

Oscar Peterson P.S. – School Council Meeting Minutes

Monday October 7th, 2024 | 6:30 PM ET – In Library and Online

Parent Council Executives:

Co-Chair: Kelly Mohsenzadeh & Nehal Menon | Co-Treasurer: Natasha Ince-Mercer & Nadine Williams
| Secretary: Sabrina Ramphal | Events & Fundraising Coordinators: Elli Pears & Christina Assuncao |
Public Relations: Pauline Tam | Lunch Coordinator: Kate LoPresti & Elaine Lehman | Lunch Scheduler:
Sharisse Woodyer-Lisozzi

School Staff:

Principal: Julia De Rose | Vice Principal: Megan Scott | Staff Member: Julie Duncan

Attendance:

See Parent Council Secretary for Information

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Welcome & Open Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Kelly & Nehal opened the second School Council meeting for the 2024/2025 school year.	Kelly & Nehal
Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes (September 16th, 2024): <ul style="list-style-type: none">Nehal & Ramona	Sabrina
Learning Byte: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Will include the Land Acknowledgement – Presented by Julia<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Land Acknowledgement is read during the AM announcements every Monday before O'Canada.Land Acknowledgement is a way of Native Tribes introducing themselves.Learning Piece: Truth & Reconciliation<ul style="list-style-type: none">Julia presented a slide show to Council that was presented to all Students in the Truth & Reconciliation Assembly on September 30th, 2024 to teach about Residential Schools (verbiage was tailored to primary and intermediate students).150,000 + children were taken from their families to Residential Schools. They were forced to eat food that was not theirs, they were forced to cut their hair, they were forced to forget their native language and learn English. Their identity did not matter,Indigenous History is Canadian history – the Indigenous People were here on the land first.634 First Nations in CanadaChanie Wenjack's story, Gord Downie from the Tragically Hip worked with Chanie Wenjack's family to start a fund that" provides education on the history of the Indigenous people in Canada and the legacy of Residential Schools".	Julia & Megan

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Students continue to learn within their classrooms about the Indigenous history & culture. 	Julia & Megan
<p><i>Principal & Vice Principal Report:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>School Re-Org Update/Staffing Changes:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Jessica Hines new Grade 4/5 Teacher for the 2024/2025 school year ➤ Sarah Warrener current Grade 5/6 Teacher ➤ YRDSB had a decline in Primary enrollment • <i>Assembly Updates:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Good News Assembly was on September 25th ➤ Truth & Reconciliation Assembly was on September 30th • <i>School Updates:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Flag Football Team – Practice & games have started. ➤ Volleyball Team/Intermediate – Practice & games have started ➤ Cross Country Team – Practice is Monday –Thursday ➤ Technology inventory almost completed for the School ➤ Garbage Bins have been put up outside ➤ Health & Safety check – cord covers are to be placed on technology carts ➤ Curriculum Night was successful – positive feedback ➤ Photo Day – October 7th ➤ Grade 8 Camp – 3 days up North (Mrs. De Rose will visit on Tuesday & Mrs. Scott will visit on Wednesday) ➤ School Clubs have started for the year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ South Asian Student Alliance – working on the Diwali showcase display in the foyer of the School. ❖ Lunch Monitor Students • <i>Monthly Staff Meeting:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Worked on Fundraising Plan – Staff is committed to the School & Students ➤ Review of Policy 222.0 Conflict of Interest – Staff asked Admin. to also review this policy with School Council. Confidentiality is must be followed at all times. • PA Day September 27th – Staff reviewed annual compliance, health & safety in the morning. In the afternoon literacy & math. • PA Day October 21st – Mental Health/Wellbeing for all students • <i>Fundraising Draft Discussion:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Definition of Fundraising Plan – which is noted on the Fundraising Plan draft, noted by Mrs. De Rose & Mrs. Scott is as follows: <p><i>“Is determined by the Principal in consultation with staff and parents. Once the plan is in place, fundraised monies go towards the goals/activities in the plan. All communication to the community</i></p> 	Julia & Megan

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<p>about fundraising must clearly state where the funds are going as per their identification in the plan.”</p> <p>➤ Fundraising plan also allows the Community to understand where the funds raised through donations and fundraisers are allocated too.</p> <p>➤ See below for a copy of the DRAFT OPPS Fundraising Plan 2024/2025. *** The Fundraising Plan will remain in a draft format until November 1st, 2024 to allow changes. Once the Fundraising Plan is finalized there will be no changes made for the remainder of the School year. (The Final Fundraising Plan will be shared with Council and placed in the future meeting minutes)</p>						Julia & Megan
Draft- O.P.P.S Fundraising Plan 2024-2025						
<p>Fundraising Plan: Is determined by the Principal in consultation with staff and parents. Once the plan is in place, fundraised monies go towards the goals/activities in the plan. All communication to the community about fundraising must clearly state where the funds are going as per their identification in the plan.</p>						
Multi Year Strategic Plan	Proposed Items	Funds proposed	Fall	Winter	Spring	
<p>Student Achievement</p> <p>We promote and support high expectations for all.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support sustainable professional development and meaningful learning for staff.• Integrate foundational skills across subject areas in ways that honour all pathways.• Centre students as co-leaders of their growth and development.	Graduation	\$2000			X	
	Band items/repairs	\$2000	X	X	X	
	Nationals	TBD				
	Rentals for band club	\$1200		X		
		\$4000				
	Gym equipment replenishment		X	X	X	
		\$3300				
	Class trips	-\$100 per class			X	
		\$5000	X			
Cost sharing	\$1000		X			
Forest Of Reading	\$1200					
Gauss Math Competition						

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Health and Well-Being We build healthy environments and positive relationships. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build positive relationships and connections to promote feelings of mattering and belonging. • Support the mental and physical health of students and staff. • Create safe and healthy environments to support teaching, learning and development. 	Angel funds-supporting food and trips for families in need	\$500	x	X	x	Julia & Megan
	Kindergarten Pen toys	#2000				
	Start Up For Fun Fair-	\$2000				
Human Rights and Inclusive Education We learn and grow together, and affirm our diverse identities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebrate and affirm our diverse identities and communities. • Uphold and advance distinct Indigenous rights. • Advance equity for students and staff facing systemic barriers. • Build partnerships that serve students and 	Racing with Autism	\$850	X			
	Lunar New Year Dance	\$900		X		
	Fana Soro or Capoeira dance	\$3000		X		
	Tribal Vision	\$3000			X	
	Amaya James author visit	\$1000		X		
			X			

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families while providing opportunities for community engagement.						Julia & Megan
Total Proposed Funds Needed	32950					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cost Sharing opens: November 1st, 2024 Performances are for all Students K-Grade 8 to attend \$2,000 was added into the Fundraising Plan for startup costs for the Fun Fair Compassionate Care – Policy to be reviewed, as clarification is needed if fundraising funds can be allocated to this item. Q: Can we make amendments throughout the year to the Fundraising Plan? A: No, once the Fundraising Plan is finalized no changes can be made after that. Q: What happens if there are funds left over at the end of the school year? A: The Fundraising Plan is reviewed, and top up areas that are in need. 						
Financial Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kicked off our fundraising Carried over \$1,000 from the last school year (2023/2024) to start the new school year (2024/2025) off. 						Natasha & Nadine
Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elli & Julia had a meeting to map out the fundraising events for the school year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Big Box of Cards ➤ Terracotta Cookie Dough ➤ Holiday Photos ➤ Movie Night 						Elli & Christina

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Skate Night ➤ Taste of the World ➤ School Dance ➤ Fun Fair • No time currently booked for the Holiday Market – Julia to check on the policy regarding this event. 	Elli & Christina
<p>Hot Lunch Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024/2025 Hot Lunch Program has started! First week of orders are to start the week of October 7th (Pizza Lunch Wednesday's & Greek Lunch Friday's) • Launched Hot Lunch ordering onto new platform "Healthy Hunger". Healthy Hunger provides the option of ordering lunch week to week, and option to cancel an order within the cancelation time frame. • We are projected to make full margin on the Hot Lunch Program for the school year. • All questions/feedback towards the Hot Lunch Program are to be directed to oppspizza@gmail.com 	Kate & Elaine
<p>Good News:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared by a Parent: Grade 8 Camp Trip, student was excited to go on this trip – a sense of independence • Shared by a Parent: Good News Assembly held at the end of September 2024 – positive feedback, well organized, great to see student engagement, great way to celebrate our Students! 	Kelly & Nehal
<p>Adjourn Meeting Approval:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elli & Ramona 	Sabrina
<p>Meeting Dates:</p> <p>November 4th, December 2nd (TBC), January 13th, February 3rd, March 3rd, April 7th, May 5th, June 2nd & June 16th (TBC)</p> <p>Meeting Time: 6:30 pm -7:30 pm</p> <p>Location: OPPS Library</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	
<p>Teams Meeting Link for Online Attendees:</p> <p>Microsoft Teams Need help?</p> <p>Join the meeting now</p>	

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Meeting ID: 294 520 303 050	
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