

# Osgoode Public School Informal OPS Council Meeting Minutes January 11, 2022

**Voting Members in Attendance:** Gaynor Kondric, Jaime Hodges, Kristen Cinnamon, Maggie Matte, Julie Lowe, Karyn Hughes, Lori Leptick

**Regrets:** Jennifer Gilliland, Stephanie Poulin, Julie Gray, Erin Nixon

Jaime welcomes all at 7:05 p.m.

## Action items from November minutes

| ACTION ITEM                           | UPDATE   |
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| Outdoor sporting equipment for Zone 5 | - Some items were purchased: firehouse, garages, pails, and shovels  |
| Bag to School                         | - Jaime will look into Bag to School for the spring. Use an empty portable for drop-off of bags. Allow parents to drop off after school hours. |
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**Minutes from June meeting motioned to pass by Maggie Matte and seconded by Karyn Hughes.**

## Principal & Teacher Report – Gaynor Kondric

- We have a **new DOT** (Designated Occasional Teacher) who joined us in early December - Megan Duarte. This is very helpful with staffing needs on those days when coverage is needed. Our other DOT Meryem is still with us, currently filling a partial Long Term Occasional assignment in grade ½ English.
- **Kindergarten Information Night** is set for January 26th at 6:30 via Google Meet. This is on the OPS calendar and we are currently working on planning around creating that presentation for incoming families interested in finding out about kindergarten in general, and specifically kindergarten at Osgoode PS.
- **Throwback to a different decade** is our theme for our January spirit day on the 26th.
- **Photo days** have been selected and it's on the calendar. Only heard back from one parent asking for some input on grade 6 photos and whether we have **ONLY** grad photos or **BOTH**. A good point was made by the photo company meantime, since we reached out — grade 6 grad photo in graduation clothing, would be the only photo for grade 6.
- **January 21st is a PA Day**, designated as a day for report card writing. Term 1 report cards will go live via School Messenger on the 16th of February (date is on the OPS calendar).
- Staff and students who were the **lucky beneficiaries of School Council funds** are enormously grateful for this financial support. Everything that was ordered has arrived. Thank you to our School Council for this support. [School Council sports equipment wish lists](#)

- The professional learning continues! Many of our staff are taking on the role of leads in several areas and are sharing what they are learning with colleagues. Today our staff meeting was mostly about collegial learning and sharing. Hannah Clarke spoke about equity and inclusion. Elaina Ianni spoke about the work we have begun with The Third Path. Chris Rowsome shared some great tips and tricks related to digital teaching and learning. Ronda Griesbach spoke about Lexia, new reading and writing support programs for kindergarten to grade 5, and grade 6 and beyond. Julie Lowe spoke about the importance of wellbeing for staff and students and gathered some great ideas to support positive morale at Osgoode. Jenna Anderson and I continued our discussion about how to align the Golden Owls awards with student-set goals that align with a variety of initiatives that form the foundation of our students' experiences at school: character education, self-regulation, goal-setting, academic achievement, etc. It's magical to have such caring, dedicated staff expressing their thinking and feeling comfortable sharing their thoughts as we continue moving forward positively.
- The **shift back to remote** went well in terms of getting technology out to families. We had a total of 105 requests to borrow chromebooks and 15 requests for mobile hotspots, and were able to have all laptops prepped and ready for pickup within the first half of the day on Tuesday ahead of Wednesday's start-up. Hotspots needed to be requested from the district so they were slower in coming to us; as of today several families have not yet come to the school to pick up their assigned hotspot, hopefully because they didn't end up needing it. We cannot thank the community enough for all the kind words and sincere support as we moved back into virtual teaching and learning - this means so much to everyone and we appreciate this.
- **Covid protocols going forward:** An updated screening tool for students has been provided to us as of last week. [COVID-19 school and child care screening tool](#) My understanding before we headed into the winter break was that schools would be collecting asking families to confirm that the screening was done each day, similar to how we started off this school year. Waiting for an update related to that. There is a separate screening tools or employees and essential visitors [COVID-19 screening tool for employees and essential visitors in schools and child care settings](#). These screening tools are also shared on the district website. We are also to receive our shipment of N95 masks and 3-ply cloth masks for students, both of which are optional, not mandatory.
- On a **personal note**, coming to Osgoode initially as the Acting Principal, I do want to share that I went through the selection process from September to December and had a successful outcome. I am thrilled to be remaining at Osgoode for the remainder of this school year.

## Teacher's Report – Julie Lowe

- Thank you to the parents/caregivers for making a positive experience at home for your kids during online learning and thank you for all the support shown to the teachers and staff.
- Spoke about morale during the January staff meeting from a staff and classroom perspective. In-person teambuilding activities are no longer taking place (i.e. Owl families and reading buddies). We are brainstorming creative ways to do virtual teambuilding. For example, Mrs. Lowe and Mrs. Kelly did pen pals between their classes and exchanged secret letters.
- Thank you from the teachers for the supplies that Council purchased last month.

## Treasurer's Report – Maggie Matte

- Nothing to report in November.
- \$10,622 spendable at the end of December.

- Owl clothing deposit – strong sales this year. We also got some money from our Mabel’s Labels fundraiser and Christmas catalogue fundraiser.

## Fundraising – Jaime Hodges

- Plantables fundraiser: Order organic seedlings online and they are delivered directly to your home in time to plant your garden. We are provided with a code to use at checkout. Can order any time and select delivery date. The school receives 10% of sales. No minimum order required.
- Will renew our fundraising account with Mabel’s labels
- Gaynor will send out two separate emails for each fundraiser.

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| Plantables                  | - Jaime will set up a fundraising account with Plantables and Gaynor will send an email out to parents with info and link.                     |

Meeting ends at 8:00 p.m.

**Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 via Google Meet.**