

Osgoode Public School Informal OPS Council Meeting Minutes February 8, 2022

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

Regrets: Maggie Matte, Lori Leptick

Jaime welcomes all at 7:05 p.m.

Action items from January minutes

ACTION ITEM	UPDATE
Bag to School	- Jaime sent an email to organizers. Waiting to hear back.
\$830 earmarked for Library	- Jaime will follow up with Mrs. Edwards
Plantables	- All set up

Minutes from January meeting motioned to pass by Karyn Hughes and seconded by Jennifer Gilliland.

Principal & Teacher Report – Gaynor Kondric

- **Black History** - Honeybee Class: We will be taking some time to learn about some of the amazing contributions made by African Americans in our Nation's History. We will engage in a unit that celebrates and uplifts the fact that we are alike and different. We will also study artists, scientists, and inventors and honor these individuals.
- **Have a Heart Day** - Amy Claridge and her grade 5 students have recently been inspired by a Bridging the Gap presentation from an Inuit woman at the Inuuqatigiit centre in Ottawa. They began to learn how unique and brilliant the Inuit culture is. They also learned that many of these northern communities face many challenges - to the point that their rights as fellow Canadians are sometimes not being met. This whole term the grade 5s have been discussing what it means to be a responsible citizen. They thought it important to share some of their newly learned knowledge and spread awareness about some of the difficulties Inuit are facing. This brings us to Have a Heart Day / Journée ayez un coeur. It is a youth-led reconciliation event to help ensure Indigenous children have the opportunity to grow up safely at home, get a good education, be healthy and be proud of who they are. And 2022 is their 10th year anniversary. One way to stand up for fairness is by sending a card or writing a letter to Mr. Trudeau. The grade 5 students hope all students at OPS can show their love by sending a card or letter. In teams of two, grade 5 students will be presenting what they have learned to every class this week, hoping to inspire others to show how much they care about others. Ms. Claridge will then collect everyone's work and mail everything off to the Prime Minister!

- **Scientists in the school** - Teachers who have science as part of their teaching assignment have indicated an interest in booking virtual Scientists in the School interactive presentations for term 2. The following workshops have been sent onto the organizers for booking purposes. We are hoping to make a request for some additional financial support for these program enhancements through School Council. Currently, each workshop costs in the range of \$220 each.

Cahill/ Ianni	Structures,matériaux et plus encore
Claridge	Avec la lumière
Ianni	J'aime beaucoup bouger!
McCambridge	J'aime beaucoup bouger!
Dionne	Our World of Energy
McCarlie	Structures
Schmidt	Sticky Science
Rowsome	Human Organ System
Spadzinski	"Let's Move"
Anderson	Électricité: fermez le circuit
Martineau	Hou! Hou! Qu'as-tu mangé ma chouette?
Wade	Les structures solides

- **Report cards** - Staff has been very busy with assessing and evaluating students in advance of the first report card for this school year. Reports will go out on the 16th of February towards the end of the school day. Families will need their child's OEN (Ontario Education Number) which can be found on page 1 of all report cards, in order to access the report cards that will be made accessible through a virtual portal.
- **IEPs** - IEPs for Term 2 will go home on February 28th.
- **Planning for next year** - Even though September 2022 is a long way off still, planning for next year has already begun. Around this time is when the central planning department gathers data from multiple sources to determine as accurately as possible how many students will be attending each school, and within those configurations, how many students will be in each program and grade. In early April of each school year is when the first stage of that extensive process is shared with school administration teams. Typically, what is shared with us is what is called a 'school org' sheet, outlining the projected enrollment for each grade and program. The next phase of school planning is staffing each assignment, which is done by balancing teaching preferences and qualifications with seniority considerations and available positions. This is an

important and complex process that lasts a few months to complete, and is typically not finalized until June, sometimes going into late September if projected enrollment was not accurate for any reason. I should be able to share the planned school configuration for 2022-23 at the April meeting (earliest), or the May meeting (latest).

- **Valentine's Day** - Students may bring in Valentine's cards for classmates. Many classes will be having a small celebration on this day, and may wish to bring in a small treat for themselves. We are still not able to bring in treats for sharing at this point.
- **Toonie Tuesday** - This is a very important fundraiser led by the Education Foundation. Information has been shared directly with families by the District, and more information will come out about this on Friday through the Friday message. With the challenges related to the collection of cash, we are very hopeful that all our families will create a School Cash Online account. We have been asked by our central Finance department to promote SCO as a means of paying for various school events and activities. Currently we have an adoption rate of around 55%, which means we can reasonably expect many donations to be sent through as cash. We are aiming for a 100% adoption rate so that we do not have to handle cash at the school level. Mrs. Milley has set up this account to accept various denominations that families would like to contribute.
- **Next spirit day** - We are currently contemplating a theme for the last Friday in February and will get this out to the website as soon as we have one. There were some suggestions around aligning the 100s day with Spirit Day. Open to all ideas!
- **PA Day and Family Day weekend** - Next Friday the 18th is a PA Day across the system for all employee groups. Typically on these days, each employee will receive an info package from their various unions to share the theme and content of the day.
- **Library money** - Mrs. Edwards appreciates the \$830 earmarked for library materials, committed by School Council. Staff and students greatly appreciate this very generous contribution shared by Council.

Teacher's Report - N/A

- No teachers report this month. Teachers are busy preparing report cards.

Treasurer's Report - Jaime Hodges

- Library money, gym and outdoor equipment and kinder supplies are earmarked for future spending
- \$10,618 spendable at the end of January.

Fundraising - Jaime Hodges

- Plantables fundraiser is ready to go.
- Received some money back from our Mabels Labels fundraiser.

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Meeting ends at 7:29 p.m.

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 12th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. via Google Meet.