



AGENDA

Oscar Peterson P.S. School Council Meeting

October 5, 2020, 7:00pm- 8:57pm

Kate LoPresti and Amanda Dimilta, Co-chairs | Rebecca Holohan, Treasurer | Nehal Menon & Kelly Mohsenzadeh, Secretaries |
Melanie Wright, PR | Amma Wakefield & Helga Rapacz, Event Coordinator

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Welcome

Kate & Amanda

Introduction: Jennifer Briggs – Vice Principal

Naz

A previous teacher at Alexander Muir. Started in mid-August. Welcome Jennifer.

Land Acknowledgment and learning piece

Amanda & Naz

- Discussion on September 30th Orange shirt day.
- Due to the structure in school there are no assemblies held in the gymnasium.
- A brief commentary was made during the announcements
- Teachers in all grades made their best effort to encourage learning around this day.
- In younger grades they read and had a general discussion without overwhelming the little ones with an abundance of information.
- Future Spirit days are currently under review by admin to ensure school spirit continues with health and safety in mind.

Approval of last meeting's minutes

Nehal & Kelly

"Motion to approve last meeting's minutes." Pauline, Rebecca, Kate approved.

Executive Election:

Tina Day & Pauline
Tam

Listed below are the council executive positions and elected members:

- 2 Co-chairs - AMANDA DIMILTA & KATE LOPRESTI
- 1 Treasurer - REBECCA HOLOHAN
- 2 Secretaries - NEHAL MENON & KELLY MOHSENZADEH
- 1 Public Relations - MELANIE WRIGHT
- 1 or 2 Special Events Coordinator(s) – AMMA WAKEFIELD

Our council can take up to 20 voting members including the executive committee
(Maximum 8 council executives + 12 voting members) 2020-2021 voting members:

- JACKY RONCADIN, NATASHA INCE-MERCER, JULIE DUNCAN (staff representative), ALICIA HANSON-BOUWMEISTER, TINA DAY, MELISSA KALMBACH, RAMONA LAWRENCE, PAULINE TAM, CECILIA PINO, CARA BARLETT, GAYATRI, ALISON HARGREAVES, MARIA PHILP
- *Helga Rapacz interested in being a voting member and special events coordinator (resigned from special events coordinator October 8, 2020)

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Administrator's report and school news

Naz & Jen

- Julie Duncan – teaching staff representative, currently looking for a 2nd rep, looking for a non-teaching staff
 - *update October 8th – Danielle Siapas will join as staff representative
- Effective October 5th 2020, class Reorganization, over 100 students were moved, lost 3 classes, 3 teachers moved to online.
- Different splits, from intermediate to Jr. process of reorganization required a lot of time, a lot of moving pieces which was rather challenging.
- Classes with increased student numbers will be moved by end of October 9 to ensure a safe distance is maintained
- Kinder – 19/20, Primary – 15/16 hope to have real numbers by end of week.
- Q: How come teachers get pulled & CAP sizes?
 - A: We lost ~ 50 students. Where teachers go, it's based on school seniority – redeployed based on lowest seniority. There is no actual cap, admin is trying to keep at 20 kids, with 1-meter distance.
- Next opportunity for reorganization will be January 2021
- School Technology –tech is still outstanding in community from last spring.
- School gave out ~ 80-100 chrome-books.
- Cost sharing showed up to get chrome-books, trying to get as much in as possible. There is no tech coordinator right now, the Superintendent is looking at creating a board protocol on getting those back.
- Right now, students are not allowed to bring their own laptops due equity. The school also can't be liable in the event there is an accident.
- Danielle Siapas (teacher) – also heard that other schools in YDSB have signed off on allowing personal technology. (Naz – a school-wide decision maybe?)

Public Health Protocols

- A conversation with schools designated PH Nurse, determined a lot of disconnect from board approved protocols versus public health.
- Thursday, Oct 1st – province changed protocols. Updates have been sent to our community October 5th.
- Schools are not forced to tell parents that we have to go get a COVID test. "Allowing" parents to make the decision. Suggest following public health protocols.
- Q - If a child is at home sick, we reach out to teacher related to provide academic support as needed?
- A: teachers can discuss with parents on individual basis. During 'isolation period' students at home can't join virtual online classes.

Student sign out for lunch

- Board is very clear and requesting that students stay at school. There is an increase risk if students are allowed to sign out for lunch as they would go to different locations (i.e. Metro, Harveys, McDonalds etc) in the community, or mixing with other cohorts and not staying in their bubble.
- During the pandemic we're truly hoping that students will stay at school. If a parent does want their kids to go home, school can't stop them. It can cause a delay for primary, due to waiting/signing out/escort, etc. Could be a lot of waiting at the front door...
- More information on sign-out next week once we have all forms back in.

Curriculum Night

- The board put out a memo that the curriculum night needs to be virtual in whichever feasible way the school decides on. This will be discussed at the staff meeting next week to discuss the matter further.

X Dance – X Movement

- Naz spoke to the coordinator and was informed everything is being run online
- All council members agree with admin that a virtual X-Movement module would not benefit the purpose.
- Alternative would be to hold on to the credit and do it later or Naz will ask for a refund given the pandemic.
- As stated, fundraising monies have to be utilized in the school year for the students who have contributed, having a credit for later use would negate that rule

Weekly Newsletter and Communication

- Switched to an easy template layout.
- So many things change frequently...try to get the things out w/in a week.
- Hoping to capture more, in a monthly newsletter – fun and happy moments, rather than just quick updates. We got feedback that we're missing a lot of the feel-good moments.

Council Fundraising- direction

- Allowed to do it, however limited in what can be done.
- School lunches are not possible – recognize that it's a huge fundraising effort.
- Any fundraising, raffles or winning prizes would have to be delivered to the home rather than at school for distribution to reduce contact.

Class Photos

- Unfortunately, there are no school photos being held however, admin will look at alternative ideas a later date.

Halloween

- Not sure about what the board will come out with. Admin will have to discuss with staff and board. Not sure about costumes & accessories this year. If Halloween is cancelled 'as a society', then we'll have to think about it.

Questions: EVS

- Approx. 52 students went to virtual learning

Financial report

Rebecca

- We have over \$24k in our account
- Only carry-over is X-Movement funding
- Cost-sharing – going ahead as per expected (Naz – guesses that they may not do it. Scaled back on budget, due to the high cost of PPE.) We have cost sharing set aside.

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- \$5k unallocated
- \$3k for supply teachers – for coaching or need to go out for an event, which can be allocated somewhere else if required
- 1 request is for painting tarmac - \$2000
Naz suggested – can use stencils and paint? Rebecca – looked into it in the past and weren't able to do it. Tina – the person who did it in the past was board-approved,

Voting items:

- Request for tarmac painting; will take this to a vote once we get more information

QCHM (questions, comments, happy moments)

- Happy that kids are not complaining about masks. Grateful for teachers and Admin.
- Both teachers and students are working hard, happy and engaged.
- Students are leading the flow.

Motion to adjourn the meeting

Kelly, Melissa motioned.

Action Items carry forward:

- X-Movement: Naz to inquire about a refund
- Tarmac repainting: Tina Day to ensure vendors are from board approved list. Voting pending
- Halloween costumes: Admin to provide communication via newsletter

Future Meetings:

Nov 2nd, Dec 7th, Jan 11th, Feb 8th, Apr 12th, May 3rd, Jun 14th.