Edgewater Governing Board Minutes September 17, 2019



Governing Board:

| Parents: | Staff: | Administration: | Regrets: |
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| Cassandra Fusco (RA) Christina M. Fazio (VC) Derek Patino Laura Humphreys Jeremy Zafran Sherry Lee Dawson (RR) Melissa Nolet | Daphne Amster Debbie King-Brassard Sandra Nouh Trish Schofield Natalie Rippen-Randle Teresa Borrelli | Shirley Kapitsky (Principal) Beth Miller (Daycare) | Melissa Nolet Cassandra Fusco (RA) Lucy Baum |
| Alternates : Ekaterina Kamardina, Mark Armstrong, Tracie-Ann Curtis, Lucy Baum | | Commissioner: Wayne Clifford | Absences: Ekaterina Kamardina |
| VC = Vice Chair RR = Regional Parent Committee Representative RA = Regional Parent Committee Alternate Sec = Secretary | | Community: Claudia Carpanzano (H&S) | Guests: |

- 1) Welcome at 19:00 by Christina Maurice Fazio
 - a) Introduction of GB Members and Alternates
- 2) Adoption of the Agenda

Motioned by Sherry Lee Dawson; Seconded by Laura Humphreys; Carried

- 3) Adoption of the September 5, 2019 Minutes
 - a) Clarified that Sherry Lee Dawson will be Regional Parent Committee Representative **Motioned** by Derek Patino; Seconded by Sherry Lee Dawson; Carried
- 4) Vote for Governing Board positions

One candidate per role - by acclamation:

- a) Chair: Cassandra Fusco
- b) Vice-chair: Derek Patino
- c) Secretary: Cassandra Fusco
- d) Treasurer: Shirley Kapitsky

Need to ask Melissa Nolet (not present) if she would be willing to take on the role of Regional Parent Committee Representative Alternate.

5) Question Period (for Public questions to the Governing Board) No questions

- 6) Business Arising from the Minutes
 - a) n/a
- 7) 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 No report as meetings haven't begun
- e) Daycare Report See Addendum #3
- f) Home & School
 - Jodi Roberts is new President, discussion on potential adding a new Lunch day (Creation Passion or Aliments Gendron were mentioned). Motion for Fundraiser added.
- 8) Question Period (for Public questions to the Governing Board related to the Reports)
 - School Council Requested assistance in getting 2 ramps for disabled children in school.
 Shirley to provide specs and to look into possibility of ramps being donated or purchased through Home & School.
 - b) Principal Report 1 Question from Mark Armstrong
 - i) Q: Has Bill 21 Impacted the school / board A: Yes, a teaching candidate employment was denied employment. Wayne also responded that their is Board opposition to Bill 21 but they are careful and have not yet asked new DG Cindy Finn to enforce it. Bill 21, allows those currently affected by it to remain employed in their role but prevents them from advancing. It applies to all new positions/hirings.
 - c) Commissioner's report Question by Jeremy Zafran with regards to Major School Change and if children will continue to have a choice of schools or if they will be required to attend the "community" school. On-going discussion.
 - d) Daycare report 2 questions from Mark Armstrong
 - i) Q: Have the parents who had outstanding bills paid them?A: For the most part YES, they have been sent to a collection agency and as Beth receives payment she must advise LBPSB.
 - ii) Q: Can parents make monthly payments of the same amount and just have a balance or credit in June?
 - A: Yes, currently being done by many parents who pay monthly or bi-annually.
- 9) New Business
 - a) Governing Board Internal Rules of Operation to remain unchanged for 2019-2020 **Motioned** by Derek Patino; Seconded by Sherry Lee Dawson; Carried
 - b) Schedule of Governing Board Meetings for 2019-2020
 - i) October 15, November 19, December 10, January 21, February 18, March 17, April 21, May 19, June 9

Motioned by Sherry Lee Dawson; Seconded by Beth Miller; Carried

- 10) Correspondence
 - a) Letter from Pincourt to nominate a volunteer from Pincourt that deserves recognition

11) Varia & Field Trips

a. **Motion:** to allow Neurones Atomiques to come for an in-class workshop in Mme Sophie's class on March 20th 2020 for all Grade 2 students. Cost is 11.70\$

Motioned by Sherry Lee Dawson; Seconded by Trish Schofield; All in favor, Carried

 Motion: to allow Grade 2 students to go to Centre Notre Dame de Fatima by bus on February 11th 2020 for an activity focused on cooperation and physical activity. Duration: 9:15 to 15:15. Ratio 1:15. Cost is 28\$

Motioned by Beth Miller; Seconded by Trish Schofield; All in favor, Carried

c. **Motion:** to allow Vie Dartiste-Riopelle to come for an in-class cultural workshop (art) on May 1st 2020 for all Grade 2 students. Duration: 13:20 to 15:40. Rations 1:8. Cost is 10\$

Motioned by Teresa Borrelli; Seconded by Sherry Lee Dawson; All in favor, Carried

d. **Motion:** to allow Pumpkins & Spooks-Frakenstein to come for an in-class cultural workshop (art) on October 31st, 2019 for all Grade 2 students. Duration: 13:20 to 15:40. Ratio 1:8. Cost is 10\$

Motioned by Sherry Lee Dawson; Seconded by Natalie Rippen-Randle; All in favor, Carried

e. **Motion:** to allow Daycare to go to the Ecomuseum on Monday, October 21st. This is the election day. Ratio 1-10 Cost approximately \$22.

Motioned by Daphne Amster; Seconded by Natalie Rippen-Randle; All in favor, Carried

f. **Motion**: to allow Au Secours First Aid Denise OBriain, Red Cross Training Partner to give a babysitting course for Grade 6 students on Mon, Nov. 11th, Tues Nov. 12th, Wed Nov. 13th, and Thurs Nov. 14th, 2019 from 3:40 pm – 5:45 pm. Cost 55\$.

Motioned by Daphne Amster; Seconded by Sherry Lee Dawson; All in favor, Carried

g. **Motion:** to allow Home and School to bring back Budding Artists as a fundraiser. Order forms to be distributed October 28th, Due back by November 6th and orders recieved by December 5th (in-time for Holidays). Every order has a 2.50\$ shipping fee. Profits are Retail cost established by Home and School minus wholesale cost.

Motioned by Teresa Borrelli; Seconded by Sandra Nouh; All in favor, Carried

h. Motion: to approve adult/child ratio for an outing or class activity on an individual basis taking into consideration the type of outing and/or activity, the age of the children, the location, the needs of the class as well as transportation factors.

Adjournment: Motioned by Natalie Rippen-Randle at 20:22 Next Meeting: Tuesday October 15, 2019

Chairperson

Motioned by Jeremy Zafran; Seconded by Teresa Borrelli; All in favor, Carried

Addendum #1 - Administration Report September 17, 2019

Date Minutes Adopted

Principal



- Welcome to everyone and thank you for being part of Governing board and giving your time to the school.
- I am very happy to be starting my third year at Edgewater.
- We are just under 400 students and growing with 21 homerooms this year. The 4 year old kindergarten is going well and all the students are adjusting to their new school.
- Everyone is getting used to the new drop-off and pick-up routine and the extra recess in the afternoon.
- The school has started to implement the "Sixty Second Fix" each day after lunch and the students are now looking forward to this each day.
- We are now permitted to charge parents for field trips.
- Thank you to Tricia Lax and her children, Craig Chislett, Kimberly Rich and her husband, Jenn Chabot, Bobby Forbes, Michael Kornechook and Melina Gallovich for their support with painting all the games lines in the schoolyard.
- I want to thank the community for all the donations that we have received for our kindergarten area and specifically Andrea Purcell, Eric McFadden and family, Andrew Mitchell and family, Sandra Di Tullio, Nicholas Guimont and family for the play houses.
- A big thank you to Jennifer Boleska, Thaymian Michalski and Melanie Lafleur, Andrew van den Elshout, and their son Daniel for the toy trucks.
- I would also like to thank the Lemonade stand children: Julia Michalski, Marcus Michalski, London Ambrosone, Lucas Guenette. They raised \$165 that was put towards buying some of the toys for the kindergarten area.
- Thank you to all the volunteers that came out to help with the corn roast. Once again over 400 children plus staff had an opportunity to have a piece of corn, an apple and a juice.
- The grads had their first activity with the grad breakfast on Monday.
- We had our first fire drill and practices a lockdown in the first two weeks.

Upcoming Events

Sept. 23rd - Grade 4 vaccinations in the library

Sept. 24th/rain date 25th - Ultimate Frisbee.

Sept. 24th/rain date 25th - picture day

Sept. 27th - PED Day, Daycare closed for a school staff pedagogical development day

Oct. 2nd/rain date Oct 3rd - Terry Fox run

Oct. 4th - PED day

Oct. 11th - 10:15 BHS band

Oct. 15th-Interim report available on Fusion

Addendum # 2 - Commissioner's Report

Commissioners' Report

Council Meeting June 25, 2019

1. Appointment of the Director General

Cindy Finn was appointed to the position of Director General of the Lester B. Pearson School Board effective August 1, 2019 following the retirement of Michael Chechile

2. Administrative Appointment – Head Office – Director of Capital Projects & Asset Management

The position of Assistant Director of Equipment Services was amended to Director of Capital Projects and Asset Management; and Peter Amos was appointed as Director of Capital Projects and Asset Management.

- 3. Administrative Appointment Head Office Coordinator of Community Services · Joanne Malowany was appointed as Coordinator of Community Services, probationary status, effective July 1, 2019probationary status, effective June 26, 2019.
- 1. Administrative Staffing Changes 2019-2020 (Schools and Centres) Amendments

There are additional Administrative Staffing Changes for the 2019-2020 school year: Thus the administrative assignment changes in the schools and centres of the Lester B. Pearson School Board described in the chart below entitled Administrative Staffing Assignments 2019-2020 (Schools and Centers) take effect on July 1, 2019.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFFING ASSIGNMENTS 2019-2020 (SCHOOLS/CENTRES) NAME 2018-2019 2019-2020 LAST FIRST POSITION SCHOOL/ CENTRE POSITION SCHOOL/ CENTRE STATUS Effective July 1st ELEMENTARY & HIGH SCHOOLS

- Hunter Melissa Principal (temporary vacancy) BHS to Principal St. Edmund Probationary Permanent
- Denton HeatherAnne Vice-Principal (temporary vacancy) to BHS VicePrincipal BHS Probationary
- Cheff Nathalie Vice-Principal Royal Vale High School (EMSB) to VicePrincipal St. Thomas Probationary

2. Budget 2019-2020 - Adoption

the Lester B. Pearson School Board adopted and transmitted to the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur its 2019-2020 operating, investment and debt

service budget anticipating revenues of \$316,270,238 and expenses of \$317,042,455, which will be balanced by using an amount of \$772,217, which is equal to the appropriation limit of the accumulated surplus representing 15% of the accumulated surplus on June 30, 2018, excluding the land net book value and the financing grant receivable for accrued employee future benefits on June 30, 2018.

3. Executive Committee

Land Sales:

C. Heffernan informed the committee that a letter from the Ministry regarding the transfer of the Riverdale High School building had been received. We are awaiting a copy of the decret from the Ministry for further details regarding the transfer. In addition, there is ongoing interest by the CSMB in acquiring the former Allion School building in LaSalle

4. Programs and Services Report

TTFM (Tell Them From Me) Survey Results M. Wahba reported, noting that nine out of ten provinces are using TTFM. The survey is done twice a year, in April and in November, at both the elementary and secondary levels. We receive 3 reports:

General report;

Interactive and thematic report on bullying in November;

Student engagement in April. All results are compared to the National average. Going forward, we are looking at alternating surveys and having it done once a year with bullying and school safety in one year and school engagement in the second. Schools are integrating TTFM indicators into their educational project. Questions and discussion included a recommendation from the Central Students Committee that students be included in school discussions about TTFM results.

Educational Services Report

The Entrepreneurship Gala was held on May 28, 2019. This year LBPSB submitted over 500 projects, more than any other school board in Quebec. Regional winners are: Sherbrooke Academy Sr., Westwood Jr. and LPHS.

FSSTT was awarded a QESBA Excellence in Education Award in the Category of Community Engagement at the AAESQ/QESBA Spring conference.

Two speech and language pathologists in SSD, Alyssa Ohberg and Carole Montpetit, have been nominated for an award of Excellence in Clinical Education. This prize, awarded by McGill University, is presented annually to an outstanding clinician in recognition for their excellent work supervising graduate students about to become SLPs

5. Central Students Report

Topics at every CSC meeting:

September: Elections, Icebreaker - October: Harmony Conference, 20th anniversary - November: eLearning, Senior Leadership day, A day in the life of a student - December: Senior Leadership Day & 20th Anniversary videos - January: Junior Leadership Day, Senior Leadership - February: Junior Leadership Day, Senior Leadership - March: Jack.Org presentation - April: Jack.Org, Tell Them From Me, discussed Bill 21 walkout - May: Bill 21 walkout, review of the year.

6. Communications and Marketing

- MSC: The discussion focused on how to best communicate and update information about MSC, noting the importance of relaying a standardized message to the community to ensure clarity, continuity and assurance. For this and other communications, a recommendation is to utilize Facebook to mention an item of importance with a link to the LBPSB for the elaboration on that item. This is also a way to manage the message for utmost clarity. Jim Hendry outlined the upcoming agenda for the June 18th MSC information meeting.
- Facebook: The LBPSB Facebook page has now been verified by Facebook for streaming

7. Facilities & Security Committee Meeting

MEES Funding Measures

- B. Côté informed the Committee that we have received confirmation of the capital budget parameters for the 2019 2020 school year. The Board will be receiving an amount of approximately \$27,000,000.00 for capital projects which is approximately two million dollars less than this year.
- Riverview Elementary Water Damage B. Côté updated the Committee on the status of the planning for the repairs to the damages to the school incurred as a result of the sprinkler system malfunction. The planning for the project is to start on June 26th with construction starting after the construction holidays. It is expected that the work will be completed on or before December 6th with the school setup taking place December 9-20th. The tentative school start date would be January 7th, 2020.

8. Green Committee Meeting

Cafeteria Greening Update

- A dishwasher has been ordered for John Rennie high school to become the test secondary school. Reusable utensils, plates and bowls will be used beginning in September 2019.
- The Committee will suggest to Council that \$50,000 be set aside in the 2019-2020 capital budget to further these reusable materials initiatives at other schools.
- The contract with Chartwells is under discussion.
- City of Montreal Composting. The City of Montreal has requested a comprehensive survey of our on island schools in order to determine the level of composting already being done in schools. We have added our off island schools to the

survey in order to have complete information. The committee has asked that the survey include other environmental initiatives that schools currently perform.

- 9. To encourage multi-use water bottles and/or glasses
- At its meeting of June 10, 2019, the Green Committee recommended that single use plastic water bottles at head office meetings be discouraged in favour of multi-use bottles and/or glasses: so in order to contribute to protecting the environment, the use of glasses or refillable water bottles will be encouraged at the Lester B. Pearson School Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Clifford,

Commissioner – Ward 12

Council of Commissioners Report

August 26, 2019

1. Director-General's Report

· Cindy Finn, the new DG, gave her first report and she was warmly received.

2. Administrative Appointment – Head Office – Director of the Student Services Department

• Stéphanie Stever was appointed Director of the Student Services Department of the Lester B. Pearson School Board, effective August 26, 2019 (probationary status).

3. Report from CSBA Congress 2019 & Indigenous Gathering

The conference report on a host of subjects entailing Indigenous culture and education was presented. It is available on the website in the archives section of the Council reports.

4. CANADIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE PRACTICAL STUDY OF LAW IN EDUCATION (CAPSLE) 2019 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

• The conference report on a host of subjects entailing legal questions and education was presented. Also available on the website.

5. Executive Committee

Land Sales:

• C. Heffernan informed the committee that we are still waiting for news from CSMB regarding the sale of the former Allion Elementary School building. Their initial proposal to the MEES had been refused. She also reported that the letter from the MEES regarding the official transfer of the former Riverdale High School building to CSMB had been received. However, we have asked for clarification on certain items in the letter. As well, as part of the agreement, we will be required to apply annually to CSMB to renew the lease for Sources Adult and Career Centre and also for CFER. The decree officially authorizing the Riverdale transfer can be found at: http://www2.publicationsduquebec.gouv.qc.ca/dynamicSearch/telecharge.php?ty pe=1&file=70722.pdf

Hooked on Schools:

• The committee unanimously adopted a resolution recommending to the Council of Commissioners that approval be given to the LBPSB's continued participation with the other Montreal school boards in the Montreal Hooked on School Network (Réseau réussite Montréal) including a financial contribution of \$240,000 over the three school years 2018-2019 through

2020-2021. C. Finn explained to the committee that various activities of the Montreal Hooked on Schools network had significantly contributed to student success and a lowered dropout rate in the LBPSB since the board first joined in 2011.

6. SNAC Report

• The SNAC AGA will take place on Wednesday, September 25 at 7:00 in the Boardroom. It is open to all parents of students with special needs or on an IEP. The SNAC committee will be elected and valuable information and contacts is available.

The next regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners is scheduled for Monday, Sept.23 2019 at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Clifford,

Commissioner – Ward 12

Addendum # 3 - Daycare Report

Daycare Notes September 2019

<u>Registration</u>: The daycare has grown to 205 students this year! In addition there are 20 students who come to the daycare 1 or 2 days/week. Lunch program remains the same with only 3 students going home at lunch.

<u>Staffing</u>: 1 new daycare post was filled effective Monday, September 16th. Total daycare staff: 12 Educators and 4 Handicap Attendants. There are 31 people working at lunch (21 homerooms + 2 floaters +8 handicap attendants). These positions would not have been filled if it was not for Mr. Rabinovitch and Ms. Kapitsky being instrumental in adjusting their respective school lunch hours so that supervisors can travel between the 2 schools!

<u>Ped Days</u>: We are closed the first ped, September 27th so the whole Edgewater Staff can participate in the solution focused workshop. October 4th we are hosting an in-house ped day. Registration forms will go out this Friday. We are a polling station on October 21st so the students will be going to the Ecomuseum for part of the day.

Epipen Training: All daycare and lunch staff have been trained with the school nurse.

<u>Workshop</u>: Half day training for lunch and daycare educators was held before school at Beaconsfield High School. Topics ranged from mindfulness, physically active programs, and special needs. 15 Edgewater Staff were able to attend.

<u>Payment Schedule</u>: A daycare payment schedule has been made and is posted on the school website.

<u>Fusion:</u> Registration went very smoothly this year using the new online system.

<u>Daycare BBQ</u>: was held last week for all the daycare students to kick off the new school year 240 hotdogs were devoured.