

## Oscar Peterson P.S. – School Council Meeting Minutes

Monday April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 | 7:00 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 & Maria Kirton | Public Relations: Pauline Tam | Lunch Coordinator: Kate LoPresti

### School Staff:

Principal: Julia De Rose | Vice Principal: Vanessa Colabawalla | Staff Member: Julie Duncan

### Attendance:

See Parent Council Secretary for Information

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<p><b><i>Land Acknowledgment &amp; Learning Piece</i></b></p> <p><b>Land Acknowledgement (Indigenous &amp; African) – Kelly</b></p> <p><b>Learning Piece</b> – April is Sikh Heritage Month, World Autism Acceptance Month, Genocide Remembrance Month</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ April 10<sup>th</sup> Eid</li><li>➤ April 14<sup>th</sup> Vaisakhi - Celebration of the founding of the Sikh community</li><li>➤ April 22<sup>nd</sup>– April 30<sup>th</sup> – Passover</li></ul> <p><b><i>Welcome &amp; Open Meeting</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Introduction of new the Principal – Julia De Rose</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Welcome to our new OPPS Principal Julia De Rose! We are excited to have you apart of the OPPS Team. Ms. De Rose, has an immense background within the educational system, she has transferred in from Whitchurch Highlands Public School, where she was the Principal since 2020.</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Meeting decorum –</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ School Council meetings are to reflect the interests of all the students within the school.</li><li>➤ If there is a personal question pertaining to your specific child Parents/Guardians are advised to email the Chair(s) of Council or the Principal/Vice Principal directly.</li></ul></li></ul>	Kelly & Nehal
<p><b><i>Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes (March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024)</i></b></p> <p>Sharisse &amp; Kristy</p>	Sabrina
<p><b><i>Administrator's Update &amp; School News</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Staffing</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Two weeks ago, surplus declaration timeline – OPPS has not declared</li></ul></li></ul>	Julia & Vanessa

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<p>any surplus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Important for Kindergarten enrollment to register now – as it affects our staffing for the upcoming school year.</li> <li>➤ Status Quo for the next school/school organization to be shared at the end of June 2024 via the weekly OPPS Signature</li> <li>➤ New Staff: Colton Currins, Caretaker Lead, Mr. Berdnarski, JK/SK Teacher, &amp; Ms. Schnalzer, new Grade 8 Teacher</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Facility Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Monthly Health &amp; Safety checks at OPPS: Item noted to be fixed is the blinds. Blinds are only to be down when the school is in a lockdown; otherwise blinds should always be up.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Fields</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The field is currently closed by the Board; in order to preserve the field. The grass needs time to grow and revive after the winter.</li> <li>➤ Tarmac only morning recess/lunch recess. Bus loop is opened to Grades 7-8 during morning recess, and opened to Grades 6-8 during lunch recess.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jock Jams visited and taught dance to Grades 7-8 before Easter long weekend</li> <li>• Choir &amp; Band practice at recess</li> <li>• Junior Girls &amp; Boys basketball is happening (home &amp; away games, and practice)</li> <li>• Grades 8 Skills Ontario Field Trip - May 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Grade 4's to Bruce's Mill</li> <li>• Grade 6's Scientist in the School – May</li> <li>• Indigenous Author, Christie Jordan Fenton – April 18<sup>th</sup>, presentations for Grades 1-3, 4-6, and 7-8</li> <li>• Track &amp; Field – May 17<sup>th</sup> <i>**no Greek lunch provided that day, all students are required to bring a lunch that day.</i></li> <li>• Welcome to Kindergarten, scheduled for May 29<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Band at Canada's Wonderland in May 2024</li> <li>• Talent Show auditions currently taking place</li> <li>• Slam Poetry – OPPS Team placed first at the quarter finals! WELL DONE!</li> <li>• Agenda cover contest for Grades 5-8 has opened</li> <li>• Grade 8 Graduation is confirmed for June 25<sup>th</sup>, at Spring Lakes Golf Club</li> </ul> <p><b>School Fundraising Plan 2023/2024:</b></p> <p><b>**See below for chart -</b></p>	<p>Julia &amp; Vanessa</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Voting passed by School Council to approve technology (\$9,000) and Fun Fair budget (\$2,000). All items passed.</li><li>➤ Order for cost sharing placed: 23 Chrome Books ordered, cost: \$4,484.00</li><li>➤ 8 iPads in the process to be ordered, cost: \$4,472.00</li></ul>																																																												
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Currently in Cycle 6 for the lunch program (Pizza &amp; Greek)</li><li>• <b>**See below School Council Financial Report Chart</b></li><li>• As of April 1<sup>st</sup>, performance expenses are \$500 over the allocated amount of \$3,000.00 – Admin to look into this, as school was to pay taxes on the performances for the school year.</li></ul>					Natasha & Nadine																																																							



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<p><i>Adjourn Meeting Approval</i></p> <p>Elli &amp; Sharisse</p>	Sabrina
<p><i>Future Meeting Dates:</i></p> <p>Tuesday May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 &amp; Monday June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024</p>	
<p><i>Teams Meeting Link for Online Attendees:</i></p> <p>Microsoft Teams meeting</p> <p><b>Join on your computer, mobile app or room device</b></p> <p><a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a></p> <p>Meeting ID: 232 379 206 81</p> <p>Passcode: Vr8Sdu</p> <p><a href="#">Download Teams</a>   <a href="#">Join on the web</a></p> <p><a href="#">Learn More</a>   <a href="#">Meeting options</a></p>	