



AGENDA & MINUTES - Approved

Oscar Peterson P.S. School Council Meeting

Monday, February 28, 2022, 7:00pm

Kate LoPresti, Co-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 & Caitlyn Gilley

Item	Owner
Welcome	Kate
Land Acknowledgment and learning piece	Amanda
Re: News Article: https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/north/dawson-parent-education-lawsuit-1.6349288 A claim against the Yukon Government as they do not have school boards. While the lawsuit lists problems specific to Robert Service School, such as the shuttering of the occupational therapy room and an absence of any data collection to identify and follow up on students' needs, it also takes aim at alleged systemic issues with special education across the territory. Some facts - 70% of gd. 7 students are not reading at grade level. If students are expected to graduate high school, they are not given IEP. Only students are not capable of graduating only get an IEP.	
Approval of last meeting's minutes	Kelly
Pauline, Kate	
Presentation – Jason To	Naz
Intro by Naz. This is the video link for future: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=49JlyA1gToY (A Brief History of Academic Streaming in Ontario) Streaming has real and perceived roadblocks to entry to university. Data suggests that there is a clear equity and anti-oppression rationale for de-streaming. Taking college prep math isn't going to necessarily set students up for success. Locking students into a 'stream', does not support. As a reference: http://bit.ly/destreamingchoiceboard for more information. In order to enhance learning, teachers should be using High-Impact Instructional Practices in Mathematics. Classrooms should be set up as collaborating/vertical/non-permanent writing platform practices as a type of math learning. Leveraging technology to provide students who require assistance, such as Assistive Technology – a calculator as an example. Also include small-group instruction. Triangulation: Fair & Equal – Using Products, Conversations and Observations. Also released is the Right to Read Inquiry by the OHRC. https://www.ohrc.on.ca/en/right-read-public-inquiry-on-reading-disabilities	
Q: Teachers who are used to teaching a different way. What's being done for them? A: A new way for learning, boards are putting a lot of focus on inclusive learning. Look at what school improvement plan is, and what action is being put forward. Q: Is de-streaming only happening in grade 9? A: Covertly, in elementary – they were being pulled out for students who were identified in special education – program was dismantled, support being pushed into classrooms.	



Administrator's Update & School News

Naz

- Intro of Roxanne Hibberd – VP

Amazing, retired principle will support OPPS. From R. Hibberd – the kids are wonderful, parents are great, looking forward to support the school.

- COVID Protocols

Will send PDF on takes you through the latest protocols. Please review as it was last updated February 4th. 1st and 2nd layer set of symptoms. Still stay home.

- Book Study

The Skin We're In – going well and popular, 17-18 people.

- Inter-school sports

Board has shared that inter-school sports are now allowed. We haven't started at OPPS, as staff are not ready due to a number of factors. Some inter-murals with cohorts. Some clubs going on, Chess, Reach for the Top. Right now, it's up to the teachers and there are no teachers on our end to do this right now. Mr. Izzo is working on in-school competitions. Admin will find money to support these right now – achieving success, for mental health & well-being.

Q: What is the process when a teacher goes on an LOA?

A: Teacher is supposed to of leave 3 days of work. If teacher provides LOA > 15 days, medical note – to HR, to tell Admin. Once Admin gets it, post jobs for 3 days. Look at applications, interview process, reference checks, etc.

Q: What about communication to students who don't understand what's going on with missing teachers?

A: Normally the Admin and/or Teacher sends a communication/email to families.

Q: What's going on w. Grad?

A: We're still looking for direction on what can be done for Grad. We still can't plan anything w/out knowing what Public Health Guidelines are. Maybe around this time we book a hall? Per Mr. Whitton, it's been booked, we haven't lost money and if we are able to use it, we will. Not sure about equity related to vaccination status – as this is a parent/guardian choice vs. a student's choice. Booked at Spring Lakes – Monday, June 27th. Outdoor venue related to be able to do this if vaccination is an issue.

Fundraising/Events Update:

School Council Exec

SPRING

- Pink Shirt – Recap (Pauline)

T-shirts & sweatshirts – 106 items. Went smoothly. Made \$138 surplus, to be donated. May suggest another Sprit Day to wear the shirts again.

- School Lunch Programs (Naz/Kate/Natasha)

Board has release ability to do programs now, however volunteers are not able to enter school. Talked with Leadership team and speaking on behalf of Intermediate Classes – would be willing to have a class/grade 8 help distribute. Rotate monthly. Deliveries need to be closed/wrapped with names.

Natasha – due to increasing costs from vendors. Last time we ran program was 2019 school year. For pizza it was Pizza Nova, bought 8-slice pizzas at \$9.75, we made 140%. Cost from vendor \$5, made 25% on sale. To make similar margins, Pizza Nova & Pizza Pizza – set price based on \$3.00/per slice. Rely on parent volunteers for Pizza Nova and they can't give individual packages. Pizza Pizza will give individually packages slices which are \$5.50 we sell for \$6.90, will make about 70%. Subway, combo has gone up. Another option is to offer the sandwich only.

Pros/Cons – Subway was good at organizing classrooms. Doesn't raise as much money. If we only go with one program, will make more money than Subway. We've never relied on Pizza Pizza before.

Q: What day of week? A: Flexible day for Pizza Pizza days. Wednesday for Subway.



Naz: Only approving 1 vendor due to equity and delivery factors.

- PRO Grant – Approval

Will partner with 2 other schools. Looking to do at the beginning of April – if they have anything in the works for a speaker.

- Big Box of Cards Fundraiser

All set for Big Box – Friday, March 25th for a Parent Letter with a flyer. With a link to a video. \$35 each, we'll make \$9.98 for each box sold. Two types of boxes with 33 cards/box: 1) All Birthday 2) Birthday & All Occasions. Campaign goes to Monday, April 11th. Purchase through SchoolCashOnline.

- Earth Day Fundraiser – Tru Earth Soap and Plantables

Plantables – online order, shipped to households. No work on our side. Also, marrying it up with Tru Earth laundry strips, personalized link we get 20% of sales, they cut us a cheque. Good idea to launch during Earth Week/Day.

- Little Caesars Pizza

Naz does not recall seeing the email. Will resend the email. Supporting it and will find a date.

- African Dance Fusion Event - End of Year Concert

Still waiting on Board on what we're allowed to do.

Financial Report:

Amma

Review of Budget

Small difference in cost of shirts equated to a surplus of \$138.00 for Pink Shirt Day.

Historical allocations, keeping them 'open'. We hope we'll be able to meet those commitments.

Voting items:

- Move surplus from Pink Shirt Day to Kid's Help Phone. \$138.00 – passed
- \$43.86 from Plants at Entry - Reallocated to Unallocated Funds – passed



OPPS 2021-22 School Council Funds					
As of February 23, 2022					
Opening Balance (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
			TOTAL	\$15,364.00	\$12,120.14
					\$3,243.86
Sub-total of Allocated Funds					\$3,243.86
Sub-total with 5% buffer					\$3,406.05
School Council Fund Type for 2021-2022 Year			Credit	Spent	Balance
Poinsettia Fundraiser 2021			\$2,760.00	\$1,717.60	\$1,042.40
Pink T-Shirt Day			\$2,285.00	\$2,147.00	\$138.00
			Total Non-allocated funds		\$2,292.73
					TOTAL
					-\$1,113.32

QCHM (questions, comments, happy moments)

Q: Will the Student Ventures entrepreneur program for grade 8 be at school this year?

A: No – will get more info.

Naz: We're missing some iPad cords & Chromebooks cords. We don't know why/got returned w/out cords. We don't know who/what was returned. Do people have extra cords for iPad & Chromebooks that they can donate to the school? Council will post on Facebook & Naz will put in Newsletter.

Motion to adjourn the meeting

Pauline, Kelly

Meeting Attendance		
Alison Hargreaves (V)	Cheryl Warrener	Melanie Wright (V)
Alicia Hanson-Boumeister (V)	Gayathri	Melissa Kalmbach (V)
Amanda Dimilta	Julie Duncan (V)	Natasha Ince-Mercer (V)
Amma Wakefield (V)	Kate LoPresti (V)	Pauline Tam (V)
Bonnie Chu (V)	Kelly Mohsenzadeh (V)	Rebecca Holohan (V)
Brigitte Arsenault (V)	Laya B	Sharon Zhu
Cara Bartlett (Y)	Liz	Stacey Sadacharan
Cecilia Pino	Maria Kirton (V)	Tina Day

(V) = Voting Member

Future Meeting Dates: April 11, May 9, Jun 13