



**Edgewater Elementary School**  
**GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**  
**September 27, 2023**  
**MINUTES**

**Governing Board:**

<b>Parents:</b> Derek Patino (C) Laura Humphreys (VC)/(Sec) Mike Nother Mark Armstrong Wendy Pearson George Wilson	<b>Staff:</b> Ulla Schoenmakers Sandra Nouh Selina Catinelli Nathalie Randall Trish Schofield Teresa Borrelli	<b>Administration:</b> Shirley Kapitsky (Principal)	<b>Regrets:</b> Beth Miller (Daycare) Shauna Plourde Melissa Nolet
<b>Alternates:</b> Aaron Ashton		<b>Commissioner:</b> Angela Berryman	<b>Absences:</b>
C = Chair VC = Vice Chair RR = Regional Parent Committee Representative RA = Regional Parent Committee Alternate Sec = Secretary		<b>Community:</b> Laura Humphreys (Home & School)	<b>Guests:</b>

Time	Item
19:00	1. Welcome and land acknowledgement – Recorded by Jeremy Zafran
19:04	2. Adoption of the Agenda <b>Motioned</b> by Teresa, Seconded by Trish; Vote: All in favour.
19:05	3. Adoption of the September 13, 2023, AGA Minutes <b>Motioned</b> by Wendy; Seconded by Aaron; Vote: All in favour.
19:06	4. Question Period (for Public questions to the Governing Board) <b>No questions.</b>
19:06	5. Business Arising from the Minutes. <b>None.</b>

19:07

6. Reports

- a. School Council – Teresa Borrelli -- **Verbal Report Given**
- b. Principal – Shirley Kapitsky (**Addendum #1 Attached**)
- c. Commissioner – Angela Mae Berryman – **Report sent via E-mail**
- d. Parent Committee Representative –
- e. Daycare – Beth Miller (**Report Given by Shirley**)
- f. Home & School – Laura Humphreys

(1) Home & School would like to have a Krispy Kreme Fundraiser. The cost to Home and School would be \$7 per dozen and it has been suggested to sell them for between \$12-\$17 per dozen.

**Motion** by Laura, Seconded by Natalie. Vote: All in favor.

Suggestion made by GB: Perhaps sell Krispy Kreme donuts at the movie night.

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7. Question Period (for Public questions to the Governing Board related to the Reports)

**No questions.**

19:20

8. New Business

- a. Re-election: Derek Patino for Chair and Laura Humphreys as Vice-Chair and Secretary.

**Motion** by Ulla, Seconded by Wendy. Vote: All in favour.

- b. Selection of Parent Committee Representative and Alternate  
Mike Nother – Representative     Wendy Pearson - Alternate  
Both volunteered.

- c. Internal Rules of Management

- d. Proposed Meeting Schedule (Wednesdays):

- October 11 (Virtual)
- November 8 (Virtual)
- December 13 (In person)
- January 10, 2024 (Virtual)
- February 14 (Virtual)
- March 13 (Virtual)
- April 10 (Virtual)
- May 8 (Virtual)
- June 12 (In Person)

- e. Fundraising for Grad Overnight at Fatima (Natalie Rippen)

Total cost this year is \$10,000 dollars vs. \$8,000 last year.

This comes to ~ \$150 per student.

19:28

9. Correspondence

**None.**

19:29

10. Varia & Field Trips

a. **Ratification of GMAA Soccer event:**

On September 18th a request to vote via e-mail was made for an event that would take place in advance of the GB's September 27th meeting.

The motion being; To take the grade 5 students of Edgewater who are interested in going to the GMAA soccer event taking place on Tuesday September 26th from 9am to 2pm. It will take place at Terra Cotta Pointe-Claire and the cost will be \$18 per student.

As most of these events are usually downtown or in the East end, this is an opportunity to go somewhere closer. The e-vote was recorded as:

**Motioned** by Teresa Borrelli, Seconded by Mike Nother; Vote: carried, unanimous.

b. **Motion:**

Grade 2 classes

When / Timing: October 31, 2023 at Edgewater (1h x 3 groups)

Discovery of insects. Cost: \$11 per student

**Motioned** by Sandra Nouh; Seconded by Natalie; Vote: All in favour.

c. **Motion:**

Grade 2 classes

When / Timing: January 19, 2024 at Edgewater (1h x 3 groups)

Learning water cycles. Cost: up to \$11 / student; however, will be seeking grant money to reduce the cost.

**Motioned** by Sandra Nouh; Seconded by George; Vote: All in favor.

d. **Motion:**

Grade 4/5 Kindness Rock Walks to Bellevue Park on the next nice (weather) day.

Classes 401, 402, 451 and 501. Ratio: 1:10 adult to student ratio. No cost.

**Motioned** by Wendy, Seconded by Natalie; Vote: All in favour.

e. **Motion:**

Crazy Hair Day for a Loonie or Toonie.

Proposed Date: October 27, 2023

Proceeds go to WYCF Sierra Leone

**Motioned** by Mark, Seconded by Ulla; Vote: All in favour.

f. **Motion:**

Grade 4/5 student led school wide Read-a-Thon.

Dates: November 1-Nov 15.

Culminating with Home and School book fair.

Funds raised will go to WYCF Sierra Leone.

**Motioned** by Trish, Seconded by Natalie; Vote: All in favour.

- g. **Motion:**  
Grade 2 classes. A Quebec author to come into the school.  
Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> -- 1 hour/class. No cost.  
**Motioned** by Aaron, Seconded by Wendy; Vote: All in favour.
  
- h. **Motion:**  
Grade 2 classes - Trip to Fatima  
When: June 14th, bus and leaving at 9:15 back around 3:15  
Ratio 1:15 rules from Fatima with animators  
\$35.00 per child (They need a deposit so that why it is being asked for already)  
**Motioned** by Mike, Seconded by Selena; Vote: All in favour.
  
- i. **Motion:**  
Grade 1 Classes - Les Neurones Atomiques  
Friday, January 12, 2024 at Edgewater, from 9:00 to 12:30  
Cost: No cost, as grant money is being used  
**Motioned** by Mark, Seconded by Trish; Vote: All in favour.
  
- j. **Motion:**  
Grade 1 classes  
For the Grade 1 classes to go to Verger Labonte in NDIP to pick pumpkins, go through the labyrinth and learn about fall/seasons.  
When: Friday, October 20, 2023, from 10h00-15h00, 57 children, 1/10 ratio  
Cost: 31.50\$/per student  
**Motioned** by Ulla, Seconded by Aaron; Vote: All in favour.

20:15

11. Adjournment

**Motion** by Trish.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, October 11, 2023

Administration Report  
September 26, 2023

Welcome and thank you to everyone for volunteering your time to the governing board.

The start of the year has been busy with a heat wave, corn roast, curriculum evening, ultimate frisbee and The Terry Fox Run.

We raised \$10,451 dollars for the Terry Fox Foundation. Mme. Mylene's class raised \$1168 and Mme Sophie/Mme Marie-Josée's class raised \$990. Congratulations to everyone and thank you to Ms. Borrelli and Ms. Homsey for all their hard work.

I would like to welcome our new staff, Cassandra Karam in Kindergarten, Sandra Weir in grade 3 and Vanessa Cordina-Lucia in grade 4. I would also like to welcome James Parm in Music, Katrina Morissette in Kindergarten and Louise Bigras in replacement positions.

Thank you to Home and School and all the volunteers for supporting our corn roast.

This year we have 422 students, 21 homerooms, 29 teachers, 13 integration aides, 11 daycare educators, 23 lunch supervisors and 8 handicap attendants.

We have had 2 fire drills with 2 more to come along with the lock down in the next couple of weeks.

This is Ms. Beth's last governing board meeting, and I would like to take this opportunity to wish her well in retirement and thank her for all she has done for Edgewater and the Daycare over the last 13 years. Beth is so kind, knowledgeable and creative and she will never know how much she is going to be missed by the community, children, and staff. I personally have loved working with her for the past 6 years and will miss her daily support and friendship.

Upcoming events

- September 29th:** Grad breakfast
- October 2nd:** Orange shirt day presentation
- October 3rd:** BHS band visit
- October 3rd:** Home and School meeting
- October 5th:** Handball (rain date 6th)
- October 6th:** Photo Day
- October 9th:** Thanksgiving Monday
- October 12:** Interim reports sent home.
- October 13th:** PED day, Daycare closed.