

Osgoode Public School

Informal OPS Council Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2019

Voting Members in Attendance: Lorraine Whitby, Jaime Hodges, Maggie Matte, Gennah Hill, Kristen Cinnamon, Ronda Gnesbach, Jennifer Gilliland, Julie Gray, Lori Leptick, Clair Hinthier, Erin Nixon, Karyn Jacobsen-Hughes, Stephanie Poulin, Amanda Goth

Regrets: Joel Bailey, Meaghan Baker

Jamie welcomes all at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes from June meeting motioned to pass by Maggie Matte and seconded by Julie Gray.

Action items from June minutes

ACTION ITEM	UPDATE
Items to move forward to September 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Trivia Night – Move to October- Yoga – Move to October

REPORTS

1. Principal's Report – Lorraine Whitby

From June

- Thank you to Council for the contribution of the cakes for the Grade 6 Leaving Ceremony
- The cost to the school for food, flowers, engraving, etc. was \$785
 - Decided that for 2020, we will do cakes only (no food)

Welcome BBQ

- Great to see so many students and their families
- Timing in year allows for true introduction vs interview

School Organization

- Current enrolment 282
- 3 Kinder classes
- 3 Regular Program classes (1/2, 3/4, 5/6)
- 8 Early French Immersion Program classes (primarily only combined grades)

Staffing

- NEW-Judy Milley (Office Administrator)
- 18.4 teachers, 6 Early Childhood Educators, 2.5 Educational Assistants
 - NEW-Chris Rowsome (grade 5/6 English)

- NEW-Angela Ronald (grade 3/4 English)
- NEW-Caitlyn Kraushaar (grade 3/4 French)
- NEW-Ryan Elliot (grade 3/4 English and Math)
- NEW-Diana Hamilton-Toivanen (grade ½ English and Math)
- Several part-time teachers which may lead to some changes in early October as staffing is confirmed across the District

Building Community

- Returning to monthly Caring assemblies with recognition awards (Golden Owl Award)
- September's focus is RESPECT, October's will be RESPONSIBILITY
- Recognition continuing daily on the announcements with Wise Owl Awards
- Continuing Owl Family Activities around Caring themes to build connections beyond the classroom

Guest Presentations

- *Improve with Improv* (building trust grades 3 to 6) September 17th **\$847.50** (including HST)
- Kareena Butler – Creating Safe Learning Spaces through an Indigenous lens (staff) **FREE**
- WE Club Presentation for the whole school October 1st **FREE**
- Waste Audit on Oct 9th for the ECO Club members, followed by a whole school assembly by ECO Club **FREE**
- Water Chronicles on Nov 4th – the play explores the many ways that water impacts our lives and how small changes (and small kids!) and can make a big difference (grades 1 to 6 and possibly Kinder) **\$675.00** (including HST)

School Learning Plan

- Achievement in Mathematics continues to be the focus from the Ministry (*Focusing on the Fundamentals of Math*)
- Access to Math Instructional Coach available and targeted for grades 3 and 6 teachers at OPS
- Well-Being continues to be a focus from the Board (for OPS, our focus is on **belonging**)
- **EQAO** results (currently embargoed until Sept 25) will be analyzed for areas of need (question by question)
 - **Grade 3** Number Sense & Numeration
 - **Grade 6** Measurement

2. Teacher Report – Gennah Hill & Ronda Gnesbach

- The transition to the new school year has gone very smoothly
- Intramurals has begun
- Running club – run by Ms. G – Grades 4, 5 and 6
- ECO Club has begun
- Lots of clubs starting up in the coming weeks. Students should pay attention to the announcements and ask their teachers if they are interested.
- Soccer tryouts began on September 17th
- September 20th – Fall photo day
- September 26th - Terry Fox Walk – Looking for volunteers. The school's goal is to raise \$600. You can donate online here: <http://www.terryfox.ca/OsgoodePSOsgoode>
- September 27th – First Spirit Day, “Jersey Day”

- September 30th – Orange Shirt Day to acknowledge the impact of Residential Schools
- Crochet club will begin in October – Ms. Gennah and Mrs. G
- EDP has grown this year
- Focusing on the outdoor learning program in the kinder classes. They are spending more time outside.
- Walking Wednesdays will begin in October. We have community volunteers to walk with the students but are still looking for parent volunteers.

3. Treasurer's Report – Maggie Matte

- Ended August with just over \$15,000 in the bank
- Future spending – already voted on but not spent yet
 - \$500.00 EFI classroom startup – take off the list
 - \$835 Library storage bins
 - \$1,500 for gym equipment
 - \$1,000 kinder supplies – for the 3rd kinder class
- Total spendable after future spending comes off = **\$12,000**
- Set-up of Munch-a-Lunch site - \$339.00

4. Hot Lunch and Milk Program – Jaime Hodges

- No more hot potato
- Chicken fingers from Red Dot - \$5.75
- Subway, Pizza, chicken Caesar wraps, Pasta w/ red sauce or butter
- Hot lunch will start the week after Thanksgiving – October 18th
- Erin Nixon – Milk Coordinator 😊

ITEMS

1. School clothing orders

- Order forms due on Monday, September 23rd

2. Fundraising

- October movie night – Toy Story 4 – October 18th
- Fresh from the Farm – November delivery
- Christmas Catalogues
- Bag to School – October 25th
- Papa Jack popcorn – we will discuss at next meeting

3. Elections

- Chair – Jaime Hodges
- Treasurer – Maggie Matte
- Secretary – Kristen Cinnamon
- Education Rep – Amanda Goth
- Maggie Matte and Karyn Jacobsen-Hughes will review the school board constitution to ensure our Council is in compliance.

4. Voting

- **Motion:** Teacher start-up funds. \$125 per teacher, ECE and EA x26.9 = **\$3,362.50**
 - **Vote:** All in favour (*Maggie Matte motioned; Julie Gray seconded*)
- **Motion:** Improve with Improv presentation for grades 3-6 - **\$847.50**
 - **Vote:** All in favour (*Kristen Cinnamon motioned; Maggie Matte seconded*)
- **Motion:** Apple TV for 2nd portable - **\$250.00**
 - **Vote:** All in favour (*Amanda Goth motioned; Lori Leptick seconded*)

5. Sister School

- Send funds to help another school that doesn't have a Council or has minimal Council funds
- Lorraine suggested Pinecrest Public School
- Lorraine will contact the school principle to see what they need

SUMMARY AND ACTION ITEMS

Action items from September minutes

ACTION ITEM	UPDATE
Items to move forward to October	- Trivia Night - Yoga
Papa Jack popcorn	- Jaime to speak with Liz LeCain to organize
Field trip bus	- Funds towards busses - Lorraine to find out costs
Cost projections	- Maggie will determine how much all "wish list" items will cost so we can vote on them next month
Outdoor seating options	- More benches and picnic tables
Bike racks	- Not enough
Sister School	- Lorraine to contact Pinecrest PS to see if they need anything and can we help out in any way

Meeting ends at 9:25 p.m.

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 8th, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the library.