

Osgoode Public School Informal OPS Council Meeting Minutes October 12, 2021

Voting Members in Attendance: Gaynor Kondric, Jaime Hodges, Kristen Cinnamon, Maggie Matte, Erin Nixon, Ronda Griesbach, Julie Gray, Jennifer Gilliland

Regrets: Stephanie Poulin, Lori Leptick

Jaime welcomes all at 7:13 p.m.

Action items from September minutes

ACTION ITEM	UPDATE
Elections	- Done.
Teacher allowances	- Discuss in November 2021. Not enough voting members.
Growing Up Organic	- Discuss in November. Clair will find out opportunities for 2021-22. Gaynor will confirm protocols for visitors outside of the school.
\$830 earmarked for Library	- Jaime will ask Ms. Edwards if the library needs anything

Minutes from June meeting motioned to pass by Maggie Matte and Erin Nixon

Principal & Teacher Report – Gaynor Kondric

- **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation** - We want to thank our school community for your support of this first ever National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. This was an important day in history and we were glad to be able to be witness to this. We were grateful to have frequent access to the district's Indigenous Education Team consisting of a centrally assigned vice principal and 10 educators. Our goal for this day was to pay deep respect for the importance of this day, to learn more about the history of the lived experiences of those in our FNMI communities, and to ensure the messages about inclusion, respect, gratitude and healing were heard and will continue to be a focus going forward. We are mindful in how we go about our learning, and did want to show our collective support for indigenous people in Canada.
- **Concussion awareness training** - As mandated by the Ministry, all staff (office, EAs, ECEs, lunch monitors, administration, librarian, custodial) will receive their one hour of training to ensure everyone is aware of the signs and symptoms of concussion. This training is to be completed by all staff by November 30th. Any student who may have hit their head at any point in the day is sent to the office for assessment and the concussion protocol is followed right away. The office will also reach out to families to keep you updated if a child is ever in the office for potential concussion follow-up.
- **Individual Education Plans** - First term IEPs are currently being finalized and will be sent home on the 22nd.

- **Update re: back fence openings:** A meeting is planned tomorrow with our superintendent, our area supervisor from facilities and with our risk management consultant at the board office. Will update as we go. Our goal is always safety and making sure we are winter ready with our systems in place.
- **Halloween** - Waiting for update from district.
- **Owl and Golden Owl certificates:** We are looking at data from staff and students to determine how everyone is feeling about this practice. This will be an ongoing discussion over the year so that we are ensuring we are inclusive, purposeful, thoughtful --- and that the criteria is meaningful, supported with evidence.
- **Spirit days** - We want to be sure that the themes we pick are inclusive of all by ensuring we anticipate how these themes will be received by all. As such, we want to offer a couple of themes each time to make sure that everyone can participate, ie. Twin or Triplet Day. This Friday's theme is wear your favourite sports jersey or wear red and black. Apparently, we can also wear blue and white but you may need to ask Mrs. Stesco in the office about this!
- **New staff:** We want to welcome Shanaren Oaks to our team as a lunch monitor. Shannon started last week.
- **Staff wish lists:** We will share approved vendor catalogues with staff so that they can come up with some wish list items for Council to consider purchasing (with appreciation from all of us).

Teacher's Report

- Terry Fox Run - All classes had an opportunity to walk or run around the perimeter of the school field. We raised over \$800! Classes will continue Terry Fox laps and classes can count their laps – goal to get to 1000km.

Treasurer's Report – Maggie Matte

- \$12,659.24 on September 1st
- Library and gym equipment is earmarked for future spending

Fundraising

- Christmas catalogue fundraiser – orders due October 29th
- Osgoode Owl clothing - orders due October 19th
- Fresh from the Farm – timing was not ideal and a bit late for orders to be put through. We will consider this again for fall 2022.

Elections

- Chair – Jaime Hodges
- Treasurer – Maggie Matte
- Secretary – Kristen Cinnamon
- Voting Members – Jennifer Gilliland, Julie Gray, Lori Leptick, Erin Nixon, Stephanie Poulin
- Teacher Rep – Ronda Griesbach

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Outdoor sporting equipment for Zone 5	- Students cannot use the play structure. Gaynor will ask teachers what they think will work.
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Meeting ends at 8:13 p.m.

Our next meeting will take place on November 9th at 7:00 p.m. on GoogleMeet: [Video call link: https://meet.google.com/xsy-yqsp-gwj](https://meet.google.com/xsy-yqsp-gwj)