



AGENDA MINUTES - Approved

Oscar Peterson P.S. School Council Meeting

Monday, October 4, 2021 7:00pm

Kate LoPresti and Jacky Roncadin, Co-chairs | Amma Wakefield, Treasurer | Kelly Mohsenzadeh, Secretary | Nehal Menon, Events | Melanie Wright, PR
Staff: Naz Freeman, Principal | Jennifer Briggs, Vice Principal | Staff Representative: Julie Duncan

Item	Owner
Welcome	Kate & Amanda
Land Acknowledgment and learning piece	Amanda
Orange Shirt Day – A lot greater awareness of issues, solemnness, credit to staff to reviewing books/discussions/some workplaces closed.	
Approval of last meeting’s minutes	Nehal & Kelly
Thanks Jacky & Tina.	
Executive/voting member election	Tina Day, Pauline Tam, Naz & Jen
1. Co-Chairs – Kate/Jacky	
2. Secretary – Kelly	
3. PR – Melanie	
4. Treasurer – Amma	
5. Events – Nehal	
Administrator’s update & school news	Naz & Jen
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Recap of Class Reorganization: We were able to hire new teachers, so have 1.93 staff, Full-time reading recovery teacher, LTO’s. Equates to new grds. 3 & 4 class, from a split to straight classes.A new, disturbing TikTok challenge has been published, supposed to be a monthly challenge. Sept – vandalize school bathrooms – soap dispensers ripped/thrown in toilets, paper towels in urinals – students making poor choices, Oct – smack a staff member, Nov – etc. Brought to our attention by Safe Schools at the board. Going to provide support as needed. Staff will talk more about – how to address in a positive way. Positive school climate, what appropriate environment, portray good students in our society – to be helpful and good citizens. Safe School assemblies will be done in next few days. Normally done in a face-to-face setting – done in live stream. <u>Feedback KLP</u>: Are you able to share any resources to parents to support families? Yes – an email will be sent to our community.	

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- “New” survival year, everyone is working very, very hard. It’s difficult and challenging. Still in hybrid, one of the very few, students are integrated however, there is difficulty in fluidity. Teachers are trying to make sure that students are included and meeting educational expectations. We will try to do our best and support our students and staff. All staff have Google classrooms set up, if they’re unable to be at school (due to isolation) – they can log on to hear the lesson.
- Documenting a negative COVID test – can be done by Attestation form and/or an email confirming a negative test. KLP: Thanks for this – it is helpful.

Other updates:

All

- Reintroduction of students from virtual school to in person - support for education, social and mental well-being.
Naz: Don’t want to single students out, we have known that students were feeling isolated & lonely. Resources were shared last year, not singled out if you were virtual, etc. Try to integrate as a class. Support for educators to staff, on Board website. Classroom teacher is still point of contact if concerns with your child.
Jenn: Last year we sent many resources which were provided to us. Working on building communities w/in classes, including community circles.
- Curriculum night
Naz: Yes, we’ll do a virtual Curriculum night. Info for parents by this Friday. Teachers would send link to parents on virtual presentation. Was able to access another time, if you can’t attend the timeframe.
- Picture Day
Naz: Have been told that we are not to share anything, photographer has been ‘hold’, but no info yet, as board has not released approval.
- Lunch protocols – cohorting, timing (eating vs outside/recess), monitor programs (grades and scheduling)
Jenn – allowed to cohort by grade (still not allowed to do that), grades 1-5 get 30 min, grades 6-8 get 30 min and they go outside every other day. Grades 6-8 go to basketball spots. We have 7 lunch assistants, but would like a few more. Q: Can lunch assistants bring their child w. them (younger child)? A: No.
- Picking up kids or dropping off lunches
Prefer no drop offs, but if so, try to call ahead and office staff will pick it up. We’re finding lots of requests for water bottles, forks/knives/masks at the office, so hoping to get class kits. Kids CAN OUT go for lunch this year (grade 7 & 8). Grade 6 can go for lunch – with permission, but the students are asked to stay off grounds until lunch is over. Working OK for now. Request that they don’t bring outside food/drink back with them. Social distancing is bit tricky right

now. Note: If students don't get out at lunch – most teachers get outside at some point during the day also.

- **Supervision During Lunch**
EA's & Lunch Assistants are also covering. Assistants are also covering. JK/SK – only grades that get 100% supervision, others are roaming/floating. 2 people roaming 6 portables. Kids get 10 more minutes from before COVID to eat.
- **Lunch fundraising - pizza/sub/Greek**
Board still hasn't approved outside food programs yet. Have been allowed – company can deliver sealed containers to be handed out. Natasha (council) will continue to facilitate, but we require two people – for on-site & after-hours support.
- **Spirit Wear**
Naz: Staff are really overwhelmed right now, they'd be happy or thrilled, if school council wanted to take this on. One staff member was asking if folks wanted sweater/jackets (but not for the whole population).
- **X-Games Status**
Naz: X-Movement (Aussie X) – still in status quo. They are still doing online options, but we're not keen on it. Will check for any new things, but most staff still prefer to wait due to benefit in-person. We paid 1st installment. 2nd installment will be paid by School Budget. Rebecca: Council funds were transferred back. They do have online code – Naz will look for it and re-share.
- **Outdoor Classroom Gardens – work project**
Sara Dart & Cheryl Warrener are interested. They will see what we can do this fall since it's OK to gather – following Provincial guidelines – maybe more to share by next meeting. Q: Could classes take a role? Try to put assistance in place where students/curriculum can work it in as well?
- **Basketball net screw is still missing.**
Naz – something was fixed, will look at it tmrw.
- **Proposed future meeting dates?** (Nov 8, Dec 13, Jan 10, Feb 7, Mar 7, Apr 4, May 9, June 13) Found that staff meetings and school council meetings are on same day – 1st Monday, and a rush to going home. Council will propose new dates.
- **Naz:** YRDSB email regarding Asynchronous Day on Oct 15th discussed with staff today. Physically impossible to provide technology for all families for asynchronous learning. Teachers will have conversations in class, provide lessons and activities, then students are expected to complete homework.

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- **Naz:** Regarding Council funds, suggest staff put together a wish list, discuss, think about what they'll need/foresee in the next few years, as part of the long-term goals. We'll bring to you and come up with a plan.
- **Kate:** HUGE Thanks to Rebecca, Amanda & Nehal – so grateful for all your help and support. Congrats to Exec to start this years' planning.

Financial Report:

Rebecca

- Review of Opening Budget:
Opening funds \$12,559.22 in our account – removing allocated just around \$9k. No further ways to achieve funding at this time. We're always in a really good position, so it's served us well to be in this place.

**OPPS 2021-22 School Council Funds
As of September 16, 2021**

<i>Opening Balance (as of September 2021)</i>						\$12,559.22
<i>Allocated for 2021-2022 Year</i>	<i>Manager</i>	<i>Voted</i>	<i>Budgeted</i>	<i>Spent</i>	<i>Balance</i>	
Plants at entry	R. Holohan	June 2020	\$80.00	\$36.14	\$43.86	
Compassionate Care	R. Holohan	March 2021	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	
Outdoor Classroom	S. Dart	Annual	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	
Grade 8 Grad for 2021/22	N. Freeman	Annual	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	
Pizza		Annual	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	
TOTAL			\$3,280.00	\$36.14	\$3,193.86	
					Sub-total	\$3,193.86
					Sub-total with 5% buffer	\$3,353.55
					Non-allocated funds	\$9,205.69
					TOTAL	\$12,559.22

Voting items: N/A

QCHM (questions, comments, happy moments)

Jacky – Daughter is SO happy to be in school.

Amanda – Love seeing the school yard full again, happy and can't wait to see what Exec does in the future.

Nehal – Being on council is a great way to be part of the community.

Jenn - I wanted to say just how proud I am of our staff who are going above and beyond every day. I especially want to mention Amanda and Isabel. These two ladies have kept the ship afloat and I know Naz and I are often reminded just how much we depend on them and how grateful we are. They are faced daily with staff, students, parents and ADMIN and never skip a beat. I just needed to give an honorable mention to them.

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Council Members Present

Ajhantha Sivarajah
Alicia Hanson
Alison Hargreaves
Amanda DiMilta
Amma Wakefield
Bonnie Chu
Brigitte Arsenault

Cara Bartlette
Jacky Roncadin
Jaimin Patel
Julie Duncan
Kate LoPresti
Kelly Mohsenzadeh
Maria Kirton

Melanie Wright
Melissa Kalmbach
Natasha Ince-Mercer
Nehal Menon
Pauline Tam
Rebecca Holohan
Tina Day

Motion to adjourn the meeting

Kate, Kelly