



# AGENDA MINUTES - Approved

Oscar Peterson P.S. School Council Meeting

Monday, November 1, 2021, 7:00pm

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Jacky Roncadin and Kate LoPresti, Co-chairs | Amma Wakefield, Treasurer | Kelly Mohsenzadeh, Secretary | Pauline Tam & Maria Kirtin, Events | Melanie Wright, PR  
Admin: Naz Freeman, Principal | Jennifer Briggs, Vice Principal | Staff Rep: Julie Duncan | Non-Staff Rep: Caitlin Gilley

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Item	Owner
<b>Welcome</b>	Jacky & Kate
<b>Land Acknowledgment and learning piece</b> It is Recognitions of Treaties week. <a href="https://williamstreatiesfirstnations.ca/">https://williamstreatiesfirstnations.ca/</a> for more learning pieces.	Kate
<b>Approval of last meeting's minutes</b> Kate, Jacky, Pauline	Kelly
<b>Administrator's update &amp; school news</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>School Council Meeting Survey</u> – 75% of respondents preferred this timeframe, will maintain</li><li>• <u>Fundraiser – Support Your Child's Education</u><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) School generated funds request to council – Summary: Email came in on Monday, read on Tuesday – 1 time opportunity to use non-board school generated funds up to \$30k for the purchase of Chromebooks. Contacted Tech leads, Wed. morning meeting, assessed needs &amp; on wish list was more Chromebooks. Large amount of e-waste now out of date. School had approx.. \$12k + school council ~\$13k. 79 computers &amp; \$318+tax, about \$25k in total.</li><li>2) School Generated Fundraiser, letter to families &amp; community to assist – tax receipt issued for &gt; \$20.00. No way of knowing how much is going into the account until end of month. At next meeting, will be able to share. Open for 2 weeks. Q – Grad Fund? We'll find the \$ if not enough is raised. As well for Outdoor Classroom. I.e. Yearbooks, Grad, etc. \$ for a balloon arch – paid by school for 2020/21 grads. Q – When will the school receive Chromebooks? End of Nov, early Dec.</li></ol></li></ul>	Naz & Jen

Q – What is the longevity for Chromebooks? We know some were not able to be used after getting some back after virtual learning. A – We'd like to get 3-5 yrs. out of it. Some were unusable/damaged when getting back and we didn't get all back. We had to get loaner tech from other schools & the board, as we gave out all we had to the community. About 75% was returned and many missing chargers. Damage also occurs at the school. Approx. 20k across all board was outstanding to return. Currently working with tech leads to see what else is required in inventory.

Q – Was a bit surprised based on this great request. But now understand better. A – Prior to COVID – I used to meet with the staff on wish list and share with council. For example, we just recently purchased soft 'nerf' balls for tarmac. The school needed it and it was purchased through the school budget. ~ \$800. As a leadership we normally discuss & prioritize. Kate - Normally year-to-year we do spend our \$ in entirety each year. It was only when we came across COVID, we haven't been able to spend y-to-y.

Q – How much are you paying for Chromebook? A - \$318 – warranty & support.

- Curriculum Night Overview – approximately 44 responses. Top scorers: 74% found clear communications, 81% to access google, 67% helpful, only 1 person asked a question. Handful provided suggestions for improvement. Other feedback included face to face, live event, convenience to access was helpful, convos was good with teachers.
- Picture Day – Thurs, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> Q – Can we have a composite pic? Will look at cost and get back to us. Remote students will be considered as well. Have to be done before & after school.  
Q – Are we scheduling separate GRAD pics? A – Forthcoming in spring we expect. Does come w. a composite.
- Gender and Sexuality Alliance - Checked with Staff to see if we have any interested staff to oversee. Very well received. Definitely a need for this support at OPPS as 7% of students in the board identify with the LGBTQIA+ community. Only open to grades 6, 7 & 8. Maybe a lunch time group to create a safe space – supporters and friends. Where/when more info come. December. Q – Are

other groups allowed too? Socially distanced. Not formally yet.

- Renewed Computer Technology initiative – Not-for-profit org that provides tech for schools/families. \$60-300 would request to pay for desktop \$200-300 for laptops, Both would come w. MS Office. Application process online – limitations based on family income. If they know of a family that can't afford it, please let Naz know – she'll look into a subsidy.
- Extracurricular Activities – x-country, volleyball etc. – A few things being offered. Try not to put pressure of our staff – hybrid is taken a huge toll on teachers. Many limitations related to board requirements, restrictions on space related to H & S. Also, hybrid is taking up significant amount of time to support those students. Priority is academics, social/emotional well-being for our students. Some x-country at the beginning of the school year for intermediate, limited practices due to cohorting, did their own school meet.
- Grade 8's have started planning Grad with Mr. Izzo.
- Announcements Plan for grade 8's doing 2 weeks at a time.
- Dressing for the weather – student preparedness – If it's cold dress warm. Rain boots for rain. Consider sending extra pair of socks.
- Running Holiday Heros this year. Unwrapped toy – hats/mitt tree. More info to come.
- Q – Re: Hybrid – any idea when it will end? A – At this time, we only know for this year. Board mandated a virtual year, but also provided funding last year, but took away funding this year. May not be the best approach for learning.
- Q – Re: Full Online class. In some areas of the board, they have done that. Some teachers in our schools have no remote students. Our teachers have tried working through it together. Board has been provided directive teachers, should expect to use Hybrid if they have to.

### **Fundraising/Events Update:**

School Council Executive

Slideshow prepared by Pauline. Kate Presented.

- OPPS Spirit Wear fundraiser. Two-week purchase cycle. Family order packed individually. New items. // Some families are financially constraint. Doesn't need to be a fundraiser. After discussion – will NOT be a fundraiser.
- Poinsettia Fundraiser - Pauline
- FlipGive Fundraiser – Jacky

**Item****Owner**

- PRO GRANT – coming soon (More info at next meeting.)
- Dismantling Anti-Black Racism – Initiatives:
  - 1) Guided book study – joint initiative with Admin/Staff.
  - 2) African Dance Event (held outdoors) Amma – nostalgic idea from high school – Afro Fusion – how dance connects many cultures. Invite a dance group/company/classes curated to capture how it is laced through different culture dances. Physical exercise, learn something new and watch parents. Limitation is that we can't do group activities all together – ideally done in-person with kids. Make it education and fun – to identify with each other through dance. Great fit to also match academics. Engage kids to also participate.
- Planning an Outdoor Movie Night – circles for families – warmer weather activity. Q – Do we need a new license? A – Already paid for. Just need to confirm with the board.
- We'd like to do another type of Outdoor Event – concert/food trucks/talent show – try to plan and see what we can do.
- Speakers in the future for Council Meetings.
- Fundraising/Event Plan overview – Jacky/Kate  
FlipGive – ongoing, Plantables – spring, Big Box of Cards – (currently full) spring or next fall 2022, Jar of Soup/Cookie Dough, Pizza/Sub lunches hopefully, Silent Auction?
- Ways to get involved in School Council – even if you're interested in helping, you're very welcome to assist. Marketing – Digital content (posters, newsletter, etc.) to promote our initiatives. Organize or help with a fundraiser or event. Ideas! Bring 'em. Attend meetings – ask questions. Tell your friends – word of mouth is our biggest asset! (Julie – Scott can help with marketing/flyers.)

**Financial Report:**

Amma

- Review of Budget  
Pretty straightforward – current balance is \$1,112.33. Some transfers in, some previous commitments created a negative balance which is why we've tried to promote new fundraising expectations.  
Next meeting, we will provide a historical background on funding.

OPPS 2021-22 School Council Funds					
As of October 28, 2021					
Opening Balance (as of November 2021)					\$1,112.33
Allocated for 2021-2022 Year	Manager	Voted	Budgeted	Spent	Balance
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
YRDSB SGF Option Tech Order	N. Freeman	Oct. 25 2021	\$12,084.00	\$12,084.00	\$0.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,364.00</b>	<b>\$12,120.14</b>	<b>\$3,243.86</b>
				<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$3,243.86</b>
				<b>Sub-total with 5% buffer</b>	<b>\$3,406.05</b>
				<b>Non-allocated funds</b>	<b>\$1,112.33</b>
				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-\$2,293.72</b>

**Voting items:**

None.

**QCHM** (questions, comments, happy moments)

Caitlin Gilley (Non-teaching staff member.) Welcome.

New Council Email address: [oscar.peterson.ps@sc.yrdsb.edu.on.ca](mailto:oscar.peterson.ps@sc.yrdsb.edu.on.ca)

Meeting Attendance		
Alicia Hanson (V)	Cecilia Pino	Melanie Wright (V)
Alison Hargreaves (V)	Elli Pears	Melissa Kalmbach (V)
Amma Wakefield (V)	Fotini Mantas	Natasha Ince-Mercer (V)
Bessie Tirpkos	Jacky Roncadin (V)	Pauline Tam (V)
Bhavik Atha	Jaimin Patel (V)	Rebecca Holohan (V)
Bonnie Chu (V)	Julie Duncan (V)	Tania Papaikonomou
Brigitte Arsenault (V)	Karmon Wong	Tina Day
Caitlin Gilley	Kate LoPresti (V)	
Cara Bartlette (V)	Kelly Mohsenzadeh (V)	(V) = Voting Member

**Motion to adjourn the meeting**

Julie, Cecilia

**Future Meeting Dates:**2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month\*.

December 13, January 10, February 14, March 14, April 11, May 9, June 13

\*Subject to change due to holidays/breaks.