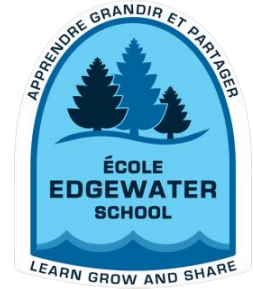


# Edgewater Governing Board Minutes

## April 16, 2019



### Governing Board:

<b>Parents:</b>	<b>Staff:</b>	<b>Administration:</b>	<b>Regrets:</b>
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 Mark Armstrong Sherry Lee Dawson Debbie King-Brassard
<b>Alternates :</b> Sherry Lee Dawson, Ekaterina Kamardina, Krista Brotzel, Mark Armstrong, Kevin Scott		<b>Commissioner:</b> Wayne Clifford	<b>Absences:</b> Vanessa Nolet Kevin Scott Wayne Clifford Christina Maurice Fazio
VC = Vice Chair RR = Regional Parent Committee Representative RA = Regional Parent Committee Alternate Sec = Secretary		<b>Community:</b> Claudia Carpanzano (H&S)	<b>Guests:</b>

- 1) Welcome at 19:02
- 2) Adoption of the Agenda  
**Motioned** by Daphne Amster; Seconded by Natalie Rippen-Randle; Carried
- 3) Adoption of the March 19, 2019 Minutes  
**Motioned** by Laura Humphreys; Seconded by Beth Miller; Carried
- 4) Question Period (for Public questions to the Governing Board)
  - a) n/a
- 5) Business Arising from the Minutes
  - a) Policy on Major School Change - A policy on the distribution of educational services (April 22 deadline)
- 6) Reports
  - a) School Council – Teresa Borrelli - verbal report given
  - 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 - verbal report given
- 7) Question Period (for Public questions to the Governing Board related to the Reports)
- a) n/a
- 8) New Business
- a) Consultation Launch - Three-Year Plan of Allocation and Destination of Immovables (2019-2022) Deadline May 20. (Please note that the capacity of each school is calculated through the Minister of Education class ratios. The projected school enrollment for the years 2019-2022 is determined through the enrollment and data from Statistics Canada...is reviewed and revised if there are recent changes to demographics in a school's enrollment area.)
- 9) Correspondence
- a) n/a
- 10) Varia & Field Trips
- a) **Ratified:** Marionnettes géantes avec le Theatre de la Dame de Coeur, April 5, Cost \$15
  - b) **Motion:** May 1st AM carpooling (6 students) to the LBPSB boardroom for the grade 4 semi-finals Battle of the Books (If we make it to the finals, they will be held on the evening of May 8th, 2019 at L.B.P.S.B.)  
**Motioned** by Sandra Nouh; Seconded by Derek Patino; Carried
  - c) **Motion:** May 3rd carpooling (6 students) to Beechwood for the Green Summit  
**Motioned** by Cassandra Fusco; Seconded by Teresa Borrelli; Carried
  - d) **Motion:** Grade 1 and 1/2 field trip to Centre des Sciences de Montreal May 8. No cost. 61 students, 1:7 ratio.  
**Motioned** by Cassandra Fusco; Seconded by Teresa Borrelli; Carried
  - e) **Motion:** Kindergarten, Grade 1 and 1/2 June 11 trip to Plage Sablon at Sherifffville. No cost. 115 students. 1:6 ratio.  
**Motioned** by Beth Miller; Seconded by Daphne Amster; Carried
  - f) **Motion:** May 17 Daycare trip to Pincourt Bowling by walking. Cost \$14  
**Motioned** by Daphne Amster; Seconded by Derek Patino; Carried
- 11) Adjournment: Motioned by Cassandra Fusco at 19:25

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

**Principal's Report to Governing Board April 16, 2019 Meeting**



Grade 4 thanks Mr. Greg for keeping our school clean!

### What has been happening at Edgewater....

We had our 2 set of parent / teacher interviews.

Grade 6 had a very powerful and memorable visit to the holocaust museum and a great mini day at Macdonald high school.

Thank you to Home and School for organising the Comedy night. Everyone had a wonderful evening filled with laughter.

The Grade 4 French exam and grade 3 Math exam was at the beginning of April.

Our Math Olympians competed and placed in two of the 4 events with a 3rd and a 5th place ribbon. Congratulations! Thank you to Ms. Randle and Ms. Turner for preparing the team.

Everyone made it through the grade 4 vaccinations

Our grade 5 students made Edgewater proud by placing 2nd in the Qui lira competition. Thank you Mme. Karine for working with the students.

We had our kick off assembly today for Jump Rope for Heart. The Poppers from Wilder Penfield came for the second year and put on a skipping demonstration.

We are a point of service for 4 year old Kindergarten. Registration is April 15th to the 18th.

The school hours have changed for next year because of the 2 twenty minutes recesses. The arrival bell will ring at 9:00 and it was 8:55 and the dismissal bell will ring at 3:40 and it was 3:20.

### Upcoming Events:

- April 17th & 18th - Art Vernissage
- April 17th & 18th grade 6 students are invited to visit Beaconsfield high school for a mini day( parents are dropping off and picking up)
- April 19 to the 23rd - Easter Holiday
- May 1st- Edgewater is invited to St Pat's for their play Princess and The Pea

- May 1st- Battle of the books junior (Pending Governing board approval)
- May 2nd- Music concert in the evening, tickets and information will go home right after the Easter break
- Grade 6 exams start the beginning of May with French language arts first then the English language arts.
- May 3rd - PED day and the Gr. 5 Enriched Entrance Exam
- May 4th - Shop Fest
- May 13th- Junior cross country run/rain date May15th
- May 16th - Open house/celebration of learning
- May 17th -ped day and Blood drive
- May 20th - Holiday
- May 21st - Governing Board Meeting

## **Addendum #2**

### **March 25, 2019 Commissioner's Report**

It was announced earlier this month that the LBPSB will be losing two of its senior administrators. Paula Pedroso, the Regional Director responsible for Continuing Education, has been appointed by the Ministry as the Anglophone representative responsible for negotiations of the 2020-2025 teachers' Collective Agreement, effective March 25th. And Chris Fuzessy, the Regional Director for Region 2, has accepted the position of Superintendent for Foothills School Division in High River, Alberta, effective June 10th . Both Paula and Chris will be sorely missed!

The Educational Services Department was authorized to operate a Summer School Program, where the numbers warrant, at John Rennie High School and LaSalle Community Comprehensive High School from July 8, 2019 to August 2, 2019. Where the numbers warrant, transportation (at cost) will be provided to students attending the JRHS site and residing within the LBPSB's territory off the island of Montréal. However, Cycle I Summer School will be offered for the first time using a Virtual Classroom (online) model rather than at either school. As is required annually by section 211 of the Education Act,

Council adopted a resolution authorizing the distribution for consultation of the draft of the proposed Three-Year Plan of Allocation and Destination of Immovables of the LBPSB 2019-2022 be distributed for consultation to our consultative partners of during the week of March 25 with responses to be returned to the Secretariat no later than May 20. The final draft of the Three-Year Plan will be submitted for adoption at the regular May meeting of the Council of Commissioners.

Noel Burke, the Chair of the LBPSB, reported the likelihood that a Major School Change plan will be brought forward before the end of the school year affecting certain high schools for the 2020- 2021 school year.

The Central Students Committee felt that field trips are an important asset to their education viewing them as a different way of learning - good for mental health - interaction with peers - teamwork - everyone learns in unique ways – self-knowledge - visual learners can benefit- connects class to real life - most efficient way to learn in depth

- The question regarding whether parents should be asked to contribute resulted in the recommendation that there should be a balance – If mandatory school should pay - If a student cannot afford it, the school should subsidize.

The Human Resources Committee reported that Matthew Wilson, a teacher from Macdonald High School, is the new president of the Pearson Teachers Union (PTU). He replaces Heidi Yetman, who was recently acclaimed as President of the Quebec Provincial Association of Teachers (QPAT). Mr. Wilson was present at the meeting and inquired concerning the board's reaction if/when the bill prohibiting employees working in the public sector in a position of authority from exercising their functions while wearing religious symbols is adopted.

The HR Committee also reported that planning for 2019-2020 Administrative staffing is underway with some six Principals / Centre Directors expected to retire at the end of June. Appointments are normally done at the April Council of Commissioners meeting.

Assistant DG Carol Heffernan announced that the LBPSB will shortly be adopting guidelines for management of Extreme Heat conditions in schools and centres. In addition Council resolved to re-establish a Green Committee to make recommendations on increasing environmental awareness, recycling and other environmental initiatives. After a development process of over two years involving all employee groups Council adopted a new Policy on Employee Proficiency Practices Evaluation and Support Program. On a recommendation from the Facilities and Security Committee, Council adopted a resolution increasing the current rate for the rental of facilities by 2% for the 2019-2020 school year.

The Pearson Educational Foundation announced that there still are some tickets available for the Comedy Benefit Show on April 5th at Lakeside Academy in Lachine featuring comedian Mike Paterson. Tickets are \$25 and are limited to those 18+. A link to order tickets can be found on the PEF home page - <http://pef.lbpsb.qc.ca> Also, the annual Impact / LBPSB Partnership Game -- Impact vs. Chicago Fire, April 28, start time 12:30 pm at Saputo Stadium -- was announced. Discounted tickets of which a percentage is donated to PEF can be ordered at <http://pef.lbpsb.qc.ca/Impact.htm> Note: Policies adopted by the Lester B. Pearson School Board appear on the Board website and can be found at <http://www.lbpsb.qc.ca/eng/policy/policyV2.asp> and Council Committee reports can be viewed on our website at: <http://www.lbpsb.qc.ca/eng/council/CommitteeReports.asp>

Upcoming Public meetings Executive Committee April 23rd, 5:30 pm Boardroom 1925 Brookdale, Dorval  
Council of Commissioners \* April 29th, 7:30 pm Boardroom 1925 Brookdale, Dorval \* Live/archived webcasts available on the Board website.

Respectfully submitted,

*Wayne Clifford*

Commissioner – Ward 12

## Addendum #3 Parent's Committee Report

### MEETING SUMMARY REPORT

**ATTENDEES:** Representatives of 26 of 48 member schools as well as SNAC, and Commissioner Representing the Parents' Committee (elected by SNAC), Angela Berryman, were in attendance. Thomas Rhymes, representing the administration, Noel Burke, representing the Council of Commissioners, EPCA President Rhonda Boucher, and a member of the public were also in attendance. Please see attached attendance record for further details.

### UPDATES:

☐ **School Fees and Field Trips:** PC requested a directive from Senior Admin that would clarify this issue for Governing Board members moving forward, as there does not appear to be any consistency between GBs as to what is allowed to be charged to parents and what isn't. T. Rhymes said the direction was intentionally vague because Admin did not want to place restrictions on the governing boards interpretation and plans as it pertained to the proposed law, he also stated that he would look at the directive that was sent out to Principals in order to determine if any further clarifications are required.

☐ **Internal Rules ad hoc subcommittee:** the final draft of the PC Internal Rules was presented and approved.

☐ **Environmental Awareness subcommittee:** A resolution was presented to be brought to council asking that admin support each grade 7 class being educated about recycling, be it by a trip to a recycling facility or in-school presentations (SFER was presented as an option) as part of their science curriculum; the resolution passed. Two sample resolutions – one regarding a ban on single-use plastic bottles and one on the formation of an environmental awareness committee – were provided for PC reps to bring back to their GBs.

☐ **Policy on Major School Change Consultation subcommittee (due April 22<sup>nd</sup>):** on Basecamp for comments; very important consultation; preliminary comments are that the timeline in schedule B is not good for GB members as it is split between two school years; a draft response will be presented on Basecamp with an e-vote to approve it for submission.

☐ **AB/AV subcommittee:** an emphasis on the 'Tell Them For Me' surveys; survey responses **are** to be presented to the GB – if this is not being done the GB chair has the right to ask it of the principal. Admin has directed that going forward GBs receive a written report as a standard.

☐ **Budget Consultation subcommittee:** a budget consultation response was passed via e-vote on Basecamp and ratified at this meeting.

☐ **PCHS/Riverdale merger:** the PCHS GB has passed a resolution to change the name on the school's deed of establishment from Pierrefonds **Comprehensive** High School to

Pierrefonds **Community** High School; this modification to the name whilst keeping the initials is seen as a compromise embodying the coming together of two communities.

#### **NEW TOPICS:**

□ **Upcoming MSC:** Chairman Noel Burke explained that the School Board is in the process of looking at the organization of the high school network and that several propositions may be put on the table regarding the schools concerned; it is highly likely that an MSC will be initiated before the end of the school year, with a formal public consultation would be launched allowing for responses to be submitted by the end of October; it is expected that by January 2020, Council would pass a resolution regarding changes to take place for the following school year.

□ **EPCA: The Future of School Boards:** EPCA President Rhonda Boucher gave a presentation underscoring the fact that the Governance Bill would be introduced soon, as well as Bill 3 – regarding taxation - and Bill 5 regarding 4-year-old kindergarten; EPCA looks to the PCs for guidance in what to do regarding the likely abolishment of school boards; PC reps and alts are to read the EPCA info and seek feedback from their GBs, PPOs, Home and School committees and parents of their school community; a subcommittee was struck to discuss and draft the PC's official position.

#### **VARIA:**

- The meeting continues to open with the acknowledgement of this being Mohawk land.
- A moment was taken to acknowledge the recent mosque shootings in Christchurch, New Zealand.
- Council was thanked for their refusal to enact/enforce Bill 21 on religious symbols in its current incarnation.
- The ministry has instituted a mandatory twenty minutes of recess at the elementary level (without additional funds), which will impact transportation, start times, end times, and student supervision. Additional time needed will be added to the school day so as to not interfere with pedagogy. GBs will be consulted on scheduling.
- March's joint subcommittee was cancelled. Next one to be held on May 9<sup>th</sup>, hopefully with a presentation highlighting the results of last year's survey regarding high school.
- PC chose not to submit a response to the Consultations for By-law 1 (2019) and By-law 1E (2019) as there does not appear to be any issues with the meeting dates.
- The PC declined to strike a subcommittee concerning the Enrichment Exams; instead members are to gather information/opinions from their GBs.
- Three-Year Plan of Allocation and Destination of Immovables 2019-2022 Consultation was put up on Basecamp to gauge interest in submitting a response.
- The Parent Structures Subcommittee was described and members were instructed to reflect on what does and does not work and offer up any ideas; a subcommittee will be struck.
- SNAC's information evening - Understanding the Influence of Stress & Anxiety in our Children and Ourselves – was a great success.
- SNAC's next meeting is April 17<sup>th</sup>.
- PEF Comedy Benefit Show- Friday, April 5, 2019 (doors open at 7pm, show at 8 pm) at Lakeside Academy.



- PEF Fun Run/Walk- Sunday, May 5, 2019 from 8-11am at Centennial Park, DDO; this event will also include particular celebrations tied to the LBPSB's 20th anniversary.
- John Rennie High School and Lasalle Community Comprehensive High School were chosen as the locations for summer school 2019.
- It was resolved that LBPSB re-establish a Green Committee to make recommendations on increasing environmental awareness, recycling and other environmental initiatives.
- Pre-kindergarten for 4-year-olds will begin in September.
- March marked Nutrition Month and many LBPSB schools participated in nutrition challenges and activities, had special guest speakers and presentations over the course of the month.
- To show their solidarity with Swedish climate change activist Greta Thunberg, many high school and elementary schools took the opportunity to lead debates, creative projects, and demonstrations about the dangers of climate change inaction, and what needs to be done to protect the environment.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019

## **Addendum #4 Daycare Report – April 2019**

**Tax Receipts:** The second issue of tax receipts was completed this week. Families, who made additional payments on their lunch and daycare fees after February 2019, can go back on Fusion and receive an additional tax receipt, for the additional payment they made.

**Daycare Week:** The week of May 13<sup>th</sup> is daycare week this year. The theme is "You are in the Spotlight! Let's Celebrate!" The school board is hosting a 2 hour open house for all the daycare educators in the board room with a hot and cold continental breakfast. Each school was asked to create a movie theme poster to decorate the head office board room. The daycare will be holding a few special activities for the students and the staff that week, ending with Bowling at Pincourt Bowling Alley on the 19th.

**Brault and Bouthillier:** 2 staff attended a workshop at Brault and Bouthillier. The workshop focuses on new innovative games and creative art projects. The staff also picked up cooperative games and supplies as the company offers a discount to LBPSB daycares on this day.

**Registration 2019-2020:** It's that time of year! Registration forms for the daycare and lunch program will be distributed in the coming weeks, hopefully electronically. The daycare has not heard anything yet about any fee increases.

**Art Vernissage:** For the third time, the daycare is participating in the art vernissage. This year as a group, a mosaic using bottle caps of all shapes and sizes was created.

**Open House:** The daycare will have their 2 rooms set up with displays, taste testing and photo montages.

**Ped Day May 3:** Feedback from the parents was that the \$35 fee for Sportira Cage was quite costly. There was a small bit of money left after the B and B workshop so the daycare will subsidize half the bus fees for the upcoming.

**Ped Day May 17:** Has been reinstated. The daycare has organized a trip to the bowling alley at a cost of \$14/student. This is pending approval by GB.

**Defi Tchín Tchín:** A government initiative with the daycares in celebration of International Water Week (March 13-17) All the students at lunch participated in a number of activities to increase their awareness of water use, waste, and availability.

**Defi Santé:** A government initiative for the month of April - Healthy Challenge. Through the use of games, yoga, charades, cooking activities educating student on the importance and the role healthy choices make on our lifestyle and the quality of our lives. The whole daycare is participating in this initiative.