

Oscar Peterson P.S. – School Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 19, 2023 | 7:00 PM ET – In person – Library

Parent Council Executives:

Co-Chair: Kelly Mohsenzadeh & Nehal Menon | Treasurer: Amma Wakefield | Co-Secretary: Nadine William & Vivian Tse | Events & Fundraising Coordinators: Pauline Tam, Aleen Roecken, Natasha Ince-Mercer & Bonnie Chu | Public Relations: Elli Pears

School Staff:

Principal: Naz Freeman | Vice Principal: Vanessa Colabawalla | Staff Rep: Julie Duncan | Linda Lebelle

Attendance:

See Parent Council Secretary for Information

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<p>Welcome</p> <p><i>Land Acknowledgment and Learning Piece</i></p> <p>Juneteenth: June 19, 1865 June 19 is Juneteenth – Celebrated in the US in recognition of the emancipation of enslaved African Americans</p>	<p>Kelly & Nehal</p>
<p><i>Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes (May 8, 2023)</i></p> <p>- Ramona Lawrance and Cecila Pino</p>	<p>Vivian</p>
<p><i>Administrator's Update & School News</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jazz Week Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Did not take place due to other events ● Class Placements/Organization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 31 home rooms, new portable coming ● End of School Year Communication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to come last week of school - staffing changes still pending, to be communicated in year end communication <p>General Update on School Happenings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Volunteer Tea <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - book plates dedicated for the volunteers in new books; approximately 20 volunteers attended ● Track and Field <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - original date was postponed due to air quality issues - juniors and intermediates competed on the same makeup day 	<p>Nazreen Freeman and Vanessa Colabawalla</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Community based Student award <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Alliance of Educators for Black Students (ABES) awards: 3 grade 8 students received awards in various categories such as athletics, leadership, citizenship etc. ○ Tamil student success awards- 4 winners ● Grade 8 - Camp Mini Yo We trip Success <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 day programs with activities focused on team building and bonding - Encourages the development of interpersonal skills such as respect, asking for help - no tech trip - Planning for next year's incoming grade 8s has started by way of a survey sent to families to see interest; Next trip is expected to occur in Fall 2023. - typically a fall trip to create bond and comradery for their grade 8 school year ● Band trip to Canada's Wonderland <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Performed very well and received good feedback from adjudicators ● Dance team: participated in a step competition ● EQAO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Grade 3 and 6 students participated. ○ Format is mostly multiple choice, though there is one written component ● Student Voice Assembly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Student trustee visit; grade 5 -8 - Led focus groups on leadership - This year was as a pilot program for which OPPS was selected to participate ● Oscars Got Talent was a successful in person event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This year's auditions were limited to Junior and Intermediate students due to the size of school. - Potential for Primary students to have their own assembly during 23-24 year 	
<p>Events & Fundraising Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fundraising efforts during this school year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 12 events (inclusive of fundraisers and events) - Total \$34K. (\$11K from funfair) 	<p>Pauline</p>

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<p>Event suggestion, play days, equipment swap</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spirit Wear raised \$58 in profit this year. Will be offered on a continuous basis throughout the 2023-2024 school year. OPPS will receive a portion of the funds as well as free shipping • Fundraising lunch update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kate Lo Presti will assume the role of Coordinator for the upcoming school year. Natasha will work with her to support a smooth transition ○ Aiming to have the program up and running during the 1st week of school ○ Potential changes to the program next year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ pizza will move to Wednesdays from Fridays <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pepperoni pizza will be available for purchase ▪ Subway will no longer be offered. Other lunch offerings are currently being explored. Must comply with the Healthy Schools policy ▪ Booster Juice may be offered as a third snack option 	
<p><i>Financial Report</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Council started the year with 10k in funds carried over from prior year ○ 34k in funds were raised in total during the year ○ After allocations there are 18k in non-allocated funds. There are also allocated accounts with unused funds as of year-end ○ At the time of the meeting, there are accounts containing discrepancies between the outstanding balance and the actual spending. Admin is currently working with the temporary EOAA to resolve the issues ○ All unused funds must be allocated or spent before the end of the school year. We are only permitted to carry over 1k ○ Financial report will be finalized and distributed after the Council meeting. Chair will notify Admin if there are any additional funds available for use 	<p>Amma</p>
<p>Explanation of Process from Naz re: Approved Requests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council typically can't carry over raised funds because money raised during the year is for the benefit of that year's students. - An exception can be make to the Board in cases were a school is trying to save money for a large project - In that case Admin will make a request to the Finance group at the Board (including quotes) to get authorization to carryover funds 	<p>Nazreen Freeman</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Admin or a designate should be involved in any votes/ be present when voting items are selected - Admin has requested that a fundraising plan be developed at beginning of 2023 school year (recommended that a fundraising subcommittee be established) <p>Voting Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Upkeep for outdoor classroom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This may need to be an annual voting item as this was potentially a requirement of the grant received 10 years ago - Evergreen Project o Admin is requesting funding for the school projector- \$13,689.95 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 3.5k for the projector ▪ 10.2k for installation and cage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the cage is necessary for safety (doesn't fall on student, no wires on the floor) • projector has 20k hour life, anticipated to last the life of the school o Supply cost for PROGrant \$64.20 (refreshments) + \$51.00 (2 Assistants for Child-Minding)= \$115.20 total o Bee bots- robotics - \$467.20 o Multi language learners books- \$764.63 o Projector- in class- \$355.95 o Extra funding for grad- \$1,000 o Summer institute for family in need- \$300 <p>All voting items were approved after ballot vote</p>	<p>Kelly & Nehal</p>
<p>Other Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PRO Grant Presentation Recap – Kelly - Topic was emotional development - Kelly shared some of her take aways from the presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increased confidence = strong resilience - Be trauma informed, not just a one time event, can be multiple events - be open to experiences, share with kids - allow kids to bring their own solutions - Reach out to Kelly for additional resources - Vote to select vendors was close - hopefully will get another pro-grant 	<p>Kelly & Nehal</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Constitution Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need sub-committee (Kelly/Nehal): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nehal and Natasha will perform review and update of constitution - Key pending change: We cannot vote to make allocations for the new school year. Should be a voting item at the first Council meeting of the new school year. - Voting committee needed for next year council executive members (need two non-exec volunteers) - Julie and Cecilia will form voting committee <p>Questions, Comments, Happy Moments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Question- What is the protocol parent or guardian pick-up? - Answer: All visitors to the school should enter through the front door. office staff ask for and visually identify them. <p>Adjourn Meeting Approval Pauline & Elli</p> <p>Future Meeting Dates: September 18th, 2023</p> <p>Previous dates meeting minutes located on OPPS council page: http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/oscarpeterson.ps/SchoolCouncil/Pages/Agendas.aspx</p>	<p>Vivian</p>