

Oscar Peterson P.S. – School Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 6, 2023 | 7:00 PM ET – In Library and Online (Link to join online is below)

Parent Council Executives:

Co-Chair: Kelly Mohsenzadeh & Nehal Menon | Co-Treasurer: Natasha Ince-Mercer & Nadine Williams | Secretary: Sabrina Ramphal | Events & Fundraising Coordinators: Elli Pears & Maria Kirton | Public Relations: Pauline Tam | Lunch Coordinator: Kate LoPresti | Lunch Scheduler: Bonnie Chu

School Staff:

Principal: Kelli Cote | Vice Principal: Vanessa Colabawalla | Staff Member: Julie Duncan | Support Staff Member: TBC

Attendance: See Parent Council Secretary for Information

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<p><i>Welcome & Open Meeting</i></p> <p><i>Land Acknowledgment and Learning Piece</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Nadine presented the land acknowledgement and the learning piece. The learning piece was on Diwali celebrated within the Hindu religion. Diwali is the festival of lights, which is a five day celebration that celebrates good over evil, and light over darkness.School Board website that provides all of the religious holidays: https://www2.yrdsb.ca/student-support/equity-and-inclusive-education/significant-faith-days	<p>Kelly & Nehal</p> <p>Nadine</p>
<p><i>Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes (October 16, 2023)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Bhavik Athia & Kristy Gibson	<p>Sabrina</p>
<p><i>Administrator's Update & School News</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Camp Mini-Yo-We Update – great success!<ul style="list-style-type: none">Students engaged in various outdoor activities, which demonstrated great teamwork and a positive experienceGrade 7's visiting Scanlon Creek in Lake Simcoe – this will be an outdoor educational field trip on November 16, 2023.Grade 5's & 6's visited the Zoo on October 31st, to learn about habitats which are a part of their Science program. The field trip was great success!OPPS Staff are engaging in professional learning opportunities such as:<ul style="list-style-type: none">The revised Grade 6 curriculum – learning at the Holocaust Museum in TorontoKindergarten play based learningEquity Symposium	<p>Vanessa</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grade 5's – Both Students and Teachers will be learning about Racial Literacy - Transitions had some learning about updates • Later this month, the GSA will be starting up and BSA has had their first meeting • The Book Fair is back! Running in the Library from Monday November 13th – Friday November 17th (PA Day) • Grades 2 and 4 field trip to Sibbald Point • Holiday Hero's will be running from December 4th – December 20th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - OPPS, in partnership with the YRP will be collecting New Mittens, Hats, and Non Perishable Food • Retired Principal, Kelli Cote who is currently the Principal for OPPS is with the school until the ending of December 2023 • Linda Lebel, who is an EA/Support Staff at OPPS will be joining the Council meeting as of December 2023. • Admin has resubmitted the School Grounds Plan to the Board Planning Committee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - They are meeting on Thursday November 9th, 2023 – Admin is hoping to receive final response/approval. - Once approved, Admin can proceed with the project for the school, which consists of 4 trees, 6 shrubs and planters. • New policy #270 (2021) from the Board states that permanent memorials (e.g. Plaques, Stones, Benches, Trees, etc.) will no longer be installed. 	
<p><i>YRDSB School Council Policy Reflection Results</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only 5 responses were completed for the Reflection exercise • The request to all of Council is to complete the exercise by the next meeting, as more results are needed. 	Vanessa
<p><i>PEAC School Council Forum Summary</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 26th – Nehal, Kelly and Vanessa attended the PEAC meeting in Newmarket 	Vanessa, Kelly & Nehal
<p><i>Financial Report</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Council Balance as of November 6th, 2023: \$8,921.25 	Natasha & Nadine
<p><i>Events & Fundraising Update</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fundraising Plan to be shared from Admin which supports School 	Vanessa, Elli & Maria

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<p>Improvement Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The outline for the Fundraising Plan was presented and discussed by Vanessa with Council and the following initiatives were proposed: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Technology: Chrome Books, Doc Cams, and Projectors 2. Literacy: Resources for New Phonics approach 3. Events: Performances for the School 4. Supply Teachers: To allow additional supervision at athletic events 5. Outdoor Gym Equipment 6. Supporting Students with Trips: Families who need some support with trips • Terracotta Cookies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$1,142.00 Actual Earnings(awaiting cheque) • Holiday Market: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To date 26 Vendors confirmed – ideally would like to have 30 vendors secured. Still taking vendor requests. - Family Holiday Photo confirmed – still working out cost - Kick off Holiday Hero’s initiative at the Holiday Market • Poinsettias and Purdy’s Chocolate fundraisers are a go! • Movie Night – still working out dates 	
<p><i>Lunch Fundraising Update</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cycle 2 of Pizza lunch starts on November 8th • Cycle 2 of Greek lunch starts on November 10th 	Kate
<p><i>General Questions, Comments, Happy Moments</i></p> <p>Parent, who volunteered on the Grade 5-6 Zoo Field Trip shared some feedback – they “...had a great time and thank you to the Teachers and Students for representing OPPS so wonderfully and thank you to all those who planned a successful trip!”</p>	Kelly & Nehal
<p><i>Adjourn Meeting Approval</i></p> <p>Julie Duncan and Elli Pears</p>	Sabrina
<p><i>Future Meeting Dates:</i></p> <p>Monday, December 4, 2023, Monday, January 8, 2024, Monday, February 5, 2024, Monday, March 4, 2024, Monday, April 8, 2024, Monday, May 6, 2024,</p>	

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<p data-bbox="94 180 428 212">Monday, June 14, 2024.</p> <p data-bbox="94 239 678 270"><i>Teams Meeting Link for Online Attendees:</i></p> <p data-bbox="94 300 513 331">Click here to join the meeting</p> <p data-bbox="94 340 483 371">Meeting ID: 278 136 093 198</p> <p data-bbox="94 380 354 411">Passcode: dPwFsY</p> <p data-bbox="94 420 604 451">Download Teams Join on the web</p> <p data-bbox="94 459 522 491">Learn More Meeting options</p> <hr data-bbox="94 583 1240 588"/> <p data-bbox="94 611 786 642"><i>Previous Meeting Minutes on OPPS Council Page:</i></p> <p data-bbox="94 669 1227 741">http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/oscarpeterson.ps/SchoolCouncil/Pages/Agendas.aspx</p>	