of the recent terrible shooting at the synagogue in Pittsburgh.

Congratulations to Melina Siles of BHS, on her return as one of the two Student Commissioners designated by the Central Students Committee to sit on the Council of Commissioners for the current school year. Melina was sworn into office along with Julio Neumann-Berryman of Macdonald High School. 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.

A special presentation was made to outgoing Parent Commissioner Frank Clarke who was attending the final Council meeting of his mandate. The Parents' Committee has informed us that the other 3 current Parent Commissioners (Angela Berryman, Jason Doan, Sharad Bhargava) will be returning to Council along with Mr. Len Podgurny who will be replacing Mr. Clarke.

Council was pleased to welcome the new president of the Pearson Educational Foundation, Donnalynn Rainey, who has taken over the reins of PEF from Barbara Freeston. Donnalynn explained that last year was a difficult one for PEF with requests for grants to schools far outstripping the foundation's ability to accommodate them. As a result, the grant program will be suspended for this year as PEF focuses on replenishing its coffers. Ongoing fundraisers and other foundation information can be referenced at <http://pef.lbpsb.qc.ca/>

Council chair Noel Burke addressed concerns raised by a number of schools about the very warm temperatures in classrooms during a number of days in the spring and more recently following school opening. While installing air-conditioning in all schools is impractical due to financial and structural concerns, Council and Administration are committed to mitigating the situation as much as possible. The Facilities and Security Committee which works closely with the Equipment Services Department of the board has been tasked with studying this issue and recommending practical mitigation measures.

Acceptance was given to the LBPSB audited 2017-2018 Financial Statements showing revenues of \$297,172,958 and expenses of \$303,181,504, for a deficit of \$6,008,546. Assistant Director General Carol Heffernan explained that the largest part of the deficit is due to Ministry instructions to book the refunds to be sent to parents related to the class action suit on school fees into the 2017-2018 financial year.

The board has received a letter from Sébastien Proulx, the former Minister of Education, acknowledging receiving LBPSB's Commitment-to-Success Plan 2018-2022 (Plan D'engagement vers la réussite), confirming it respects the law, and congratulating LBPSB on its excellent work.

The Program and Services Committee reported that as enrollment in Cycle 1 Summer School classes has been steadily declining over the past few years, Cycle 1 students will henceforth do summer school in a virtual classroom while grades 9, 10, 11 students will follow our usual summer school schedule. By offering on-line, LBPSB hopes to make courses more accessible to students and promote the idea of summer school as a remedial exercise.

The Central Students Committee sponsored a poll recently asking students to identify the main reason they chose their high school. The most common responses were close proximity to their house, friends and/or relatives attended or attend, and type of program offered.

The Facilities and Security Committee reported that carbon credits that the school board has accumulated through energy savings over the years now add up to approximately \$100,000.00 and are available to be sold to improve the LBPSB's financial picture.

The Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) reported that the new Education Minister, Jean-François Roberge, has stated that the CAQ's goal of abolishing school boards and replacing them with so-called service centres is currently planned for implementation in November 2020.

Council announced the membership of its various board committees for the final two years of our mandate. I am a member of the Program & Services, Communications & Innovations, Human Resources and D.G. Evaluation Committees and also serve on the LBPSB 20th Anniversary Committee.

The next regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners is scheduled for Monday, November 26th LBPSB at 7:30 pm. and, as with all Council meetings, is webcast at http://www.lbpsb.qc.ca/eng/main_videoV3.asp

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Clifford

Commissioner – Ward 12

Addendum #3 Parent's Committee Report

MEETING SUMMARY REPORT

ATTENDEES: Representatives of 36 of 48 member schools, 1 representative from SNAC, and Commissioner Representing the Parents' Committee (elected by SNAC), Angela Berryman, were in attendance. Thomas Rhymes, representing the administration, Noel Burke and Laura Derry, representing the Council of Commissioners, and a member of the public were also in attendance. Please see attached attendance record for further details.

UPDATES:

☐ **Commissioner Replacement Post-Mortem Recommendations:** the Council of Commissioners released a new Commissioner Replacement Process; a copy of the policy is attached.

NEW TOPICS:

- ☐ **E-voting:** an explanation was given as to why e-voting is acceptable at the PC but prohibited at governing boards.
- ☐ **Budget:** the committee approved the 2018-2019 PC budget; a copy of the approved budget is attached.
- ☐ **Reimbursable PC expenses:** in an effort to promote representative and alternate participation, the committee approved adding mileage to the list of reimbursable expenses which already included babysitting and uber/taxi expenses; a copy of the approved policy is attached.
- ☐ **CAQ religious symbols ban:** a response to the proposed ban was finalized, to be sent to M. Legault with the Council of Commissioners and EPCA in Cc; a copy of the approved letter is attached.
- ☐ **Environmental Awareness ad hoc subcommittee:** this committee was formed to look at ways to lessen our environmental impact
- ☐ **Long-term Planning committee presentation:** Council chair Noel Burke gave a brief update on the committee's plans.
- ☐ **November 15th joint standing subcommittee meeting:** presentations will be given on financial literacy and Learn QC, open to all parents of the LBPSB; a copy of the promotional poster is attached.

VARIA:

- ☐ The meeting continues to open with the acknowledgement of this being Mohawk land.
- ☐ A moment was taken to acknowledge and offer condolences for the Pittsburgh Tree of Life synagogue shooting
- ☐ The committee voted to extend a standing invitation to Commissioners to attend PC and joint standing subcommittee meetings
- ☐ The committee voted to approve PC and joint standing subcommittee meeting dates
- ☐ Anti-bullying/anti-violence, PC Internal Rules, and 20th Anniversary ad hoc subcommittees will be starting up again

- Orange shirt days were held at various schools to pay tribute to those affected by Residential schools
- The Harmony Conference was held for students from all LBPSB high schools to promote empowering and inspiring youth and educators to become leaders of social change
- Council of Commissioners Chairman Burke and Vice-chair Laura Derry have committed to at least one of them being at each PC meeting to preserve and promote relations between the two committees
- Most LBPSB school websites are completed with a few left to be updated
- Open Houses were promoted through physical banners and in the media; the board also participated in the Montreal Families School Fair
- The LBPSB Programs and Services committee received a presentation on Anti- Bullying and Anti-Violence
- The LBPSB Intercultural Advisory committee chose its executives and formed a subcommittee to decide the committee's activities
- Donnalynn Rainey has been named the new President of the Pearson Educational Foundation
- PEF is holding a comedy night fundraiser on November 9th at John Rennie
- LBPSB video memories are being collected for the 20th anniversary celebrations

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: December 6, 2018

Addendum #4 Daycare Report – November 2018

Class Principal: Debbie Sarjeant has been come on board in this position to assist in the running of the daycare as we are over 200 students registered. The salary is supported by the government.

Clubs: There is a carolling and chess club in the morning daycare running for 6 weeks. Another set will begin in the New Year. Each club has 25 registered in it. There is a demand for a junior chess club so we are in the process of looking into that. The carolling club will be doing a performance for the daycare parents after school and a wandering performance for the other daycare students. Hot chocolate and cookies will be essential!

Financial Status: We are in pretty good shape. There are a number of families who have been contacted who have been notified that daycare services will be withheld until their balance is zero. Lunch families have been reminded to pay, however, we are not allowed to withhold lunch services for nonpayment

Pancake Breakfast: was held on Thursday, November 8, 2018. 165 students enjoyed breakfast in the front hall together. As in the past there was no charge and any daycare student could participate even if it is not their day.

Holiday Carnival: With the help of the senior daycare students we will be hosting a carnival on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 in the gym. It's a great leadership program and good fun for everyone. There is no charge for this activity and all daycare students can participate even if it's not their day.

Ped Days: we are going to the Pincourt Bowling on Thursday, November 29, 2018 and Sportlife is coming to the school on the 30th to run sport activities in the gym.

Budget: Approval of the November 2018 Revised Budget