

OAK RIDGES SCHOOL COUNCIL
Virtual Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, October 25th, 2022

In Attendance: Amanda Kelly, Natasha Dawood-Greco, Karen Donnait, Sumona Sanyal, Gayle Grossman-Bly, Sharyn Cardone, Arthur Au-Yeung

Regrets: Abhishek Jotangia, S. Piran

***denotes voting members as identified at this evening's meeting**

1. Welcome and Introductions - Meeting commenced 6:32 PM

Slide deck of details will be attached to minutes for participants to peruse.

- The Administrative team of Gayle Grossman-Bly and Sumona Sanyal created a slide deck to move us through the agenda for the evening.
- Opened meeting by welcoming all in attendance and thanking them for joining

2. Land Acknowledgement / African Ancestor Acknowledgement

- Land Acknowledgement and African Ancestor Acknowledgement both read by Gayle Grossman-Bly

3. Meeting Norms and Expectations

- Introduced ourselves as participants in the meeting and named our children in the school and which grade, they are in.
- Video showed regarding school council its role and general and its purpose- General information around what our mandate is, including “to encourage productive involvement of all stakeholders in the enhancement of student experience and learning by developing school, family and community partnerships”.
- Discussion of the role of school council and the descriptions and responsibilities with each role.
- Looking to achieve a shared vision for this year's work

4. Election of School Council Officers for 2022-2023

- Chair – position remains vacant
- Secretary - Amanda Kelly (Board employee) has been acclaimed to the role
- Treasurer – Natasha Dawood-Greco has been acclaimed to the role
- Distinction of voting members and attendees.
 - Voting members consistently attend to vote on motions put forward as we need to have quorum (50% +1). Consider if you are able to make this commitment for the duration of the year.
 - Quorum was confirmed to be adjustable by consensus meaning that voting members number can be adjusted based on number of council members overall.
 - As per constitution:

5.1: Number of Parent Members

The School Council will consist of a minimum of nine (9) and a maximum of 20 voting, parent representatives (including the executive) in any one (1) year term. **This is to be reviewed and amended annually.** Other parents are welcome to attend this public meeting but will not have voting privileges.

- Confirmed by Gayle Grossman-Bly that council may consist of four members (voting)
- Arthur AuYeung is this year's teacher representative
- Admin and teacher representative do not vote as part of council.

5. School Council Committees

- More information to come as Council is further established

6. Update from Administration

PRINCIPAL REPORT FOR ORPS SCHOOL COUNCIL –OCT 25, 2022

	Details
<p>THANK YOU! First, we want to thank everyone for your understanding, patience, and support as we have begun this new school year.</p>	
<p>Health and Safety / Operational</p>	
<p>Health and Safety Inspection</p>	<p>We engaged in our annual Health and Safety Inspection in September. Our school was highly reviewed and commended for the routines in place that follow Health and Safety protocols.</p>
<p>Reorganization / Staffing Changes</p>	<p>Thank you for your patience and support as we re-organized this year.</p> <p>We welcome and welcome back staff members Yvonne Braybrook, Erica Truilli, Susan Eskenazi, Laura Lucas, Nicole Forsyth, Stephanie Ramsuchit, Jeffrey Parker, Megan Noble, Julia vanHoogenhuize, Catherine Grant, Suzy Reel, and Gayle Grossman-Bly.</p>
<p>Meeting Dates</p>	<p>Dec 5th February 6th April 3rd May 1st</p>
<p>Equity and Inclusivity</p>	
<p>National Day of Truth and Reconciliation / Orange Shirt Day</p>	<p>Students and staff engaged in book walks age appropriate to learn more about this important day.</p>
<p>Remembrance Day</p>	<p>Remembrance Day will be recognized with a virtual assembly.</p> <p>-moving forward, assemblies will move towards in person – thinking about divisional, keeping in mind what is best for health for all in the school.</p>
<p>Community</p>	
<p>Sports/ Activities</p>	<p>We have had teachers run Cross Country, Flag Football club, Art club, Student Council and we are starting volleyball.</p>
<p>Announcements</p>	<p>We are continuing with virtual announcements.</p>
<p>Food Programs</p>	<p>We will be introducing a snack bin program shortly.</p> <p>Kids Kitchen has resumed</p>

Halloween

At Oak Ridges P. S., we recognize that not all families celebrate and participate in Hallowe'en. As such, our teaching and learning will continue to be driven by the Ontario Curriculum as well as student interests and lived experiences. Our teaching and learning will always enable all of our students to know that they belong.

Students who choose to celebrate this occasion in costume at school must comply with York Region District School Board's Safe Schools Policy #668.0. These include:

- **No weapons, tools or anything handheld or representing a weapon**
- **No wearing of clothing that represents a culture**
- Students must be able to independently use the washroom while wearing their costume
- **Students are not permitted to wear a costume mask**; however, they are invited to bring it to school to showcase it with their costumes
- Please do remember that students are welcome to celebrate this day by wearing fall colours if they wish.

Please note that this policy applies to all students at all levels, including Kindergarten.

Also please be reminded that **students are not permitted to share snacks** at school.

Also, **all food brought to school must be peanut and nut free** as we have many learners with life-threatening allergies.

Intermediates will have a dance and a games room for the afternoon of October 31st

- **Parent teacher interviews** – November 17/18. Interviews are in person. Electronic report cards will be sent out end of November.

7. Future Meeting Dates

- Discussion around whether or not meetings would be in person. Hybrid is the best option to meet all needs and remain flexible. Members are welcome to attend in either way.
- Discussion of best days to hold meetings – Monday or Tuesday nights? Landed on Mondays.

Meetings will occur in a hybrid format from 6:30-7:30

- December 5th
- February 6th
- April 3rd
- May 1st

Meeting Adjourned 7:30 PM