

Osgoode Public School Informal OPS Council Meeting Minutes September 20, 2022

Members in Attendance: Kristen Cinnamon, Maggie Matte, Gaynor Kondric, Jennifer Gilliland, Lori Leptick, Karyn Hughes, Stephanie Poulin, Jen Scharf, Ashley Ladouceur, Laura Stack, Kathryn Moncion, Rachel Glennie, Pierre Decaire, Erin Schellings, Jenn Sutton, Jenn Gordon, Tiffany Cousineau, Aimee Faith, Samantha Wagner, Alicia Selleck, Jackie Allan

Regrets: Erin Nixon

Kristen welcomes all at 7:05 p.m.

Action items from June minutes

ACTION ITEM	UPDATE
Hot lunch and school cash online	- Can hot lunch be paid via school cash online? Gaynor will ask Judy.

Minutes from June meeting motioned to pass by Karyn Hughes and seconded by Maggie Matte.

Principal and Staff Report – Gaynor Kondric and Alicia Selleck

About the school

- 13 homerooms
- Before and after EDP program
- 3 kindergarten
- 3 English
- 7 French
- Enrolment 273
- 4 buses and 1 van

About staff

- 1 admin
- 1.5 office
- 1 day custodial/ 1 evening custodial
- 2 EAs (1 dedicated as a 1:1)
- 6 ECEs, assigned in pairs in each of 3 kinder classes - two shifts to cover AM and PM EDP
- 0.5 library tech
- 18 teaching staff, including LST and LRT
- 1.45 Designated Occasional Teachers
- 2 lunch monitors

Friday message to families

Weekly message will go out via School Messenger every Friday - community news can be sent to me directly if desired. I try to be mindful of re-sharing information that has already been sent out via the district newsflash, so as not to overload inboxes.

Meet the staff

Staff are all looking forward to meeting families on Wednesday, September 21st, as an open house for all to step into the building and classrooms. Still too early to share anything definitive about progress at this early stage (10 days) but parent/ teacher interviews will be scheduled at a later date in November after progress reports are issued.

Spirit days

We have gathered some ideas for spirit days this year, typically on the last Friday of the month, with the first one landing on Thursday, September 29th to ensure that the 30th is reserved for recognizing the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. We are asking that students wear their favourite colour all over, and as a standing backup, to wear Osgoode Owl swag wear otherwise. Families are always welcome to send along ideas for spirit days - we are open to your thoughts!

Metcalfe Fair

Metcalfe Fair is taking place on Friday, September 30th, which is also the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The board has asked that no schools schedule field trips that that day. We have heard that other local schools have already scheduled field trips to the Fair. Gaynor is meeting with other local principals and staff to discuss. We also have a school bus driver shortage and are unsure if we could arrange for busses.

Dental screening

Ottawa Public Health will be running a dental screening for JK, SK and grade 2 students later in the year. This is a longstanding program that was put on hold during the pandemic so we are really pleased to have this back. May 17th is the date for Osgoode PS! This date has been added to the OPS website calendar.

Sports and extracurricular clubs

Some sports have already started and others are coming. Currently Ms. Claridge and Mr. Meis are running soccer try-outs during recess. At the district level, there is recognition of the benefits of providing extracurriculars and clubs and so a central team has been established to re-imagine what this might look like. Access to reliable transportation for intra-school events such as soccer and cross-country is an ongoing concern, as is replacement staff when a staff member is accompanying students off property. Stay tuned for details about the following: colouring club, reading club, running club, soccer, chess club, skipping club, and more...

Terry Fox

Several staff are busy getting ready for our Terry Fox event next Wednesday. The plan is to take students onto the path on that day so families should watch for the field trip permission form this week. This form covers all path field trips for the whole school year. Unless there is a significant amount of rain forecast, we will go ahead with the event - Terry went out every day, rain or shine!

Treasurer's Report – Maggie Matte

- Ended the 2021-2022 school year with over \$15,900 in the bank.
- Over \$9,000 spendable. Some money has been allocated to future spending, including gym equipment, kinder toys, and Scientists in the Schools.
- The 2022 spring pizza lunches brought in \$550
- Plantables cheque is coming...

Fundraising

- 2022-2023 Fundraising initiatives will be discussed in more detail at the October meeting
- Items to discuss at next meeting include
 - movie night
 - hot lunch program
 - Christmas catalogue
 - True Earth laundry detergent fundraising – Tiffany
 - My Fahlo – bracelets for endangered species

Staff Wish Lists

- Mrs. Edwards in the library is asking for consideration when allocating resources for the library, looking for money to buy more books and storage bins.
- Staff is asking for support to book outside organizations to enhance learning, such as through Scientists in the School, Luv2Groove and Rocks and Rings (curling).
- Some staff are wondering about the possibility of sharing some of our fundraisings with other less fortunate neighbourhoods that may not have a Council to support them.
- Some staff have mentioned that they would be more likely to sign up as staff rep for Council if it was a bit earlier, ie. 6pm or 6:30pm.

2022-2023 Council Elections

- 12 voting members
- Chair – Karyn Hughes
- Co-chair – Rachel Glennie
- Fundraising coordinator – Jackie Allan
- Secretary – Jen Scharf
- Treasurer – Maggie Matte

Action items from September minutes

ACTION ITEM	UPDATE
Council website	- Update with minutes, financials, Plantables link, and other items that are out of date
Christmas Catalogues	- Discuss in October
Clothing orders	- Maggie will speak with Judy regarding payment
Hot lunch	- Discuss in October. Try to use school cash online. Gaynor will speak with Judy.

Staff Wish Lists	- Gaynor to get pricing. Will vote in October.
Meeting time?	- Move meetings to 6pm so it's easier for staff to attend.
Donate to other schools	- Partner school? Karyn will read up on rules for this.
Fundraising initiatives	- True Earth, My Fahlo, Movie Night

Meeting ends at 8:30 p.m.

Great first meeting everyone! Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the Library.