

Osgoode Public School

Informal OPS Council Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2023

Members in Attendance: Gaynor Kondric, Karyn Hughes, Maggie Matte, Jen Scharf, Jackie Allan, Kristen Cinnamon, Ashley Ladouceur, Laura Stack, Kathryn Moncion, Jenn Sutton, Tiffany Cousineau, Clair Hinthier (NVM), Sonya Schmidt (teacher)

Regrets: Rachel Glennie, Lori Leptick, Erin Nixon, Stephanie Poulin, Erin Schellings, Jenn Gordon, Aimee Faith, Heather McMillan, Samantha Wagner

Karyn welcomes all at 6:39p.m.

Action items from January minutes

ACTION ITEM	UPDATE
Teacher Gifts	Complete
Casa Canine Donation	Purchased
Yearbook	To update below
Movie Night	Complete
Little Caesars Pizza Kits	To update below
Dance-a-thon	Complete

Minutes from January meeting motioned to pass by Jackie and seconded by Maggie.

Principal and Staff Report – Gaynor Kondric

Principal message FEBRUARY 2023

- **Kinder info evening:** We had a total of 14 visitors for our annual in-person kindergarten information evening, and will be planning a lemonade social closer to late Spring once we know who will be joining us for kindergarten next year. Our lemonade social will be designed around our current JKs becoming SKs for the event, and our current SKs becoming grade 1 students by joining into different grade 1 classrooms.
- **TIMSS - EQAO:** Osgoode PS grade 4 students will be participating in this large scale assessment administered through the EQAO office. TIMSS is an acronym for Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study. We have tentatively booked one date in May for this, and will update families as we get closer to the date. This is separate from the primary and junior EQAO testing that will take place in late Spring for our grade 3 and 6 students.

- **Climate survey:** In March 2023, we will be conducting the new OCDSB Parent/Caregiver School Climate Survey. This is a **voluntary** and **anonymous** online survey for parents, guardians, and caregivers of students in Kindergarten to Grade 12. The purpose of the survey is to give parents, guardians and caregivers an opportunity to provide feedback about their family's and their child's experiences with the school. More information and links to access the survey will be shared as we get closer to the date.

- **Mural project update;** We have paid Dave Lafreniere \$500 fee to begin drawings for our special mural project. Once Dave has some designs to share, we will share these at Council, and ask if Dave can come to present his ideas to the whole group, hopefully in April. Timeline for this project is not yet known as it will depend on projects that Dave is currently involved in at other locations.

- **School activities to date:** Amie Talbot, Tornado Hunter, sports in gym, colouring club, chess club, reading club. Luv2Groove dance workshops, Scientists in School, library trips, community walks, a few field trips, upcoming Swim to Survive (eventually), danceathon, movie nights, spirit days, skating, firetruck visit, Rocks and Rings... and soon track and field, Jump Rope for Heart, Spring Fling ...skating this month.

- **Dates to remember:**
 - Pink Shirt Day tomorrow
 - IEPs go home Friday
 - Amie Talbot workshops - next week
 - Grade 6 grad photos March 29

Staff updates

- **Public skating** is back at Osgoode PS! Many thanks to any parents who have donated skates and/or helmets over the years. We were able to sort through all of the skates and EVERY student who needed skates and/or a helmet was able to find something that fit. Larry Bellinger of Hockey Head Sports at the arena kindly sharpened all of the skates for us at a community rate (half of his regular fee). The first classes went skating today and they had a great time. For some students, it was their first time skating!! Classes will be going skating on Tuesdays and/or Fridays until Friday, March 10th.

- **Update from 3A:** We went skating at the arena today. Lots of smiling faces! Everyone participated. A couple of students borrowed equipment from our school donated items. Jenn Cahill took skates to get sharpened. We had our Scientists in School workshop. Great hands-on creations. Still using items in our unit. Students loved exploring magnetism using all of the equipment from one of the Science bins. Students used newly ordered oil pastels and popsicle sticks to do art project on Friday.

- Photographer update
 - March 29th, Grade 6 grad photos booked currently with LifeTouch, but looking at other options
 - Everest Solutions
 - One of the owners used to work for LifeTouch and has 30 years in the business, and the other owner used to be on the school board
 - A contract with LifeTouch is not an obligation so we CAN switch should be wish
 - Willing to do an extra event and grad photos (ie, photos at Spring Fling)
 - Pictures will be loaded within 48 hours online
 - Can be ordered directly (at additional cost) immediately, or can wait until they come home through the school
 - They are already at OTHS
 - Not looking for big business but rather trying to focus on quality
 - Question regarding grad photos - can we do sibling photos?
 - Everest Solutions should be willing to do this

Treasurer's Report - Maggie Matte

- \$13,574 in the bank at the end of January
- \$4,079.19 spendable
- \$3,470.95 in SchoolCash Online lunch/milk account (doesn't count in spendable yet as most will go to expenses related to running those programs)

First session of milk/hot lunch

- Milk profit = \$1,080 - \$772.75 = \$307.25
- Hot lunch profit = \$3,652.50 - \$3,157.21 = \$495.29
- Gym outdoor equipment and kinder toys, Scientists in School, Amy Talbot, teacher "gifts" all set aside
 - Teachers may not have a lot to buy for this year (most stuff already bought from September to December)
 - Next year we should roll this out earlier

Fundraising - Jackie Allen

- Little Caesars
 - 228 kits ordered; goal of \$1,500, raised \$1,368
 - Need volunteers to help organize, distribute, and assist with pickup on March 8th after school
 - Window for pickup is 2:30pm to 5:30pm
 - Will have a table right outside near the gym doors so kits stay cold
 - Jackie, Laura, Jenn (maybe), Clair (maybe), Maggie
- Plantables needs to be rolled out asap (we get 10% back on orders, which are shipped directly to customers)
 - Need to send out a notification and remind parents what the code is
 - Mention that this is similar to Mabel's Labels and is always running in the background

- Karyn will find the website login information and school code. This will be given to Kristen to add to Facebook account
 - Needs to go out in a "Friday message"
- Closer to the end of year we should discuss fundraisers for next year (ideas in advance would be nice)
 - Examples: Purdy's chocolates, Papa Jack's popcorn
- Popcorn days at school
 - We will roll this out in May as a fundraiser for the grade 6 grads
 - Preference for a day other than Friday
 - Clair volunteered to help and will find a team!
- Hot lunches
 - Subway, Fat Les, Pizza Hut has all been ordered
 - Kinders were promised a pizza day
 - Karyn will reach out to kinder team to pick a Friday (ideally) to coincide with a current pizza day
 - Will add a juice box option as well
- Current session of milk ends the day before March break and starts back up on March 27th. Will end for the year at the end of May
- Movie night - April 21st; Ron's Gone Wrong
 - Team of volunteers: Kristen, Maggie, Tiffany, Jackie
 - Can we do a draw for free intermission snacks, basket of goodies, etc?
 - Maggie will organize this
- Spring Fling - May 26th
 - Jaime will come back to help run it
 - Call out for volunteers will go out for entire school
 - Committee needs to be put together
 - Clair will get prices for inflatables
 - Cake walk
 - Silent auction
 - Clair and Laura both mentioned helping but would like more options
 - 32 auctions last time
 - Bids are all done through an online platform
 - Last time we made a profit of over \$3,000
 - Maggie will send all info to Laura
 - Zoo crew
 - Bbq supplies, food etc
 - Manned by volunteers
 - Can we get a food truck? Firefighters?
 - Bake sale
 - Prizes need to be purchased
 - Teachers can sign up for shifts but we will need a LARGE team to help run this event. Will continue the conversation in the Facebook group chat and can have a separate meeting (maybe in March, at the Red Dot?) if people wish

Other Items

- Dance-a-thon

- More heads up for teaching staff for next year as some weren't aware of the details until the day before or morning of
- We had approximately 100 pledges online and raised \$577.39 after prizes/decorations
- Maybe next year we can do cash as well, or just all cash and not bother Judy
- Do a fall/Halloween dance next year so the kids can wear costumes and we get away from the idea of needing to "have dates"
- Speakers
 - Karyn bought two speakers from Costco
 - Both bluetooth, both hook up to a projector, both slightly different but have their uses
 - Total was \$677.98
 - Vote to keep both (Casa Canine donation plus a portion of the Little Caesar's pizza fundraiser will be used)
 - Motion to pass by Jen and Kristen
 - Approved
 - Proposal to get a larger screen (with a projector that goes behind the screen) so kids won't trip on cords
 - Karyn will look into it for costs
- Yearbook committee update
 - Media release
 - Update: Children's photos can still appear in yearbooks, even if they sign and say "no" on the media release
 - No response from a parent is considered a "no", so children's photos will still be able to go in the yearbook regardless
 - Class lists have been organized but we are still missing a few kids' individual pictures
 - Maybe teachers can take a photo of those missing kids? (about 5-10 total)
 - Can we get class photos (can teachers do this?)
 - Each class has a double page spread that will encompass class photos and candid shots
 - Movie night and Christmas concert photos both done/almost done
 - Suggestion to have a write-up for all grade 6 grads
 - Tiffany and Clair will work on creating 6-7 questions the students can choose to answer (3 questions each with a guideline on character limit)
 - Responses have to be sent in by May 9th
 - Gaynor will send questions to teachers to complete
 - Drawings for yearbook photo cover contest were narrowed down and students will be given a vote for the top three choices (to go on the front, back, and inside front cover)
- Grad info
 - When we do the grad clothing order, can we tack on a full school order with it?
 - School Council buys the cake for the ceremony
 - Gaynor will ask Jenna Anderson for information and will check into dates as parents are asking for specifics
- Student handprints
 - Maybe we can do a test pilot with the grade 6s handprints on one wall this year
 - Will table this - Jackie will think about it

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Movie night	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Maggie will make a poster and organize a "door prize" (snacks, basket, etc)
Plantables	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Karyn will find the website and code information to send to Kristen (Facebook post) and Gaynor (Friday message)
Grad "items"	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Gaynor will discuss with Jenna Anderson for specifics and will work on narrowing down a date- Clair to put together a team for grad popcorn selling in May
Spring Fling	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Begin organizing! Put together a team and start floating ideas- Meeting in March?
AV Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Karyn will look into the cost of a screen with a projector behind it
Yearbook	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Class photos need to be requested (from teachers?)- Write up for grade 6's to be sent out to teachers for students to complete (Tiffany and Clair to create and send to Gaynor)- Cover contest votes need to be completed by students at school

Meeting ends at 8:22p.m.

Was great seeing everyone! Just a reminder that there is no meeting in March, and the next meeting will be held on April 11th at 6:30pm. Should you be interested in volunteering to help organize the Spring Fling, let us know and we will add you to the group Facebook chat (or keep you in the loop via email!) Thank you!