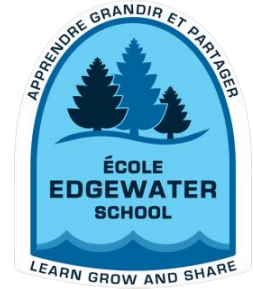


Edgewater Governing Board Minutes

March 19, 2019



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 Noh Trish Schofield Natalie Rippen-Randle Teresa Borrelli	Shirley Kapitsky (Principal) Beth Miller (Daycare)	Cassandra Fusco Ekaterina Kamardina Melissa Nolet Derek Patino Vanessa Nolet Natalie Rippen-Randle Krista Brotzel
Alternates : Sherry Lee Dawson, Ekaterina Kamardina, Krista Brotzel, Mark Armstrong, Kevin Scott		Commissioner: Wayne Clifford	Absences:
VC = Vice Chair RR = Regional Parent Committee Representative RA = Regional Parent Committee Alternate Sec = Secretary		Community: Claudia Carpanzano (H&S)	Guests:

- 1) Welcome at 19:02
- 2) Adoption of the Agenda
Motioned by Teresa Borrelli; Seconded by Laura Humphreys; Carried
- 3) Adoption of the February 19, 2019 Minutes
Motioned by Laura Humphreys; Seconded by Christina Maurice Fazio; Carried
- 4) Question Period (for Public questions to the Governing Board)
 - a) **Question:** Information requested on breakdown of Bus 99
Answer: Commissioner to follow-up on Board oversight and maintenance agreements
- 5) Business Arising from the Minutes
 - a) LBPSB - Consultation on the 2019-2020 Budget - due March 29, 2019
- 6) Reports
 - a) School Council – Teresa Borrelli
 - i) n/a
 - b) Principal's Report – See Addendum #1
 - i) Annual Report will be on school website
 - ii) Reviewed Grants given by Government

- c) Commissioner's Report – See Addendum #2
 - d) Regional Parent Committee Report - See Addendum #3
 - i) Need someone to attend the next three meetings at the Board (April 4, May 2, June 6)
 - e) Daycare Report – See Addendum #4
 - f) Home & School
 - i) n/a
- 7) Question Period (for Public questions to the Governing Board related to the Reports)
- a) **Question:** Confirmation of the upcoming Blood Drive
Answer: Friday May 17th (Ped Day)
- 8) New Business
- a) By-law 1 (2019) – A by-law to fix the Day, Time, and Place of the regular meetings of the Council of Commissioners (April 25 deadline)
 - b) By-law 1E (2019) – A by-law to fix the Day, Time, and Place of the regular meetings of the Executive Committee for the 2019-2020 school year (April 25 deadline)
 - c) Policy on Major School Change - A policy on the distribution of educational services (April 22 deadline)
 - d) Governing Board Composition Consultation 2019-20 (May 10, 2019 deadline)
- 9) Correspondence
- a) n/a
- 10) Varia & Field Trips
- a) **Motion:** Grade 6 mini-orientation day at Macdonald High on March 27th. No cost, lunch provided
Motioned by Daphne Amster; Seconded by Teresa Borrelli; Carried
 - b) **Motion:** Grade 5 Tchoukball Tournament April 29 or 30, cost approx \$15, venue TBC
Motioned by Daphne Amster; Seconded by Laura Humphreys; Carried
 - c) **Motion:** 5 students from Grades 5/6 to attend the "Qui lira, vaincra!" semi-final the morning of April 12th at the Pearson ElectroTechnology Center.
Motioned by Christina Maurice Fazio; Seconded by Beth Miller; Carried
- 11) Adjournment: Motioned by Mark Armstrong at 20:05

Date Minutes Adopted

Chairperson

Principal

Addendum #1 – Principal's Report

Principal's Report to Governing Board March 19, 2019 Meeting



- The grade 3 to 6 have started their curling adventure at the Bay D'Urfe Curling Club
- Thank you to Ms. Borrelli for the wonderful winter carnival day. The event was moved inside because of icy conditions but fun was had by all.
- Thank you to Ms. Lax, Ms. Sams and Home and School for their support with the the amazing anti-bullying presentations and Kidpower workshops. Presenters, Steven Atme shared his experiences growing up with a disability, The Shriners Hospital gave a presentation on bullying and the entire student population received a workshop on how to stay safe by using their voice and walk away power.
- Litterless lunch was successful once again. Mr Greg threw out 1 bag of garbage instead of his usual 4 bags.
- The backwards day fundraiser for the Ecomuseum raised \$ 182.00
- Eric Walters the Canadian Author came to share his love of books with grade 5 and 6
- The online safety presentation for parents was very informative and we learned about other programs for students that we will be bringing to our school next year.
- The government has informed the board that we need to have two 20 recesses. The board is not working on how this will affect the start and end times at each school.

Upcoming Events

March 18th to 22nd- National Water week, Daycare is encouraging the students to drink water instead of juice

March 19th- Curling for grade 6

March 19th- Cross country skiing grade 3 due to icy cancelled due to icy conditions

March 21st/22nd- Parent interviews by invitation

March 25th- Grade 6 to the Holocaust museum

March 26th- Litterless lunch

March 27th- Grade 6 mini day at Macdonald high school

March 29th- Home and School Comedy night fundraiser

Addendum #2

Commissioner's Report

Council of Commissioners Meeting - February 25, 2019.

Administrative Staffing Changes

- The administrative assignment changes in the schools and centres of the Lester B. Pearson School Board were adopted.
- The list is available on the website

1. Questions From the Public

- A large group of parents, students and alumni from PCHS were present at the meeting for Question Period. An extended Question Period was granted in order to accommodate their questions and comments and to respond to them. The parents were concerned that decisions regarding the name of the school had already been made. The Chair, Noel Burke, assured them that this was not the case and that the merger committee composed of parents and staff from both Riverdale and PCHS were in dialogue and would be making their recommendations soon.

2. Correspondence

- Letter dated February 18, 2019, from Jean-François Roberge, Minister of Education and Higher Education to the Chair of the LBPSB Noel Burke regarding Bill n°5: An Act to amend the Education Act and other provisions regarding preschool education services for students 4 years of age.
- Announced that the LBPSB will have 19 new 4-year old kindergarten classes for the 2019-2020 school year.

3. Executive Report

- The Executive Committee adopted a resolution recommending to the Council of Commissioners the approval of participation of the LBPSB in the Collecto Services Regroupés en Éducation's group purchasing of Microsoft licenses. CSRE is a nonprofit organization which organizes group purchasing for educational institutions in order to benefit from volume discounts. M. Chechile and C. Heffernan spoke to the advantages of using Microsoft and Google software for various applications at the LBPSB.
- In reviewing the updated Consultation Grid, G. Dugré informed the Committee that a consultation on the Major School Change Policy would be launched at the February Council meeting.

4. Student Commissioner Report

- Feedback from January question of the month:
- What are your thoughts on the CAQ proposed bill preventing civil servant to wear hijab, chador, burka and niqab? –
- Students are adamantly against it –
- The bill contradicts what we're learning in school –
- People need to be more informed on the situation –
- People who come to Canada have left everything behind and they usually cling onto religion so it's not fair to take away something that is their safehouse –
- It promotes exclusion –
- No students are impacted by someone wearing a hijab it doesn't affect their religion –
- Nobody should have something taken away from them because people are influenced out of fear –
- It's a human rights violation –
- It specifically targets people with more religious differences
- It sets a terrible reputation for Quebec and will influence youth to be exclusive –
- People don't want to admit to the full truth and are using this law to ban something that doesn't need banning
- February question of the month: Do you feel that field trips are an important asset to your education? Should parents be asked to contribute to these field trips?

5. Motion on the Position of the Lester B. Pearson School Board regarding Religious Symbols in the Public Sector

- The Council of Commissioners of the Lester B. Pearson School Board strongly objects to any legislation which may prohibit public employees from wearing religious symbols in the performance of their professional responsibilities in the public sector; and a copy of this motion will be sent to the QESBA and to the other English School Boards; and said motion will be distributed to Members of the National Assembly who represent the Lester B. Pearson School Board community, including the Minister responsible for Relations with English-Speaking Quebecers and the Parliamentary Assistant to the Premier for Relations with English-Speaking Quebecers.

SNAC Special Budget Presentation

- Mme France D'Aoust, the Director of Financial Resources, gave the committee a thorough and comprehensive understanding of the LBPSB budget and its particular effects on the special needs population
- She first explained the revenues, how monies are allocated to the Youth, Adult and Vocational Sectors based on enrolment
- Topics explored included the total revenues collected from grants and school taxes, slightly under 300 million dollars
- She then explained that the vast majority of the funds were targeted, mainly to teaching and support staff, about 90%, and that Administration expenses comprised of 5% of the Budget.

- She pointed to the fact that while the Board receives about 23 million dollars for students with special needs it actually spends about 30 million. The extra 7 million has to be found in other places within the Board's budget as the MEES will not fund the difference.
- She also explained the concept of "negative adjustments", a euphemism for when the MEES claws back monies it initially promised so the budget is actually less than officially announced.
- She answered a variety of questions from the committee which helped to clarify how monies are allocated to the teachers, aides, professionals, and support staff working with students with special needs.
- Her presentation was very complete, and left the committee with a greater understanding of the budget process.
- The committee thanked her for her assistance.
- **Parent Information Meeting**
- The SNAC will be hosting an information meeting entitled "The Influence of Stress and Anxiety" for parents of students with special needs. The workshop will be given by Dr. Zmira KingElbaz, a psychologist, and Janna Gillis, a Behaviour Consultant. It will take place on Wednesday, April 3 at 7:00 P.M. in the Boardroom. Please RSVP the SNAC so that it can ascertain the size of the audience. As always SNAC members will be there to assist and listen to parental concerns surrounding this important topic for their children.

6. Audit Committee

- MEES Budget and Other Financial Matters C. Heffernan informed the Committee that we had received confirmation from the MEES that we would be getting 19 full time 4-year old kindergarten classes. We will need to respond to the Ministry by Thursday, February 28th as to where they will be housed. Students in disadvantaged areas (milieu défavorisée) codes 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 are eligible.

7. Pearson Education Fund

- March 12: Les Canadiens are once again offering the LBPSB community low cost tickets for a great hockey game at the Bell Centre to see our team win against the Detroit Red Wings. All the info and links to order your tickets are found on the PEF home page <http://pef.lbpsb.qc.ca>
- April 5: PEF Benefit Comedy Show # 5 is coming your way at Lakeside Academy. Mike Paterson headlines this fundraiser Plan to help the LBPSB schools and students while having a good time. Your support means the world to a lot of people who want to give our schools and teachers all the things they need to provide an outstanding education for our children. Please join us & tell all your friends, neighbours and colleagues. Corporate Sponsorships Welcome!
<http://pef.lbpsb.qc.ca/comedy.htm>

- Special Notice: Riverview Elementary School has suffered a serious flood. PEF has begun to receive calls from people who want to help. Please visit the PEF home page for a link to donate for Riverview. <http://pef.lbpsb.qc.ca> Margaret Manson Elementary School has indicated their intention to donate all the proceeds of their Carnival to help Riverview. This news warms every heart in this cold season.

The next regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners is scheduled for Monday, March 25th, 2019, at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Clifford

Commissioner – Ward 12

Addendum #3 Parent's Committee Report

MEETING SUMMARY REPORT

ATTENDEES: Representatives of 30 of 48 member schools, schools, two representatives from SNAC, and Commissioner Representing the Parents' Committee (designated by SNAC), Angela Berryman, were in attendance. Thomas Rhymes, representing the administration, Noel Burke, representing the Council of Commissioners, and two members of the public were also in attendance. Please see attached attendance record for further details.

UPDATES:

☐ **PCHS/Riverdale Update:** parent reps from implicated schools and T. Rhymes were invited to speak and provide updates; members pointed out that initial communications between admin and schools was poorly handled and now the two schools are attempting to work together to determine next steps forward via an integration/merger committee; townhall meeting being held @ Riverdale on March 20, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM.

☐ **Entrance Exams and Enrollment Criteria:** many parents expressed frustration for what they felt was a lack of communication regarding past years' exams; parents are also upset about the fees charged for the exam; T. Rhymes explained that this is a transitional year, therefore the entrance exam fee will stay for this year, but the Minister of Education has stated that next year, parents will not be charged.

☐ **School Fees - Proposed Bill 12:** not yet passed; consultation to come between March and April; the School Board will be advising principals that they should build a school fee proposal based on the expected legislation and adjusted later to follow the law that gets passed.

NEW TOPICS:

☐ **Consultation – By-law 1 (2019) and By-law 1E (2019):** consultation received regarding dates of Council meetings and Executive meetings of Council; tabled to meeting of April 4th pending review.

☐ **2020-2021 Budget Consultation:** the draft response was not ready in time so it will be moved to Basecamp and confirmed by e-vote.

☐ **Consultation – Policy on Major School Change (MSC):** Chairman Burke relayed to PC the developments since Riverdale was ceded to CSMB, and explained that CSMB still needs room for 2000 students; MSC is usually based on school closure, but this one is based on a 3-year plan evaluating distribution of services; an MSC is likely to take place within the next six months, involving only high schools; the major change in this new policy/procedure is that viable plans are to be presented as part of the consultation rather than it being just an open-ended request for suggestions; as Council's mandate is slated to end, it would prefer to make decisions that leave the board in a more stable position because if CAQ follows through with service centers, Governing Boards will be accountable directly to the ministry.

☐ **English School Eligibility Subcommittee:** a subcommittee was formed to explore various ways to tackle the limitations on English school eligibility.

VARIA:

☐ The meeting continues to open with the acknowledgement of this being Mohawk land.

☐ Next SNAC meeting is March 27th @ 7:00 PM.

☐ SNAC Parent to Parent Information night, entitled “Understanding the Influence of Stress and Anxiety in our Children and Ourselves,” will take place on Wednesday April 3, 2019 at 7pm at the LBPSB boardroom.

☐ Ms. Rhonda Boucher has been appointed Vice-Chair of Council at the Western Quebec School Board, marking the first time (as Bill 105 gave Commissioners Representing the Parents’ Committee the right to vote) that the position is held by a CRPC.

☐ The Environmental Awareness Committee urges Home and School Associations to “go green;” St. Thomas has installed water fountains and their Home and School has put forth a resolution to the Quebec Federation of Home and Schools Association encouraging a reduction of the use of single-use plastics.

☐ Due to the resignation of the PC’s previous PEF Director, Cassandra Bazos was elected our new PEF Director.

☐ Noted that QESBA is lobbying against CAQ proposal to eliminate school boards.

☐ **Joint Standing Subcommittee meeting scheduled on March 28 will be rescheduled.** Correspondence will be sent regarding rescheduling.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: April 4th, 2019

Addendum #4 Daycare Report – March 2019

Clubs: The first session has ended and we will be starting up the second session in the coming weeks. The students really enjoyed the different activities both at lunch and in the daycare. Though we will be keeping the chess, science and yoga clubs due to their popularity, we will be offering some new ones to appeal to different interests...drama, cooking, dance and games.

Upcoming Ped Day: We will be going to Sportira Cage on March 22nd. There are 57 students attending and 7 staff.

Tax Receipts: This was the first year that tax receipts were distributed via "Fusion". It was an overwhelming success both in terms of time saved and costs in labour and postage.

Water Week: The daycare and lunch program are celebrating Water Week this week with various games, taste testing and trivia. All students were encouraged to bring water to school as the choice of drink at lunch instead of a juice box. Stickers will be distributed later in the week to all students who participated.

St Patrick's Day: This year we did something a little different in the daycare. March is nutrition month, so on the 17th we served only fruits and veggies that were green. Kiwis were by far the favorite!

Nutrition Month: The students are in the process of coloring and decorating healthy fruits and vegetables so that we can make a rainbow of healthy choices on one of our bulletin boards.

Outstanding Fees: Though we did have some families catch up on their outstanding fees, there are a number of families whose files will be forwarded to the school board for collections.