



# AGENDA with Minutes - APPROVED

Oscar Peterson P.S. School Council Meeting

Monday, January 17, 2022, 7:00pm

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Kate LoPresti, Chair | Amma Wakefield, Treasurer | Kelly Mohsenzadeh, Secretary | Pauline Tam & Maria Kirtin, Events | Melanie Wright, PR

Staff: Naz Freeman, Principal | Jennifer Briggs, Vice Principal | Staff Rep: Julie Duncan & Caitlin Gilley

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Item	Owner
<b>Welcome</b>	<b>Kate</b>
<b>Land Acknowledgment and learning piece</b>	<b>Kate</b>
Primary Land Acknowledge read by Kate. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=672cIGzM5Hc">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=672cIGzM5Hc</a>	
<b>Approval of last meeting's minutes</b>	<b>Kelly</b>
Melisa, Naz	
<b>Co-Chair Open Role</b>	<b>Kate</b>
Jackie has resigned as she's moving out of the community. No volunteer stepped forward at the meeting. We're looking for volunteers to fill our vacant role! The role will remain open until the end of the current council term or until someone shows interest.	
<b>Padlet – Parent Engagement Activity</b>	<b>Kate</b>
Naz added herself to Padlet.	
<b>Administrator's Update &amp; School News</b>	<b>Naz &amp; Jen</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School Budget – Received in Dec. with request to submit prior to break. Submitted first week of Jan.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ 18% of funding was removed. We have \$84,148 for the 2021-2022 school year.</li><li>○ There is an allotment of \$18/student, \$4 is kept for Sept start-up.</li><li>○ Large spending values include photocopier \$15k, Furniture \$10k, Textbooks, &amp; library Books for JK/Pri/Jr/Intermediate.</li></ul></li><li>• Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting will be on Wednesday, there are about 10 students from grade 6-8 who've expressed interest</li><li>○ After meeting, a comms from Admin will go to the Community to share things we're going to be looking at, including Mission Statement, Social Justice work, Community work, etc.</li></ul></li><li>• Book Study (w. the Community)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ More information to the Community will be shared soon, chosen book: "The Skin We're In" by Desmond Cole</li><li>○ Will run this separate from council</li></ul></li></ul>	



- School Reminders
  - Handful of weather reminders
  - Public Health reminders to come out later this week
- X-Movement Trial with Community – any feedback?
  - Give it a try! Concept is similar to Netflix, setup with themes.
  - Admin will communicate again, consider purchasing and/or switching to an add on once trial expires.

## Fundraising/Events Update:

School Council Exec

### SPRING

- Pink Shirt Group Discussion – Next Year
  - The program was initially started as a Stouffville Wide idea, to partner with other schools to design & source a pink shirt with a Stouffville united against bullying type slogan. Due to time constraints, we weren't able to pursue this idea, but it may be something to look into in future years.
  - We do have an option for this year, Staples website: <https://www.staples.ca/a/content/solution-shop/pinkshirtday>.
  - Naz will arrange to have this set up on StudentCashOnline – council to provide a write-up for Kaitlyn
- PRO Grant – partnering with Harry Bowes and Whitchurch Highlands – April timeframe
  - Application submitted. Increase in funds + deadline extended. Geared to Parents.
  - We hope to hear more (approval) by next month.
- Big Box of Cards Fundraiser
  - Going ahead as planned in the spring
- African Dance Fusion Event
  - Song picked out, it's a universal song – loosely translates to “life is still going on”. The pandemic has created so much tension, anxiety, and emotions in our society. What better way to bring us together – than dance. <https://greatfeeling.co.za/sun-el-musician-latest-single-ubomi-abumanga-ft-msaki-lyrics/>
  - We plan to reach out to school community, using song to demonstrate traditional dances – anyone in the school, share their dance, using the song.
  - Limitations are that this is a group song. Therefore kids need to practice as a group. We hope restrictions will be further lifted and perhaps between March & June practice can be held outside. An addition to a spring activity in June.
  - We hope that our teachers and/or community may assist. Ms. Atwari, Highland Dancers, Stouffville Academy of Music/Dance, etc.
- End of Year Concert/Food Truck Idea
  - June 21<sup>st</sup> – National Indigenous Day, tie it into an event
  - Will discuss more as we get closer to spring
- Jason To – De-streaming Presentation – February Council Meeting
  - Bio: Jason is a high school mathematics teacher who's taught primarily in the northwest corner of Toronto. Currently, he serves as the Coordinator of Secondary Mathematics and Academic Pathways in the Toronto District School Board. His role is to support the TDSB with challenging academic streaming from K-12, paying particular attention to inclusive and culturally responsive mathematics instruction. He views math education through the perspective of equity, inclusion and anti-oppression and its intersection with student identities. As a powerful tool and vehicle for social change, he sees math as student empowerment and ensure they see its learning as a social enterprise that challenges them to



think critically and collaboratively. He is also a staunch advocate for the elimination of streaming in education — that is, the separation of students into distinct learning pathways based on students’ perceived abilities and identities.

- Will share more about de-streaming and explain, discuss the inequities and why de-streaming is important.

**Financial Report: Amma**

Review of Budget - a \$20 credit to the Poinsettia fundraiser. No other changes.

OPPS 2021-22 School Council Funds					
As of January 12, 2022					
<b>Opening Balance (November 2021)</b>					<b>\$1,112.33</b>
<b>Allocated for 2021-2022 Year</b>	<b>Manager</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Spent</b>	<b>Balance</b>
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>\$3,406.05</b>
			<b>Credit</b>	<b>Spent</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b>Fundraisers for 2021-2022 Year</b>					
Poinsettia Fundraiser 2021			\$2,760.00	\$1,717.60	\$1,042.40
					<b>\$2,154.73</b>
					<b>-\$1,251.32</b>

**Voting items:**

None

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

- Kelly – D is excited to come back to school. Thanks to teachers & Admin for making the school safe for our kids.
- Jenn – shout out to Mme. Itwarie & Ms. Luciano-Coyne, sent over 130/140 computers home to families at the middle of Dec, going in on their own time to prepare and organize – THANKS!
- Naz – We received our 79 Chrome books, yay! Meeting this week on how it will be divided up around the school. Gauging needs of all staff. We had about 70 students switch from face-to-face to online as well in recent weeks.
- Naz – Thanks to parents’ support, for all the communication and patience for having your kids at home.

**Motion to adjourn the meeting**



Amma, Kelly

Meeting Attendance		
Alison Hargreaves (V)	Fotini Mantas	Natasha Ince-Mercer (V)
Amanda Dimilta	Julie Duncan (V)	Pauline Tam (V)
Amma Wakefield (V)	Kate LoPresti (V)	Ritz
Bonnie Chu (V)	Kelly Mohsenzadeh (V)	Tania Papaikonou
Brigitte Arsenault (V)	Melanie Wright (V)	Tina Day
Caitlin Gilley	Melissa Kalmbach (V)	
		(V) = Voting Member

**Future Meeting Dates: Feb 28, April 11, May 9, Jun 13**