

School Council Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2019 from 6:45 PM – 8:15 PM

Attendance: Amanda Kelly, Kathleen Griffin, Julie Horne, Abishek Jotanga, Sara Jamil, Maple Kyriacou, Louella Mendonsa, Penny Ortega, Phil Whissel, Mary Haitas, Jaqueline Sutton, Gina Pappas, Dawn Gallagher-Murphy, Tony Koubridis, Branka Asadi, Masoud Savadgal Nezami, Nadia McKinnon, Trish Dynes

Regrets: Melissa Pellegrini

1. Welcome and establish meeting norms – Kathleen opened the meeting at 6:50 pm
 - 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
 - Went around the table and introduced ourselves, name, children in school, how long on council and roles and responsibilities as needed.
3. Adopt minutes from June meeting
 - Amanda motioned to adopt the minutes from June
 - Sara seconded motion
 - All in favour – motion carried
4. Discussion of the Role of School Council and its members & Election of new School Council Executive
 - Kathleen outlined the different roles on council and the commitment required to be a member (number of meetings, quorum, voting versus non voting members,
 - Voting member commitment – 10 meetings per year, expect to be present for 8/10.
 - Establish quorum based on how many voting members we have. 11 people have identified that they would like to be voting members.
 - Quorum will be six (6) members present
 - Gina Pappas and Kathleen Griffin will act as Co-Chairs for the year.
 - Secretary – Penny Ortega
 - Treasurer – Julie Horne
5. Chair's Report
 - Reminder that SC minutes and financials will be posted online
 - Review of Constitution and Principal's Profile – Amanda will send out these as attachments with the minutes. Please review and come to next meeting to provide input on each of them.
 - Review of School Dress Code policy
 - Current policy is found in newsletters, and in school package of forms - not initially done in connection with the council, Trish and Nadia would like Council to have input.
 - Mostly in place for summer weather, but there should be some consideration given to slogans, branding etc. for year round clothing.
 - Looking to put committee together of council members to review and make suggestions. If you would like to participate, speak with Kathleen.
 - Amanda will work on this committee.

6. Treasurer's Report

- After expenditures, ended with \$9843.04 left in the bank to date.
- This balance is higher than anticipated.
- Carry over includes; equitable fund, \$2020 for our 2020 celebrations, also allotted monies for a speaker to come in to do some social media training.
- Did not use \$1000 for DPA will set aside for some kind of physical activity

7. Proposed 2019-2020 School Council Budget

- Budget will be finalized at next meeting once we know all fundraisers and potential expenditures for the year.

8. Principal's Report

	Grade/ Division	Details
Modern Learning		
Start of School	All	It was a very smooth start to the school year! Entry on the first day was seamless and organized! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ September 3rd ☺.
Health and Safety Inspection	All	During the second week of school we had the Health and Safety Inspection of the school. The inspection was very successful. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A lot of work completed over summer
Picture Day	All	Pictures will be taken on October 7. Retakes on November 12
Mental Health and Well-Being / Equity and Inclusive Education		
Safety Week	All	Safety Week begins the week of September 23. During the week we will practice procedures for Lockdown, Fire Drills, and Hold and Secure. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ For the first round, advise teachers day it will be done, so teachers have opportunity to prepare students for what they need to do to. ➤ Afterwards, teachers are not informed. ➤ Hold and secure – announced, but does not impact activity inside the school
Bus Safety	All	Bus Safety program will take place on October 2 for all students. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Details to make sure of all guidelines around being on a bus safely.
Terry Fox Run	All	Thursday, September 26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Toonie for Terry ➤ Cash brought in is okay
Lice Checks	All	Next session is on Wednesday, September 25. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Council pays for this – very beneficial for the school
Snack Program	All	Snacks are ongoing. Apples will be available shortly.
VIP Program	Gr 6,7, 8	Our Community YRP Officer Julie will be here to run the programming for our Grades 6, 7 and 8 students. Topics will include cyber bullying, illegal substances and overall safety. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Tailors it to the grade levels and to concerns that are specific to our concerns and our school population.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Also partner with public health nurse to come in and speak about the dangers of vaping.
Meet the Teacher	All	<p>All are invited to join us on Oct 2 for food beginning at 5:00 and then time to meet informally your child's teacher.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Vince's bbq for 5 pm, after that will be meeting with the ➤ Not October 1st
Flag Football	Gr 6,7,8	<p>Tournament takes place on October 11.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 31 students tried out ➤ Some students were informed that they were not successful
Cross Country	Gr 4 and up	<p>Cross Country practices have begun.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Practices happened on days 2, 3,& 5 during first recess
Mathematics		
Mathletes Program	Grades 2 - 6 Grades 7,8 (leaders)	<p>The Mathletes program will take place here at the school on October 16 and 17. Math activities will run all day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Based on last year's success, we will be having this event again over two days, and one family evening! We will be inviting families out to participate ➤ More information will be emailed out to the community

9. Fundraising for 2019/2020

- Pizza lunch program (starting Tuesday October 15th)
 - largest profit margin for us
 - pizza lead and volunteers from last year will return
 - pizza letter will go out after PA Day
 - cookies will also be offered with this option. Prices will be the same. Consider raising our prices on the cookie to increase our profit margin.
- Cookie Dough sales
 - orders out on October 10
 - Due date for orders October 28
 - order due to cookie company October 31
 - delivery date of cookies November 14 between 12-1
 - pick up by purchasers after 3pm-end of Parents' Night
- Lunch Lady
 - fundraiser on a smaller scale, but profit margins are also smaller (approx. \$500 revenue)
- Hero Burger
 - Mondays as a hot lunch options, includes different types of burgers, they send a list of cost and we add in our own profit margin costs.
 - Consideration to sell them for \$4.25 for the smaller 1.8 oz burger, and \$6.25 on the larger 4 oz burger.
 - order already divided by class, would not need parent volunteer to facilitate this.
 - Will do for one term and we can renew in January if we want to. There is no minimum order, Yonge and Stouffville Road store. They have only one school per day booked.
 - We would begin Monday, October 28, 2019. Thanksgiving and PA Day on the 21st.

- Kathleen motions to proceed with the Hero Burger fundraiser at \$4.25 for 1.8 oz burger and \$6.25 for the 4 oz burger with choice of patty type (chicken, vegi, beef, salmon, to name a few).

Seconded by Maple

All in favour – motion carried

- Julie asked if we could reinstitute Mable's Labels as a fundraiser.
- It is a low maintenance fundraiser; we register with the company, send out communication to school community, and when anyone orders labels they identify that they are supporting Oak Ridges PS. The company sends a percentage to the school.
- note in newsletter if purchase then say with ORPS.
- Julie will call to arrange

10. School Council Events & Family Engagement

- Walking School Bus program
- many kids that do not qualify for actual school bus, families are interested in this program.
- provide a map of where students are coming from so we can coordinate participation.
- Information table on October 2, to encourage participation sign up sheet of anyone willing to volunteer, connect families from there, as well the Multicultural fair recruitment.
- Mathletes Family Math Night (October 17) – fun math things and learning as a family
- Family Movie Night – tentatively booked for November 19/19, committee will look into cost for refreshments and materials.
- Multicultural Night – meet as a committee to discuss details, and prepare a proposal for a future meeting. Dates to consider March 31, April 7/2020
- Social Media Education night (January?) – *Screenagers* age range is for children 10 & up. Cost is \$650 US and includes screening video and classroom video on DVD – moderators' guide, educators' guide, parents' guide, & all marketing materials provided by them. A cost of \$50 US for shipping of DVD or for a streaming link that will last for two weeks from date of release.
- Staff Appreciation Breakfast - scheduled for Jan 31st PA day. Gina will provide coffee and tea. A list will be created for circulation and sign up.
- -Jungle Sport booking (early spring?)
*need to table any further discussion of events that may require teacher participation.

11. School Council meeting dates

- all meetings are held on Monday nights unless otherwise indicated
Oct 7, Nov 4, Dec 2, Jan 7 (Tues), Feb 3, Mar 2, Apr 6, May 4, Jun 8
- If we could put a list of dates together to inform the community of what is coming

12. Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 pm