

Osgoode Public School

Informal OPS Council Meeting Minutes

November 8th, 2022

Members in Attendance: Gaynor Kondric, Karyn Hughes, Rachel Glennie, Maggie Matte, Jen Scharf, Jackie Allen, Kristen Cinnamon, Lori Leptick, Erin Nixon, Ashley Ladouceur, Kathryn Moncion, Erin Shellings, Tiffany Cousineau, Aimee Faith

Regrets: Laura Stack, Jenn Sutton, Jenn Gordon, Heather McMillan, Samantha Wagner

Karyn welcomes all at 6:33p.m.

Action items from October minutes

ACTION ITEM	UPDATE
Staff wish list	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wishlist and request from teachers, approximately \$9,000 in budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scientists in the School, already allocated at a cost of \$2,860 (13 classes to participate) - Amy Talbot (painter) \$2,185 for all grades <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Motion to approve by Kristen and Rachel and passed by council - Alicia Selleck requested small items for crafting (googly eyes, puff balls, popsicle sticks, glitter, tubs of glue (school will be ordering), etc) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Suggestion to give each teacher a \$100 gift certificate to help fund classroom supplies/needs (will give options; Dollarama, Indigo, Amazon) - As long as we have receipts for gift certificates, ok to purchase - 29 full time teachers, amounts to \$2,900 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Donation of gift cards motioned to pass by Rachel and Amy and passed by council
Hot Lunch/Milk Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pizza <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Currently on order: 18 cheese, 14 pepperoni, 1 gluten free - Jackie, Maggie, Clair and Laura have volunteered to help with cutting and organizing based on class lists - Gaynor will help with picking student volunteer 'runners' - A map of the school has been provided to volunteers

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parents asking about communication about pizza day as they didn't remembering receiving an email to order (it came from school cash online, however if a parent wasn't registered they wouldn't have gotten the email) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Request for better communication as to why kinders don't get milk and pizza, as well as general information about social events in the school overall - Information will be sent in Friday communique from Gaynor, including links to council website, Facebook site (Osgoode Public School Council), and email address - Milk <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Currently up to 54 students participating in program, which is a daily opt-in. This may change in the future (ie, Tuesdays and Thursday, Mondays and Fridays, etc) once Judy becomes more comfortable with school cash online - Maggie will pay for milk out of our funds and will work with Judy for reimbursement through School Cash Online - Jackie purchased new bins to carry milk. Cost was about \$20 - To note, fridges seem to be in good working order and do not seem to need replacing
<p>Fundraising</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Christmas catalogues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Went out with families last week both in physical copies, and with an online link. Orders already coming in. Due November 21st and delivery to the school scheduled for December 12th (unless customer paid for ship to home) - Osgoode clothing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prices have gone up slightly since last year (by approximately \$1/item). Not meant to be a money maker, but a way for students to feel included in school spirit - Turnaround time for orders is 3 weeks so we will try to get the forms out by mid November - Sample sizes will be brought to movie night if we can get them in time, however we will send home a product sizing chart (via email) - Karyn will photocopy and send home order forms - New prices of clothing motioned to pass by Tiffany and Lori and approved by council - Movie Night, November 18th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Doors open at 6:30pm

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Movie must be G rated, voted on Shaun the Sheep, Farmageddon - No admission however there was a suggestion to request parents bring a canned food donation. All canteen items are \$1.00 - Parents must stay with their child. Bring blankets, chairs, etc. No in-and-out during the movie, except for bathroom breaks - Volunteers: Kristen, Maggie (will bring float), Karyn (will pick up food for concession; purchase more than needed but ensure items do not exceed \$1 each), Clair (will help with concession), Ashley, Jen Gilliland, Jen Scharf - Popcorn maker needs to start at 6pm - Christmas Shopping Day, December 16th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Permit has been approved - Families will be asked to donate items in good condition that will be set up for children to 'shop' for their families. Jen Scharf will put a call out on the Buy Nothing Group to try and get some extra wrapping materials, and donations (we always need extra 'dad' and teen boy items) Aimee, Rachel, and Jen have volunteered to be drop-locations around the village - Volunteers needed to sort items and set up on the Thursday evening (approximately 8-10 people) as well as daytime volunteers in shifts (morning and afternoon) to help with wrapping, clean up at the end, etc. Grade 6 students will also be helping with wrapping - Children will bring pre-written name tags - Can Foodland donate paper bags? - Need to buy rolls of tape and wrapping paper/bag (there is a closet full of supplies at the school already) - Required \$200 for miscellaneous spending, motioned to pass by Kristen and Jackie and approved by council
Council Website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jenn Sutton kept getting locked out of account so she will help with other things. Maggie will take over the website
Yearbooks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Committee will be comprised of Tiffany, Jackie, and Karyn - Can work through Lifetouch. Parents are able to order and pay through them as well - Suggested to charge \$20/book (full colour!) - Request that teachers begin collecting photos of classes and special events
Larger Project Needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Everyone needs to think of ideas!

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Artwork in the halls, ceiling panels, etc (maybe Art with Bonnie will work with us again) - New play structure?
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Minutes from October meeting motioned to pass by Rachel and seconded by Kristen.

Principal and Staff Report – Gaynor Kondric

- **EQAO results:** We now have Osgoode Public School’s EQAO results last year following the May standardized provincial testing, as follows:
 - Grade 3 mathematics
 - 55.2% at or above standard (61.3% district; 59% province)
 - Grade 6 mathematics
 - 66.7% at or above standard (52.5% district; 47.2% province)
 - Grade 6 writing
 - 81.8% at or above standard (83.7% district; 84.1% province)
 - Grade 3 writing
 - 82.8% at or above standard (65.7% district; 64.9% province)
 - Grade 3 reading
 - 93.1% at or above standard (74.5% district; 73.2% province)
 - Grade 6 reading
 - 97% at or above standard (85.1% district; 84.9% province)

*Individual results have not yet been shared with us.
- **Program enhancements**
 - Staff is most appreciative of Council’s generous support of program enhancements, specifically through funding workshops we are planning with Amie Talbot’s art classes, and Scientists in the School. Luv2Groove and Rocks and Rings are also soon ahead of us.
- **Play structure:** A work order has been placed to address some rusty spots on the play structure, and to remove one portion that is no longer functioning. The play structure closes for the season this coming Monday.
- **Food bank donations:** Sonya Schmidt led us through a “kick off” assembly this week, announcing our annual food drive in support of those in need. We are grateful for everyone’s support.



Holiday Food Drive 2022

Osgoode Owls Food Train

Hello:)

This year our Osgoode Owls would like to help out the Ottawa Food Bank! Each class in the school will be given a few boxes to hopefully fill! We will display our boxes in

the main hall of the school and place the boxes in a 'train car' formation. Most needed items are as follows:

Fruit cups

Unsweetened apple sauce

Shelf stable milk

Whole grain cereal boxes

Instant oatmeal mini packs (plain)

Dried fruit (raisins, apricots, dates)

Tuna/hummus/chicken snack packs

Whole grain crackers

Whole grain granola bars

Rice

Pasta

Pasta sauce

Canned meat and fish

Canned fruit and vegetables

Stew

Chili

Peanut butter

Diapers

***Note: The Food Bank will collect the goods on Dec 20, 2022.**

HOW YOUR DONATION HELPS THE OTTAWA FOOD BANK! The Ottawa Food Bank wants to not only provide food for people but provide the most nutritious food possible. Your financial donation helps the Ottawa Food Bank purchase the expensive and necessary items that everyone needs and deserves such as: fresh fruit and vegetables, dairy, grains, sources of protein as well as much-needed diapers. The Ottawa Food Bank provides this food to over 39,000 people every month with the help of their network of 112 emergency food programs across the city. Thank you for supporting the Ottawa Food Bank - we could not do it without you. YOUR IMPACT: Did you know that for every \$1 donation the Ottawa Food Bank is able to deliver \$5 worth of food into the community? That means that every dollar raised has 5x the impact!

If you would like to donate, here is our Osgoode Owls donation page link:

<https://donate.ottawafoodbank.ca/HolidayFD2022/a34bc52ce022439d80140b67cd7e9b0e>

Sincerely,
Sonya Schmidt

- **Tutoring:** We have been assigned two tutors to work with students who would benefit from in-class supports. We are working as a team to identify those students who will work with our two tutors, with the goal of beginning this Ministry initiative the following week. Paperwork and other communication will be sent home to families who may be identified for targeted support. All tutoring will take place during the instructional day.
- **Progress reports:** Progress reports will be going home this coming week via School Messenger. Parent teacher interviews will take place on the 24th after school and on the 25th in the morning. We will send further communication about exact times as we get closer to that date.
- **Spirit days:** This month it's crazy sock day, or wear your owl clothing gear. Spirit days are always the last Friday of the month.
- **Milk and pizza for kinders**

- The school will be holding their first Remembrance Day assembly in over 3 years
- Feedback has been sent to Lifetouch regarding photo day
- There will be a bake sale held on November 18th
- Junior classes will be attending an Ottawa 67s game on November 15th

Treasurer's Report – Maggie Matte

- Bank fees were the only amount "out" this month
- Ended with \$13,013.72 in October and have \$9,083.14 in spendable funds
- School Cash Online being used for school council initiatives for the first time
 - We have approximately \$4,000 in school cash online account
- Judy received a check from Steve Grover at Casa Canine with donation to school council that is meant to support school workers. Approximate amount will be about \$400 and will be left to school council to decide on what to use the donation towards
- School cash online is still a work in progress and trying to stay simple for the time being. When Judy is able to figure out more of the technical points, we'll be able to look into separating out dates for milk and hot lunches
- Credits can be done by Maggie for missed milk/hot lunch (needs to be requested and is a manual process)
- Treasurer's report accepted by Lori and Erin

Fundraising - Jackie Allen

- See update in Action Items above

Other Items

- There was an inquiry about the Christmas assembly this year
 - School is planning and working on it
 - Potential to split into two "shows" for primary and junior grades?
- Question regarding field trips and whether there is a minimum number of "expected" trips?

- Field trips are all up to the teachers
 - Can field trips be encouraged as many of the younger students have yet to experience one
 - Swim to Survive is returning for Grade 3 students
 - Skating?
- Gaynor inquired with other schools about “larger project need ideas”
 - Don’t do an outdoor learning space (based on other principals)
 - Logistical nightmare, very expensive (\$20k got a couple of planters, benches, and logs at another school)
 - Nature nook is already expensive (over \$2k for a bench)
 - School board has a lot of rules and regulations (example, kinders wanted basketball nets but were denied because kids in the neighborhood could climb and get on the roof)

Action items from November minutes

ACTION ITEM	UPDATE
School Clothing	Karyn will photocopy and send home order forms
Larger Project Needs	Continue to think of ideas over the holidays
Teacher Wishlist	Purchase gift cards and deliver to staff
Casa Canine Donation	Do we have thoughts on what to use the funds for?
Yearbook Update	Tiffany to start working with lifetouch Ask teachers to start taking photos of classes/special events
Movie Night	Canteen items need to be purchased Money box needed and organize float
Christmas Shopping	Tape, wrapping, supplies to purchase Call-out for volunteers needs to be made

Meeting ends at 8:29p.m.

Thank you everyone for another productive meeting! Glad to see a few new faces and have some great, needed conversations! Our next meeting will take place in the new year on January 10th at 6:30pm in the library.