

Osgoode Public School

Informal OPS Council Meeting Minutes

October 10th, 2023

Members in Attendance: Gaynor Kondric, Karyn Hughes, Jen Scharf, Sarah Brobbel, Jackie Allan, Rachel Glennie, Kristen Cinnamon, Maggie Matte, Aimee Faith, Rachel Pereira, Sharon Borutski, Tiffany Cousineau, Erin Nixon, Steph Poulin

Regrets: Judy Milley, Britt Jadayel

Karyn welcomes all at 6:38pm

Action items from September minutes

ACTION ITEM	UPDATE
Bigger Fundraising	All members to ask students for ideas of what they may want to see in the large yard.
Other Fundraising	<p>Karyn to investigate cost of media projectors. Which ranged from \$600-\$1400. A vote was made, and motion passed for 2K for projector and screens. One was purchased to the cost of \$1700.</p> <p>Confirmation was made there is \$500 reserved for library funds. But librarian has expressed interested in receiving some more funds. Maggie can repurpose to reflect “generic” needs and Rachel will follow up with librarian with amount for needs.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-</p>
Dance-a-thon	<p>Dance -a- thon scheduled for October 31st, the kids can wear their costumes. Gaynor will get back to us with the scheduling, and Jen/Sarah will do a Google spreadsheet for volunteers to take shifts.</p> <p>Silent auction prices, ticket \$1 on SCO or cash at the door. Rachel/Jackie working together organizing prizes and tickets.</p> <p>\$50 was allocated from the budget for this event.</p>
Yearbook	<p>Committee has been formed of individuals who will be representing each grade. Tiffany will reach out to the photographer to find out a cost.</p> <p>Are grade six’s interested in participating on designing a yearbook cover contest?</p>
Hot Lunches/Milk	<p>Reviewed safety protocols when it came to milk and keeping it safe. Hot lunch programs will rotate each Thursday, pizza, sub, Fat Les lunch, if there shall be a snow storm lunch dates will be pushed to the Friday. Hot lunches/milk have all started and due dates have passed.</p>

	School council will not make any exceptions to due date extensions. If you do something for one child, you must make exceptions for the rest. These deadlines help out our vendors greatly. If you missed this deadline there will be another opportunity in the New Year.
Movie Nights	<p>Movie nights are on November 10th, February 2nd and April 12th. Further discussions on how the school can benefit and raise funds.</p> <p>Movie option that was discussed Sonic the Hedgehog.</p> <p>Charge admission, admission by a donation or raise canteen prices?</p>
Library Book Fair	Scholastic book fair is dated for November 8 th - 10 th . Three days is the most ideal. Friday we will open up the book fair in the evening in conjunction of movie night to get a little more foot traffic.
Yard Improvement	Gaynor investigated our play structure equipment, which is needing an update. The kinder play structure was built in 2017, while the larger play structure was in 1998. Talks took place with the area supervisor who will look further into this matter. But did feel that it is time of it needing to be replaced.

Minutes from September meeting motioned to pass by Kristen Cinnamon and seconded by Tiffany Cousineau.

Principal and Staff Report – Gaynor Kondric

FIELD TRIP SUBSIDIES: Our staff is thrilled to announce putting \$500 towards the cost of a bus for one field trip.

LIBRARY BOOK FAIR: October 30th – November 3rd or November 8th – 10th was presented as options for a Scholastic Book Fair. Once the dates are confirmed we will schedule with Scholastic. Three to five parent volunteers would be needed to help the book fair run smoothly. Please email our librarian Amelia, amelia.mcnabb@ocdsb.ca. A second book fair is tentatively scheduled to be the week of our Spring Fling.

PHOTO RETAKE DAY: Our new photographer was able to take sibling photos for those who are interested. Forty families did take advantage of this opportunity.

PLAY STRUCTURE: Our play structure in the kindergarten yard was built in 2017, while our other structure was built in 1998. I connected with our area supervisor who will look further into this matter. He followed sentiments that it is getting to the point of it needing to be replaced.

STAFFING: We welcome Sarah Martinovic as the new designated occasional teacher (DOT) who recently joined us and in the office we have Sandy Somerville Bonner who is replacing Lydia Stesco until she returns in the new year. We wish our EA Brianna Borgonsoli, who has left OPS to join the staff at a secondary school in Russel (Upper Canada DSB) best of luck in her new adventures. We have posted this assignment and will be interviewing.

SWIM TO SURVIVE: After speaking with central staff for this initiative this will be a go ahead for our grade 3 students, provided there are enough volunteers willing to help out in the water to meet ratio. We are currently looking into bus transportation.

STAFF REPORT –

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EF3A will be starting their Science unit on Soils and cleaning out/harvesting seeds/composting plants/adding leftover mushroom compost to/from the gardens.

Arrival of new French resources from the Board to be distributed to classrooms.

Arrival of new sports equipment that was unpacked and sorted.

Treasurer's Report – Jackie Allen/Maggie Matte

We ended September with \$21, 663, which the sports equipment and the yearbooks were paid for. Allocations were given 7K for field trip buses and 3K was given to teacher funds.

- Total spending was \$5, 706.

Fundraising - Jackie Allen/Rachel Glennie

With many goals for the calendar year, we are reminded to be conscience of WHY this stuff is needed and how it will benefit our school.

- Projector and Screen: we are looking for a projector that sits behind the screen. It would help keep cords and hardware from being tripped over. Projectors vary from \$600 - \$1400, the one with the highest review with the projector that sits behind was \$1200. \$150 for the screen.
- A vote was held to give 2k for projection and screens.
Motioned to pass voted Tiffany Cousineau and Sarah Brobbel.
- Mural project currently has \$2,250 put aside. It costs \$1000 to fill the hole and \$500 was paid for plans. Estimated total: \$6k is needed to complete this project.
- General support in classrooms is needed, such as for French books. (Little reader sets) We will be checking with Jenn Dionne to confirm if this is needed.
- Our Library only gets between \$500-\$1000 from the board every year: our Librarian (Amelia) has discussed previously in interest in receiving additional funds for our school library. Currently there is \$500 sitting in funds for our library. Maggie can repropose the needs to generic needs. Rachel will confirm with Amelia an amount for these needs. – Can our library use magazine subscriptions? Ex. Chickadee, OWL

- Sensory room has no current request, but Gaynor will follow up with Danielle Howson and ask if there is anything that is needed.
- A request for presenters, and workshops in school: \$220 for Scientists in the Schools.
- A request was made to look into our music program for a potential need of musical instruments. We are looking to see if there are ukeleles somewhere.
- Dance-A-Thon: will be on October 31st, kids can wear their costumes. Volunteers will be needed, **Jen/Sarah** to create a spreadsheet (Google Docs) to easily organize our volunteers. Gaynor will follow up with the schedule for that day. It was brought up there needs to be more advanced notice to make sure there is enough time to collect donations and prepare them. A silent auction, where kids can purchase tickets for \$1. **Rachel** will be organizing sending home forms for parents about options on how kids can participate. School cash in advance, or kids may bring in cash the day of. Ideas for donations were gift certificates from local food vendors or donations from our community. **Jackie** will be in charge of taking inventory of donations. School Council will be donating a giant snake.
- Christmas Catalogues: they go home November 1st and due back by November 17th. Orders can be made online and physical cheques need to be marked **prior** to the online Orders. Product is estimated to be delivered by early December.
- Movie Night: there were a few thoughts and ideas, such as a small fee for admission, raising canteen prices or admission by a donation. We will revisit this next month on how we will proceed. Dates have been confirmed, as well as discussions were led on potential movie screenings. Fat Les has given us a deal to sell pizza if we are interested. We need to look into the cost to buy more popcorn.
 - Dates: November 10th, February 2nd, and April 12th
 - Movie of interest: Sonic and Sonic 2.
- Christmas Shopping Day: we will be set up on December 6th. We will need volunteers to set it up.
 - Dates: December 7th and 8th
- Scholastic Book Fair: there was a request for November dates, 3 days would be ideal with one evening open. It could be an opportunity to open it up to the community during the evening. There were ideas to help make our Book Fair not only a success for our library but inside the classrooms as well: getting teachers to write a list of book requests for families to purchase to donate or a teacher can send a form home with book requests in there. There was also mention on how teachers can go on the Scholastic website and create a classroom and parents can shop under their child/ren's classroom. This may make it easier for the staff. **Rachel** will check into Spring dates in hope to **coincide with our Spring Fling** on May 24th. To help make our book fair run smoothly we would need some volunteers because our librarian is only here in the mornings until 11am.
 - Dates: November 8th – 10th to **coincide with Movie Night**
- Hot Lunches/Milk: Order deadlines have **passed** for milk, pizza and sub days. Pizza Hut has started as well; they are donating 5 large pizzas every pizza day for all the volunteers and staff. Kindergarten have shown interest in a pizza day starting in the New Year, we will need

to follow up with this. A reminder was made by Gaynor that our milk program does need to follow a health and safety protocol. Milk needs to be kept safe. Fat Les has also reached out in case we were interested in selling pizza on special event nights. There will be no exceptions adding more students to hot lunch/milk orders. Due dates were made for our vendors, if we made an exception for one student, we would have to do it for a hundred students.

- We are thinking about our sister schools and families in need in the community as the cold weather approaches. Ideas up for discussion were pajama drive, or snowsuit donations. We are here to support families in need. We will revisit these ideas.
- We will be looking into Little Ceasar’s build your own pizza kit, delivery estimated the week before March Break. Rachel will contact and follow up.
- Spring fling: May 24th, 2024

Other Items

- Yearbook: a committee was formed of individuals who were assigned to each grade as the main contact. There is a plan to get class photos into the yearbook. **Tiffany** will reach out to the photographer and ask about prices. Grade 6 classes will be asked to participate in a yearbook cover contest, this was a huge success last year.

Action items from October minutes

ACTION ITEM	UPDATE
Fundraising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gaynor to confirm if new play structure could/should be funded by council or board • Movie night; need to buy popcorn
Teacher Requests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doll houses and table/chairs; Gaynor to confirm if these can come through surplus prior to vote on funding from School Council • French books for classrooms; confirm with Jenn Dionne if this is of interest. • Sensory room needs? Gaynor with confirm with Danielle Howson
Projectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karyn purchased for ~\$1,700
Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rachel to confirm amount needed (can repurpose use for \$500 that was already set aside, or add more if requested) • Book Fair; Rachel booked November dates
Dance-a-thon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jen will send out volunteer signup sheet; Jackie to look into ticket purchases; Need “silent auction style” prizes

Meeting ends at 8:12p.m.

Thank you for joining us and we value your input. NEXT MEETING DATE: November 8th, 2023 at 6:30pm in the Library.