



AGENDA

Oscar Peterson P.S.

School Council Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2018 | 7:00pm

Kate LoPresti and Amanda Dimilta, Co-chairs | Rebecca Holohan, Treasurer | Nehal Menon and Kelly Mohsenzadeh, Secretaries | Brigitte Arsenault and Alicia Hanson-Bouwmeister, Events | Randi Mayor, PR

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Welcome	Kate LoPresti
Approval of last meeting's minutes – Approved by Alicia & Randi	Kate LoPresti
Administrator's report and school news	Farooq Shabbar and Ingrid Legros

Emergency Protocol/Preparedness:

- 6 Fire Drills per school year (3 in Fall/3 in Spring), Fall drills have been completed. There is a refuge area for physically disabled students with an emerg plan per student.
- 2 Lockdown Drills (in the event there is a suspected or actual dangerous presence w/in the school), direction provide by authorities in emergency situations
- Hold & Secure Drill (threat outside the school, w/in the community), parents/guardians are notified via email/social media at earliest convenience, direction provide by authorities in emergency situations
- Severe Allergies - focus on the "Big 4" Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Epilepsy, Diabetes – Entire PA day is dedicated to training for Teachers/Support Staff on Health & Safety early in the year, all staff know how to administer an epi-pen, students need to be reminded to wear their epi-pen on their person
- Safe Arrival: reminder to use Edsby for attendance
- Buses: At school: Buses - hand to hand hand-off is only done in the kindergarten pen. (Not for Grd 1 and up.) After dismissal from Grd 3 and under, two teachers on duty for 15 min after bell. Grd 3 and under, bus drivers are not to release child unless parent/guardian is present to pick up child at bus stop. Also practice hand to hand pickup. Board protocol is to promote independence.
- Question related to temporary injured students during drills. Responsibility to notify school admin/teacher of requirement. I.e. Crutches/sprained ankle

Prov. Consultation (Educ. Reform)

- Public has an opportunity to provide feedback on Education Reform in 3 ways. 1) online submission, online survey, telephone town hall. See Website for more information: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/for-the-parents>. Looking for opinions on various topics to include: Feedback from these consultations will help shape decisions in the following areas:
 - i. Improving student performance in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)
 - ii. Preparing students with needed job skills, such as skilled trades and coding
 - iii. Improving provincial standardized testing
 - iv. Ensuring students graduate with important life skills, including financial literacy
 - v. Managing the use of technology in classrooms, such as cell phones
 - vi. Building a new age-appropriate Health and Physical Education curriculum that includes subjects like mental health, sexual health education and the legalization of cannabis
 - vii. Developing the first-ever Parents' Bill of Rights

EQAO Results:

Overall, OPPS scored higher than York Region & Ontario average in both grades and levels. Math is a concern in Grd 6, provincially. Our admin is active in developing action items on how to address this such as attendance at a math learning network, "know our learner". Use data to focus on development and monitoring learning using equitable practices, provide feedback to teachers on underachievers for the following school year, consider student attitude towards assessment – their mindset going into the test. Results available online: <http://www.eqao.com/en/assessments/results>

Spirit Wear:

We have a new vendor, Canuck Stuff for School Spirit Wear. Prices will be fair, good price point and sold at cost via online 'store'. Packaging is done by vendor, ownership is on them re: missing articles. Selling period will be Nov 15-30 with delivery w/in 2 weeks, in time for the holidays. Also looking into 'labeling' options to prevent lost items.

Twitter Account:

We have a new twitter account, [@OscarPetersonPS](#). Promote to the community to encourage follows & monitor tweets. Open to all ideas for promotion, including a contest similar to what was done for the Facebook Council Page.

Every Student Counts Survey:

From November 12 – 30th, significant promotion for this survey via newsletters & take home flyers, complete this survey at home with your children from JK to Grd. 6. Grds 7 & 8 will complete in class with teacher guidance. Questions can be skipped and teacher

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will provide clarification if needed. Results will be available in Spring 2019, individual results will not be disclosed to schools. Link to Survey with questions to review in advance. <http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/equity/Pages/Every-Student-Counts-Survey.aspx>

School Fundraising Letter:

Draft letter review to go to parents/guardians who want to donate to the school in an easy way. Funds are specific to the school and are only to be used for Athletics or Technology. Donate option will be available w/in SchoolCashOnline. Discussion around when best to send this. Consensus was to send with a deadline to donate by November 30th, taking into consideration holidays and other financial burdens.

School Council Forum - Nov 5:

Kate will be attending the School Council Forum with Farooq & Ingrid. One other open spot available. Melanie & Kiran have both attended in the past and found it to be very beneficial. Link to past presentations:

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/SchoolCouncils/Pages/School-Council-Forums.aspx>.

Reach out to Kate if you're interested in attending. Includes dinner and workshops, from 5:30pm – 8:30pm.

Book Fair:

This year's book fair will be held Nov 19 – 23. We're opening it in the evening of the parent interviews as well as during the PA day of November 23rd to encourage parent purchases.

Halloween:

While we recognize this is a fun time of year, we also want to be cognizant of families who choose not to celebrate Halloween. We want to ensure inclusivity, so this won't be the focus of the whole day. We support costumes, but any activities still need to be curriculum based. Other 'dress-up' options include wearing fall colors, orange/black. Costumes also must not be offensive to any type of 'groups'.

Report cards/Progress Reports:

These are not graded report cards. They will provide an indicating if the student is doing well, or having difficulty, which should generate conversation with the parent/guardian on goals for improvement into January.

EventsFall Movie Night (Nov 30)

- Looking at Incredible II
- Approval needed & passed for \$625 for license & movie

Fun Fair (May 25)

- Confirmed timeframe is 11-3pm

MLSE

- Shawn from MLSE confirmed that he's going to donate items for the Fun Fair auction

Brigitte Arsenault
and Alicia Hanson-
Bouwmeister

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Options for fundraising include purchasing tickets (min 77) for \$26/ticket and selling them for a suggested \$30/ticket (or more). Tickets would be open to the 'community', not just parents/guardians. • If we sell 77 tickets (Cost \$26) we get the experience of band play in advance of the game OR skating after the game. • Suggestion to do a Google forum survey to determine interest level (Amanda D may have done this before and knows how.) 	
Financial report	Kate LoPresti
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have \$884.99 of unallocated funds to-date 	
PRO Grant	Melissa Kalmbach
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmed booking Michael Eisen from Youth Wellness Network on Nov 30 (http://youthwellnessnetwork.ca/about_us/michael_eisen_ywn_founder/) • 9:00 – 10:30am for Parents including 15 min for Q&A • 11:00 – 11:45am for Grd 5 – 8 with a topic of "The Power of Your Choice" • Discussed whether this would be a conflict with movie night, agreed it was not 	Sara Dart (Library)
Funding request: Forest of Reading	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This request had been deferred from the spring, includes a package of books written by Canadian authors supporting Primary/Junior & Intermediate grades • Ms. Dart will also have activities related to the sets, including student voting on their favorite books • Funding ask was \$752, deferred vote until funding was firmed up with Rebecca & Amanda H, will conduct an email vote later in the week 	
Motion to Adjourn the Meeting	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melanie • Alicia 2nd the motion 	

Future Meetings: November 19, January 14, February 25, April 15, May 13, June 17.