



**Edgewater Elementary School
Governing Board Meeting
January 10, 2024
MINUTES**

Governing Board:

Parents: Derek Patino (C) Laura Humphreys (VC)/(Sec) Wendy Pearson (RR) Mike Nother (RA) Mark Armstrong George Wilson	Staff: Ulla Schoenmakers Sandra Nouh Trish Schofied Daphne Amster Teresa Borrelli	Administration: Shirley Kapitsky (Principal) Natasha Pillay (SEED)	Regrets: Natalie Randall Melissa Nolet
Alternates: Aaron Ashton		Commissioner: Angela Berryman	Absences:
C = Chair VC = Vice Chair RR = Regional Parent Committee Representative RA = Regional Parent Committee Alternate Sec = Secretary		Community: Laura Humphreys (Home & School)	Guests:

Time:	Item:
18:57	1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement – Read by Shirley Kapitsky
19:00	2. Adoption of the Agenda Motioned by Trish, Seconded by Teresa. Vote: CARRIED.
19:01	3. Adoption of the November 8, 2023 Minutes Motioned by Sandra, Seconded by Mark. Vote: CARRIED.
19:01	4. Question period (for public questions to the Governing Board) NONE.
19:02	5. Business arising from the Minutes Meeting Dates: February 14 (Virtual), March 13 (Virtual), April 10 (Virtual), May 8 (Virtual) and June 12 (In Person)
19:03	6. Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. School Council – Teresa Borrelli Verbal Report Given b. Principal – Shirley Kapitsky Verbal Report Given (See attached) c. Commissioner – Angela Berryman

d. Parent Committee Representative – Wendy Pearson / Mike Nother

Nothing to Report

e. Daycare – Natasha Pillay – **Verbal Report Given**

f. Hone & School – Laura Humphreys **Nothing to Report**

19:09 7. Question Period (for public questions to the Governing Board related to the reports)
Teresa - *Would H&S need the thermal cups for movie night on January 19 ?*
Aaron - *The Codes – Pink instead of Red for “that kind” of situation. Refers to what?*
Response from Shirley “that kind” = student privacy

19:10 8. New Business
a. School Budget (Shirley Kapitsky)
Motioned by Aaron to approve the 2023-2024 school budget, seconded by Sandra.
Vote: **CARRIED**
b. SEEDS Budget (Natasha Pillay) – **POSTPONED TO NEXT MEETING**

19:25 9. Correspondence
NONE.

19:27 10. Varia and Field Trips
a. **Ratification:**
Due to the timing of the December Governing Board Meeting and the Teachers Union strike action taking place at that time, the December meeting was cancelled. However, there was a Field Trip that needed approval in advance of the next meeting of Edgewater’s Governing Board. On December 10, 2023 the following motion was made and voted on via e-mail.

Motion:

Edgewater students in the classes listed below will once again participate in the Annual Skieurs de L’Ile outings on the associated dates.

Background information.

This will be Edgewater’s 3rd Annual outings to Skieurs de L’Ile ski trails in the month of January. Instead of having Phys Ed class in the school yard on Monday, January 15, 22 and 29, 2024, Skieurs de L’Ile will provide a bus to shuttle the 6 classes (451/501, 502/561 and 401/402) from school to the ski trail on Boul. de L’Ile to have the experience of cross-country skiing on a ski trail.

Cost: \$0 and parent volunteers will help with the ratio.

Motioned by Teresa Borrelli, seconded by Melissa Nolet. Vote: **CARRIED.**

b. **Ratification:**

Volleyball Tournament

This event was already pre-approved to attend on January 10, 2024 from 9:15 am to 2:00 pm, which takes place at John Abbott College.

Final cost to students is \$20/student with a ratio of 1:5.

Motioned by Teresa, Seconded by Daphnee. Vote: **CARRIED.**

c. **Motion:**

1st Annual LBPSB Hit the Stage Dance Off will take place on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, from 5:30 pm to 8:45 pm. Students in grades 5-6 who interested have signed up to learn 6 dance choreographies of which they will dance up to 3 of them at the dance off during a friendly competition against 10 other LBPSB elementary schools.

COST: \$3 /student

Parents will drop the students off at PCHS and are welcome to stay and watch the event in the auditorium. Students will begin learning the choreographies in the new year at recesses and lunches.

Motioned by Teresa, Seconded by Mark. Vote: **CARRIED**.

d. **Motion:**

February is Black History Month and we would like to have a Drummer come to the school on February 16, 2024

COST: \$0

Motioned by Wendy, Seconded by Mark. Vote: **CARRIED**.

19:35

11. Adjournment

Motioned by Sandra, Seconded by Ulla.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, February 14, 2024 via ZOOM at 7:00 pm

Administration report

January 10, 2024

Happy new year to everyone. Edgewater wishes you a year filled with love and good health!

It was once again we were lucky to be invited to the Remembrance Day ceremony at John Abbott College with over 1500 other people.

We also had a ceremony at Edgewater and were lucky to have two veterans come and speak with our students.

Grade six had a bake sale to help support their overnight grad trip in January to Fatima.

The read-a-thon and wild hair day raised over \$3000 dollars to be donated to We Yon Children's foundation.

The Home and School Craft Fair and Scholastic Book Fair were once again a big success.

The grade six students that were interested in the Enrichment programs wrote the enrichment exam.

The first report cards were made available to parents and there were parent teacher interviews.

In December the students enjoyed pajama day and a holiday sweater day, and the grade 1 students had breakfast in the front hall.

Each class received \$300 dollars to purchase books from a government measure.

Grade 4 to 6 had great fun playing Omnikin and the winning team was able to play against the staff on the last day before the holiday break.

We needed to reschedule a few events because of strike days. Pizza day is now January 11th, and the Movie Night is now on January 19th.

The MacMillan's and Krispy Kreme orders came in. Thank you to Home and School for running these fundraisers.

I want to thank the Edgewater community for their generous donations to our Christmas baskets this year. We were able to support many of our community families.

The Emergency binder has been updated.

I want to welcome Ms. Karen Nicholson to Kindergarten while Ms. Katrina is on medical leave.

I also want to welcome Ms. Julia Sutharman to Phys-Ed replacing Ms. Tina until she returns.

Upcoming Events

January 10th: Grade 6 volleyball tournament at Abbott

January 11th: Home & School rescheduled pizza day

January 16th: Home and School

January 17th: Open house

January 18th & 19th: Grade 6 grad overnight at Fatima

January 19th: Home and School Movie Night

January 22nd: Skieurs de L'Île Outings - 401, 402, 451, 501, 502, & 561

January 23rd: Staff council meeting at lunch

January 25th: Home and School pizza lunch

January 26th: Board-wide Ped Day

January 28th: Unplug and Play- 2:00 to 4:00 in the gym