

Osgoode Public School Informal OPS Council Meeting Minutes November 9, 2021

Voting Members in Attendance: Gaynor Kondric, Jaime Hodges, Kristen Cinnamon, Maggie Matte, Erin Nixon, Julie Gray, Jennifer Gilliland, Shauna McCarlie, Stephanie Poulin, Karyn Hughes

Regrets: Lori Leptick

Jaime welcomes all at 7:07 p.m.

Action items from October minutes

ACTION ITEM	UPDATE
Outdoor sporting equipment for Zone 5	- Shauna McCarlie will send email to all staff asking for clarification on outdoor equipment needs for recess time.
Teacher allowances	- TBD
\$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 Julie Gray

Principal & Teacher Report – Gaynor Kondric

- **Back fences** - We have completed the consultation process related to the flow of students through various exits to/ from school. The back gates will remain open, but signs have been posted indicating that the path is not maintained. The duty schedule has been shifted to move one person from the first 5-8 minutes at the front of the school at dismissal to the last 5 - 8 minutes at the back of the property, standing at the edge of asphalt that will be maintained through snowplow services. This person will act as a pivot between staff who still have their last group of students with them, and any parents waiting at the field entrances. Staff will not be asked to walk across that distance as conditions become potentially challenging.
- **Septic bed** - The front decommissioned septic will be fenced or partially fenced off as part of summer maintenance next year.
- **Staff change** - Erin Wicker who was in for the grade ½ class for ¾ of the day has now left for a longer assignment through our HR department. We currently have our Designated Occasional Teacher Ms. Meryem in replacing for this portion of the day, and will continue in her DOT assignment beyond that part time assignment.
- **Amie Talbot** - Every class with the exception of two has already been able to enjoy and learn from Amie Talbot through her virtual art class. The two classes who have not had a chance to join in had some technical difficulties with the online aspect and will be rescheduled this month.

- **Rocks and Rings** - We have booked this organization for December 6 -10 for a full week of curling in our own gym. Rather than having an outside organization come into the building, we were able to take advantage of a rental program where they drop off equipment curbside, and we do our own setup at school. Every class will have access to this opportunity.
- **Scientists in School** - Staff is expressing an interest in having this organization present to their classes.
- **Educator wish lists** - School Council sports equipment wish lists Staff has added some items to this list for consideration. This list is being sent back out to staff for further input.
- **School Photos** - The district's priority is still to have grade 12 photos done. Central staff is working out protocols for making arrangements in elementary schools.
- **Spirit Days**
 - November 26 - Secret day - outfit, colour, etc.
 - December 17 - Beach day
 - January 28 - Throwback to a different decade day
 - Remaining spirit days TBA
- **Remembrance Day** - Students are creating class wreaths this week and will deliver this to display in the front hallway ahead of the district ceremony. We know that classes are learning about the importance of pausing to reflect on those who fought in the first and second world wars, and the Korean war, as well as the contributions of all involved in peacekeeping efforts. Osgoode Public School will be joining the district ceremony via YouTube link, and all in our community are welcome to join. A message was sent on Friday with the link, and a second message was sent this evening with a reminder about how to access the ceremony. Date: Thursday, November 11th, 2021 Time: 10:30 am - Link: <https://youtu.be/REDAEDAGA4k>
- **Things to think about:** - In consideration of the focus on equity and inclusion, we are wondering about how we can ensure we are thinking about those who should be able to access a prayer room, accessible washrooms and non-gender facilities.
- **The Third Path** - The goal will be to deepen understanding of the Third Path framework and to explore and measure changes in educator's unconscious bias. This continues our focus to center equity in creating learning and working conditions that fosters safety, belonging and honours individual and intersecting identities. Dr. Tranter will have diverse educators from across Canada joining him to support these conversations. We will continue to work alongside the Ottawa-Carleton District School Boards (OCDSB) Equity Team to provide you with resources through our Third Path repository. These forthcoming materials will support you to intentionally integrate and align this framework with the principles and practices of other frameworks such as anti-oppression, anti-racism and culturally relevant and responsive pedagogy to fulfill the District's commitment to strengthen a caring culture.
 - deepening relationships and responding to student needs;
 - understanding student mental health and well-being and the classroom conditions that support success;
 - strengthening and sustaining educator well-being; and

- student progress.
- Please visit the event website and click 'Register Now';
- Enter your information and click 'Register';
- Proceed to the payment page to "Enter A Coupon Code' under the Ticket Price;
- Enter the code OCDSBRelationships to access the ticket that has been made available to you, and click 'Register';
- Please note, any previous OCDSB staff who registered as individuals will have their fee refunded by Nelson; and
- Sessions will be available to staff until 31 December 2022.

Teacher's Report – Shauna McCarlie

- Positive reinforcement in the classrooms. Classes can earn prizes for great behaviour. Kids are responding well.
- Grade 3 have been learning about the Métis people. <https://www.metisnation.org/programs-and-services/education-training/k-12-education-support/k-12-metis-education-kit/>
- We had a wonderful presentation done by Genova from the Inuuqatigiit Centre for Inuit Children, Youth and Families. She talked to us about Inuit culture and history through authentic learning experiences. This linked to the grade 2 and 3 Social Studies topics and was really well done. The students were fascinated by many things, especially how her village in Nunavut is known for their fermented walrus!

Treasurer's Report – Maggie Matte

- Similar to last month. \$12,451 in the bank at the end of October. \$9000 spendable.
- Christmas catalogue profits TBD.
- \$1,500 already voted on and earmarked for “gym equipment”. We will use it for outdoor equipment. Shauna McCarlie will speak to staff asking for suggestions.

Fundraising – Jaime Hodges

- Christmas catalogue earnings TBD. Will be delivered soon.
- Osgoode Owls clothing orders have been processed. Will arrive soon.
- Bag to School in Spring 2022. Need options for drop off after school hours and off school property. Will discuss in the new year.

Voting

- **Motion:** Kinder toy wish list: Firehouse for \$269.00, shovels and pails for \$11.99 and \$43.99 and garage for \$70.
 - **Vote:** All in favour (*Kristen Cinnamon motioned, Maggie Matte seconded*).

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Meeting ends at 8:40 p.m.

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 11th at 7:00 p.m. via Google Meet.

Happy Holidays!