

**Osgoode Public School  
Informal OPS Council Meeting Minutes  
November 26, 2019**

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**Voting Members in Attendance:** Lorraine Whitby, Jaime Hodges, Maggie Matte, Marjory Hammond, Gennah Hill, Kristen Cinnamon, Julie Gray, Joel Bailey, Erin Nixon, Stephanie Poulin, Heather Renton

**Regrets:** Amanda Goth, Jennifer Gilliland, Lori Leptick, Meaghan Baker, Clair Hinthier, Karyn Jacobsen-Hughes, Heather McMillan

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Jamie welcomes all at 7:10 p.m.

### **Action items from October minutes**

<b>ACTION ITEM</b>	<b>UPDATE</b>
Papa Jack popcorn	- No longer doing

**Minutes from October meeting motioned to pass by Julie Gray and seconded by Joel Bailey.**

## **REPORTS**

### **1. Principal's Report – Lorraine Whitby**

- A. Staffing is complete but there are two additional temporary absences that need to be filled
  - Will impact both grades 5-6 EFI classes and the regular 1-2 class.
- B. Labour Action
  - Current work-to-rule by elementary teachers is only related to staff meetings, professional development connected to Ministry initiatives, writing of report cards, and preparing for/administering provincial testing (EQAO).
- C. School Cash Online
  - We increased from 47% to 52% participation with marketing strategy
  - Huge improvement to efficiency in office and increased safety of money (no counting, transporting to bank)
  - Will be drawing for a \$100 Best Buy gift certificate on December 13<sup>th</sup>.
- D. Safe Arrival App
  - Mostly positive feedback
  - Huge improvement in office efficiency
  - Families can enter up to 10 days of absence, can enter absences for multiple children
- E. Holiday Celebration
  - Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to accommodate more parents/guardians

## **2. Teacher Report – Gennah Hill and Marjory Hammond**

- Kinder trip to Nixon Farm went very well. Thank you to the Nixons!
- Junior boys' and girls' soccer – congratulations to the girl's team on their win!
- Swim to survive for grade 3 is taking place over the next few weeks
- Assembly for the Mission – donations being accepted. The class with the most donations will win a tug-of-war game.
- Bus evacuation practice took place this month
- Crochet club is up and running
- WE Club cupcake sale went well
- "Scooter" bordenball intramurals will begin soon
- Eco Club garbage audit – kids are now putting paper towels in the green bins
- Water Chronicles play for grades 1-6
- November 29<sup>th</sup> – Spirit Day: Twin Day
- December 5<sup>th</sup> – Owl Families Assembly
- December 6<sup>th</sup> - Bench ball intramurals game against teachers
- December 10<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Shopping Day in the gym
- December 17<sup>th</sup> - Christmas concert dress rehearsal
- December 18<sup>th</sup> – Christmas concert. Two showings: 8:45 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
- December 20<sup>th</sup> – Spirit Day: Tacky sweater day

## **3. Treasurer's Report – Maggie Matte**

- \$26,000 in bank but most spoken for
- \$5,600 spendable at the end of October
- \$190 raised on clothing sale
- \$440 raised on Fresh from the Farm sales
- \$1,000 raised on Christmas catalogue sales
- \$150 raised on movie night sales

## **4. Hot Lunch and Milk Program – Jaime Hodges**

- Discussed introducing a fundraising option available in Much-a-Lunch so funds can be donated towards someone who cannot afford hot lunch. Maggie will look into it.

# **ITEMS**

## **1. Christmas Shopping Day**

- December 10<sup>th</sup>
- Heather will pick up items from Kars on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup>
- Donate to Metcalfe Public after the sale
- Dec 2-9<sup>th</sup> – parents can donate items. We are always short on male gifts.
- Assistance needed on the evening of Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> to set up, and full-day Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> for the sale.

## 2. Trivia Night

- Heather Renton and Meaghan Baker to coordinate
- Jaime to get contract from Vibrations
- January 23<sup>rd</sup> – Thursday before the PA day
- Food – Subway Manotick – Party platters, chips, cookies?

## 3. Voting

- **Motion:** Water Chronicles play for grades 1-6 = \$675 + tax
  - o **Vote:** All in favour (*Julie Gray motioned; Erin Nixon seconded*)
- **Motion:** Sunshade for sister school up to \$300
  - o **Vote:** All in favour (*Maggie Matte motioned; Kristen Cinnamon seconded*)

## SUMMARY AND ACTION ITEMS

### Action items from November minutes

ACTION ITEM	UPDATE
Trivia Night	- Confirm contract with Vibrations - Jaime
Fresh from the Farm	- Discuss in June. Keep in actions items until then.
Munch-a-lunch	- Maggie to investigate fundraising option
Reusable snack bags	- Begin fundraising in January

Meeting ends at 8:40 p.m.

**Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the library.**

**Merry Christmas!!!**