

## School Council Meeting Minutes

December 2, 2019

**Present:** Amanda Kelly, Julie Horne, Maple Kyriacou, Abishek Jotangia, Dawn Gallagher Murphy, Gina Pappas, Julie Horne, Mary Haitas, Melissa Pellegrini, Penny Ortega, Tony Koubridis, Apurva Talsania, Jaclyn Sutton

**Absent:** Phil Whissel, Kate Hishon, Sonia Breen, Ethan Anderson, Sara Potash, Branka Asadi, Masoud Savadgal Nezami,

Regrets: Kathleen Griffin, Sara Jamil, Louella Mendonsa

1. Welcome and establish meeting norms – Gina welcomed all and reviewed norms
  - Meetings begin and end on time
  - Consensus decision-making
  - Be open minded, objective, and respectful
  - Individual students, parents, and teachers are not to be discussed in meetings
  - Refer parent or student issues to the teacher or principal
2. Introductions & welcome to any newcomers
  - No newcomers this evening
  - Thank you to all for the delicious food
  - Picture will be in January as we have members away this evening
3. Adopt minutes from October and November meetings
  - Amanda motioned to pass the minutes from the last two meetings
  - Maple seconded the motion
  - All in favour, so motion carried
4. Chair's Report
  - Principal's Profile and School Council Constitution – deferred to next meeting
  - School Council lanyards for school events – deferred to next meeting
  - Amanda will attach to the minutes, please review for formal discussion at next meeting
5. Fundraising for 2019/2020
  - Pizza lunch, Hero Burger, Cookie Dough, Lunch Lady, Mabel's Labels
    - Pizza lunch, continuing
    - Hero Burger running again, but not doing the small burgers this time around. Hero Burger has not offered this option to us, as they are not doing it.
    - Mabel's Labels has four families purchased so far, not far off from meeting our fundraising goal for this initiative
    - Cookie dough \$1905 – not as much net as previous years, but still a good amount for the efforts.
    - Lunch Lady – no formal update.
6. Treasurer's Report
  - Everything is on track so far.
  - items to note - November details:
    - Cash sales of \$325 for pizza received.
    - Cookie dough funds banked in November
    - Pizza payments of \$27,26.77 in November - payment for Fri. Nov. 29 will be made in December
    - More packaged cookies were bought for Pizza days (we buy 4 cases at a time)
    - Hero Burger payments of \$2,789 in November
    - Payments for digital literacy programs of \$937.22 for Tumbleweed Press and \$806.82 for LesPlan Educational Services in November (paid from Cookie dough fundraising proceeds)
    - Mathletes evening program paid in November (\$1,757); along with day program, total of \$3,000

provided for this programming

- Family movie night expenses of \$339.36 in November
- Full Year Forecast has a positive variance to budget due to decision to proceed with Hero Burger again for the new year.
- Forecasted another \$750 to be made from the second campaign. We need to determine why these funds are being raised (i.e., to support what initiative/programming).
- spring "fun fair" that was discussed at the last meeting not included in this Forecast - hoping the committee will be able to provide a budget and expected proceeds, with an idea of how the funds will be used early in the new year.
- Mabel's Labels fundraiser. We've earned \$32.85 so far from 4 orders. Spread the word and hopefully we can get some more orders. Mabel's Labels will send a cheque once the amounts raised are over \$50.00 (or upon request if we "close" the fundraising campaign).

NOTE: Determination still needs to be made as to what the funds for Hero Burger will be used for consideration given to adding to library – first language books to support learners in the school, digital subscriptions etc.

**Grade 8 Graduations fundraising totals to date**

\$121.27 snack shack

\$1626 from hot dogs

**7. PRINCIPAL REPORT FOR ORPS SCHOOL COUNCIL – Dec. 2nd, 2019**

	Grade/ Division	Details
<b>Modern Learning</b>		
<b>ECO Club 2019-2020</b>	Grades 4 - 8	Teacher facilitators: Mr. Gross, Ms. Fenuta, Mrs. Kyriakou, & Mme Roman This year we have a team consisting of <b>30+</b> students from <b>Grade 4-8</b> (our largest one yet)! Together we are beginning to plan all the weekly activities and exciting events we will be doing to Reduce, Recycle, Reuse and Rethink at ORPS! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- work to maintain eco certification</li> <li>- some challenges to ensure waste is sorted appropriately to avoid contamination of materials, continuing to work on this through reminders and signage for organics, waste, and recycling</li> </ul>
<b>Mental Health and Well-Being</b>		
<b>Holiday Concerts</b>	Kindergarten and grades 1- 3	Both the Kindergarten and Primary Winter/Holiday Concerts are happening on Tues. Dec. 10 Kindergarten - concert at 8:45 am – better for them to have their own time and full audience Grades 1 -3 holiday concert at 7:00 pm.
<b>Intramural Hockey</b>	Grade 5/6	Gr. 5/6 Intramural Floor Hockey @ Lunch will run from mid January through to March Break.
<b>Volleyball</b>	Junior Girls and Boys	Tryouts/practices are happening and games/tournaments will be forthcoming -tryouts will be joint, actual teams will be
<b>Basketball</b>	Intermediate Boys and Girls	Practices are happening and games/tournaments will be forthcoming
<b>Spirit Days</b>	All	December 3rd - Sleep/ Pajama Day (\$2 donations accepted for raising funds for bed kits to be sent to developing countries –bed kits, and mosquito netting) December 10th - Red/Green Day

		December 18th - Sports Day
<b>Equity and Inclusive Education</b>		
<b>QUEST conference</b>	Grade 6 Lane	Our students did an ARTONOMY project at QUEST on Nov. 15th. The worked on a stop motion animation project that focused on the generations from the past of indigenous peoples and how their experiences have evolved. -International educational conference -based around student voice Mrs. Lanes's class– educators could actually see them do stop motion animation project, -Indigenous people and how their stories have evolved centred in Truth and reconciliation commission 94 call to action
<b>Food drive / Hat and Mitten Tree</b>	All	As part of this year's Holiday Heroes Campaign, we are accepting donations as well as donations of new hats and mittens for our Hat and Mitten Tree. donations will be accepted until December 11th. - working with YRP and Holiday Heroes, they will pick it up and distribute to individuals in need within York Region.
<b>Mural team</b>	Various students in grades 6, 7, 8	Ms.Lane, Ms. Maltai and Mr. Au-Yeung are working with a team of students to create a mural that will be outside the library. The mural will be represent our diverse school community and our student voice -students working on new mural at entrance to focus on diversity of our community and student voice, ideas submitted look colourful -representative of student voice and student led - will be a unique and representative demonstration of what we stand for at ORPS

- Student Dress Code (*Amanda & Dawn*)
  - Amanda emailed one staff member from each division as well as teacher representatives on School Council. one staff member responded indicating concerns they had have already been addressed in our current working version.
  - Amanda will attach to the minutes. Please review and make suggestions so it can be finalized at next meeting.

At Oak Ridges Public School, our dress code is aligned with Ministry of Education, *Safe Schools Act, 2000*, subsection 302(5). It:

- Respects the rights of persons of all cultures, faiths and abilities.
- Is consistent with the Human Rights Code and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.
- Addresses issues of compliance and affordability.

To maintain a positive school tone and learning environment, we ask that students refrain from wearing clothing with inappropriate messages. Items of clothing must be whole and must bear no vulgar, profane or disrespectful symbols; no images or wording that promotes substance use in any form, including images associated with drugs, alcohol, or vaping, or that are racially, ethnically, sexually, or religiously offensive. No headgear is to be worn inside the school, other than that required for accepted religious practices, medical necessity or school programs. For reasons of security, hoods and masks are not permitted.

We also ask that students dress modestly, in a manner that does not expose undergarments, navels or midriffs. During warmer weather, clothing must maintain appropriate modesty in that .If such clothing is worn, students will be asked to change. A call home may be necessary.

It is also important to note that proper footwear must be worn at all times; non-marking soles for gym areas and outdoor wear suitable to weather conditions.

- School Council Events & Family Engagement
  - **Family Movie Night** (Nov 19 and Feb?) – *Jaclyn, Gina, Sara, Abhishek*
    - Thank you Ms. Holmes & Mr. Mahoney for arranging ELL students to translate the email advertising for this event
    - went really well, fewer people than came in January.
    - Length of movie was 2hrs – consideration to make a shorter one, start earlier perhaps, but timing
    - Movie night will be postponed to the fall, looking to purchase the movie licence again in June for the full school year
  - **Social Media Education night** (Jan 21) – *Kathleen, Louella, Penny*
    - Discussion of types of refreshments to provide for the evening – cookies, juice, etc.
  - **Staff Appreciation Breakfast** (Jan 31<sup>st</sup> PA day) – *Penny*
    - Penny is able to be present to help set up that morning
    - Food is for 60 staff members
    - Food to be delivered before 8 am to the staff room
    - No nuts
    - Keep to vegetarian options
    - Council members committed to the following:
      - Gina, Tony, & Jaclyn – coffee, tea, cream, & sugar
      - Abhishek – plates, napkins, forks, etc
      - Penny – banana bread
      - Maple – bagels and cream cheese
      - Apurva – fruit
      - Mary – juices
      - Julie – French toast & syrup
      - Amanda – Yogurt and granola, butter
      - Kathleen – hard boiled eggs
    - Any other contributions, email Amanda and she will add them to the list
  - **Multicultural Night** (April 7) – *Sara, Maple, Melissa, Mary, Louella, Abhishek*
    - Details in works
    - Considerations brought forward of who to include – community partners etc.
    - Would it be possible to see if soapstone company would be able to attend both the Multicultural evening and the spring fair, as well, would they provide a better price?
  - **Spring Fair** (June 9) – *Gina*
    - Tony has agreed to take over the chair position of the fair Abhishek has offered to help him
    - List of subcommittees needs to be established by Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> or the event will not run.
    - Tony will send the list of subcommittees out to Council for 9<sup>th</sup> of December – please sign up for area of support
    - consideration for subcommittees – history, food, community partners etc.
    - this will be a lot of work, each member needs to be committed to supporting this initiative
    - will reach out to school community to solicit volunteers as well.
    - idea for an art installation for 2020, would Council consider providing funds should they be needed? discussion centred around having already approved an amount, could cover as needed.
  - **Pro Grant** – Amanda will apply for it by next meeting for multicultural evening - \$500.
- Next meeting date: Monday, January 6, 2020

Meeting Adjourned – 8:10 pm

Happy Holidays, see you in the New Year!