



OAKWOOD COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE
SCHOOL COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

2021 – 2022

MEETING MINUTES AND BUDGET SUMMARY



OAKWOOD COLLEGIATE SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday Sept 27 2021

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1. Welcome and Introductions

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- Pauline Wood, School Council
- Sandra Cordero, School Council
- Victoria Bekiaris, Teacher and Assistant Curriculum Leader
- Heidi Levine, Special Education Teacher and School Council
- Lisa Palozzi, Teacher
- CAPUT Representative – Ariel Alton Bolton and Rheanna Rookwood

The School Council is a mandatory advisory body for schools across Ontario. The purpose of a School Council is, through the active participation of parents, to improve pupil achievement and to enhance the accountability of the education system to parents (Reg. 612/2.1)

2. CAPUT Report – Ariel Alton Bolton and Rheanna Rookwood

- Just launching all the activities for the year
- Still looking for grade 9 and grade 12 reps

3. Principal's Report – Lesley Wallace

School start-up

- Simultaneous learning
- Screening tool
- Students prepared at entry and pre-screened
- Visitor Policy
- Digital permission forms - start-up and excursions
- Staff and Student vaccination
 - Can collect vaccination info for families on a voluntary basis.
 - Staff must disclose vaccination status. Staff not fully vaccinated must do rapid tests 2 times a week. Must be fully vaccinated by Nov 1. There is a process for medical and/or creed exemptions (they will still need to test 2 times a week)
- Commencement - Oct 7th
 - Celebratory Diploma pick-up. Commencements are not permitted at this time

- Extracurriculars and sports
 - Slow return
 - Max 2 in-person activities per student
- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Activities (Orange Shirt Day)
 - In class activities, slideshows and educational opportunities
 - Creating an art installation with students' words, thoughts, images etc.
- Grade 9 Devices
 - Every grade 5 and 9 in the TDSB was given a device if they completed the permission form and opted in.
 - Students should bring devices to and from classes each day
- Budget
 - anticipated in mid to late October
- Let's Connect (about mental health)
 - <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/Supporting-You/Mental-Health-Well-being/Lets-Connect>

Upcoming Dates

- Sept 27-28 - Grade 9 Guidance counselor visits
- Sept 29 - Late Start - Staff meeting
- Sept 30 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- Oct 1 - For Youth Initiative visits outside at lunch
- Oct 7 - Celebratory Diploma pick-up
- Oct 11 - Thanksgiving
- Oct 20 - Late Start (PLC)
- Oct 26 - School Council

4. Raffle

- Congrats to our two winners Christine and Jenny on the Indigo gift cards.

5. Any other business



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2. Approval of [Minutes](#)

3. CAPUT Report – Ariel Alton Bolton and Rheanna Rookwood

4. Principal's Report – Lesley Wallace

5. Committee/Treasurer Update (if any)

6. Open Business

7. New Business



2. Approved of Minutes Sept 27, 2021 unimed.

3. CAPUT report - Ariel Alton Bolton and Rheanna Rookwood

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Daily Mental Health and Wellness Activities

- group yoga stretch
- moderated discussion
- Outdoor breaks - unstructured
- Colouring
- meditation podcast
- music without lyrics
- Mindfulness activities
- likes and dislikes or emoji games (to determine mood, thoughts or opinions)
- Mini games. Heads up (from the Ellen Show)

- Chats with students - how they are doing, current events
- some gym time
- Outside games
- Breathing and other calming techniques
- Read a story to your class - doesn't matter what, they love when I read Dr Seuss

Community Market - we hosted a fresh fruit and vegetable market for Unison Health. Students were really impressed with the quality of the food; it spurred many conversations about food insecurity and the quality of food in certain grocery stores. Many community members attended as well. In total 225 people received food from this event.

Sept 30 - Orange Shirt Day. First National Truth and Reconciliation Day. Students, led by Mitch and Ms. Hanson in the arts department led some learning on Orange Shirt Day. Art installations capturing student's feelings and learning were placed outside the front of the school as well as in several areas around the school. Students also sold buttons that they made and the proceeds went to an Indigenous children's charity. Many community members also stopped to read and observe what the students did. Many even purchased a button.

Vaccinations - to date 25% of students have declared that they are fully vaccinated on the TDSB health pass app or website. Anecdotally I believe that our vaccination rate is much much higher. Students and families have been sent the instructions to upload vaccination receipts. Having your child's vaccination status uploaded to the health pass will mean that these students do not have to isolate in case of a positive case in class. Students who are not vaccinated or have not disclosed their status to the app will be asked to stay home and isolate if there is a close contact for them identified.

OSSLT resumes this year. It is now online during English class time. Students will need 3 sessions 1 to learn the software and complete a short practice test. 2 more, 1 for each booklet. Students must write at school. Students in grade 10, 11 and non-graduating 12s will need to successfully complete this test to graduate. Graduates have had this test waived. Exact schedules will be shared by English teachers.

Credit Rescue Days - again this year there will not be formal exams. Similar to last year the 10 exam days will be spread throughout the year to support students in danger of failing their courses. 2 days will be at mid-term and 3 days at the end of each semester. Attendance will be recorded, but only those students who are in need of extra support must attend. Students who are currently progressing well can use this time to review and consolidate their learning. If students want to attend that school to independently review their work under the supervision of a teacher, they may but no new material will be taught.

Budget - <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Find-your/Schools/schno/5545>

Parents Reaching Out Grants - For the 2021-2022 school year, TDSB has received an allocation of \$253,125.14 from the Parent Reaching Out Grants for projects that demonstrate a commitment to respecting the role of parents/caregivers in students' educational experiences. Over \$175,000 of these funds will be used for the SC Anti-oppression, Anti-bias and Anti-Indigenous work. Launch of the grant will be announced soon. Keeping checking for details at <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Parent-Reaching-Out-Grants>

6. Open Business

- First week of November graduation photo.
- November 19, Report card
- December 1, Open house
- Treasurer asks for fundraising donation

7. No new business

8. Raffle - Congratulations to Christine M who won this month's g/c

Next meeting Monday Dec 6th at 6:30pm



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Monday December 6th 2021

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 - Reported on student well-being and how they are doing and that Caput is working to maintain spirit.
 - Explained December spirit week.
4. Principal's Report – Lesley Wallace

Tree Decorating

Once again OCI volunteers assisted the Regal Heights BIA with holiday tree decorating along St Clair West. Treats were provided by the BIA for volunteers at Yummi Cafe and Laundromat who are also donating a portion of their holiday cake sale to our fundraising efforts. Owners Connor and Nancy are organizers with the local BIA and are Oakwood parents as well. Pictures are up on Twitter of this fun afternoon.

Semester 2

Today is the deadline to switch from in-person to online or vice versa for semester 2. Students will not be able to switch after this time as a great deal of planning and sharing of students with other schools will need to happen to make online learning possible. We are still waiting on approval from Toronto Public Health to return to a 4 period a day schedule which we support and feel will mitigate some of the challenges students are having with the timetable. We are also very hopeful (and have been advocating for) a return to a 60-minute lunch which will allow us to offer more lunch time activities.

Sports

We are expecting to return to our usual full complement of inter-school sports for the winter sports season. Final details and information on try-outs will be available in the new year. Students should speak with a PE teacher or listen to announcements for details. Thus far we have been offering only

intramural sports that don't involve travel or other schools. The change to mandatory vaccinations for student athletes will allow a safer return to interschool sports for students and coaches.

School Improvement Plan

During the November PD Day VP Taiwo led the staff in activities to finalize and then work on our School Improvement Plan. Our goals have been similar for the past few years as we work to ensure we are meeting our students' needs.

EQAO

Students taking English this semester completed their online OSSLT in November. Graduating students were exempted from writing the test. Students who are currently in grade 9 math, in person, will take their online math EQAO by the end of semester 1 and the remainder will write at the end of semester 2. Students who are participating online will be offered the opportunity to come to school to complete this assessment. If you have a child in grade 9 more information will follow closer to the administration date. Connect with your child's math teacher or VP Taiwo for more details.

Equity

Goal: To improve outcomes for under-served students by increasing staff awareness of personal, institutional and systemic oppression in order for them to challenge and disrupt these oppressions.

Wellness

Goal: To support the well-being of students by growing interpersonal relationships and creating a caring school culture that focuses on positive physical and mental health.

Achievement

Goal: To increase reading levels and access to curriculum learning for underserved students by focusing on:

- a) Assessing and improving reading levels
- b) Increasing volume and 'love' of reading
- c) Accessing leveled reading materials to allow for multiple entry points
- d) Focus on functional literacy for students in the DD program

5. Committee/Treasurer Update (if any)

6. Open Business

7. New Business

Next meeting Tuesday Jan 25th at 6:30pm



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Tuesday January 25th 2022

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2. Approval of Minutes

3. CAPUT Report – Ariel Alton Bolton and Rheanna Rookwood

Update on students return and upcoming CAPUT activities

- Candygrams
- Spirit week

4. Guest Presenter: Unison Health

- Presented on their services especially for mental health support
- Students from Oakwood have priority access, must identify from OCI

5. Principal's Report

End of Semester Update

Staff Changes

Kenny Boothby who taught special education as a long term occasional will be moving into a contract position at Lakeshore CI

Luong Troung was only assigned to OCI for semester 1, he will be moving to York Mills for the remainder of the year.

Credit Rescue

The last 3 days of the semester for students who are not passing. These are in lieu of exams and thus are not instructional days and no new material will be taught. Students can attend virtually or in person. Parents who wish their children to come to school that day will review their notes from the course and can ask their teachers any clarifying questions but the course is over so no new material will be taught. Feb 2 is a PA Day for all students in both programs and Feb 3 is the start of semester 2 for all students.

Safety Protocols - [New Screening tool](#)

Semester 2 - Virtual Learning

We have moved to a local hub model and will be sharing the students who have elected to go virtual with other schools to reduce the impact on the number of simultaneous learning sections we offer.

Semester 2 Schedule - returning to a regular schedule

Course Selection

Course selection assemblies will happen virtually on Feb 4th. All course selections are done through MyBlueprint. Please ask your child to log in and consult with you on their choices. Students must print off a parent acknowledgement form for parents/guardians to sign to finalize course selection.

Vaccine Clinic

Another successful clinic held at Oakwood on Jan 19 and 20. Approximately 200 doses were given out each night which was the clinic's target goal.

COVID Update

5 positive cases thus far (that have been in school). Many others reported that did not affect school (i.e., over the break or before they returned to school)

All extracurriculars are on pause for in-person at the moment, may continue virtually.

6. Committee/Treasurer Update (if any)

7. Open Business

8. New Business

- Sharon Mitchell (parent of Alex) shared her new novel available on Amazon.

https://www.amazon.ca/Journey-Mother-Sharing-Thoughts-Poetry/dp/B08LQXKN9J/ref=sr_1_1?crid=2AVV4BDF12LM0&keywords=sharon+mitchell+journey&qid=1643208033&sprefix=sharon+mitchell+journey%2Caps%2C73&sr=8-1

9. Raffle for gift card

Pauline Wood won the Indigo gift card

Next meeting Monday March 7th at 6:30pm



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 - Nickel Mania - fundraising challenge with nickels
 - March Madness - free throw contest after school
 - Money goes to Church on the Hill Food bank, also accepting food and financial donations
4. Principal's Report

Clubs and Sports

Zahanah has been shortlisted for the First Robotics Dean's list for her work establishing and leading our robotics team and the connections she has made.

- OCI received a \$10k CCEL grant from the TDSB Experiential Learning department
- Boys VBall made it to the playoffs but were unfortunately defeated
- Other sports are in full try-out/practice mode Boys and girls Basketball, Indoor soccer. Badminton will start soon and we also are hopeful that we will have the full complement of spring sports.
- Fun Fridays are back in DD

Semester System

- Like the champions Oakwood students are they have adjusted quickly to the 4 periods a day schedule
- Next year all schools will remain on the semester system
- Families will be given the choice to enroll in a separate virtual school if they want to continue to learn from home.

Projected enrollment

- 352.5 (98 in grade 9)
- Increase of 8 students
- DD enrollment remains the same

Course selection and staffing process

- Course selection closed on Friday, guidance will now approve and check for errors
- Over the March Break the data will be uploaded into our new Student Information System called PowerSchool
- Next steps are usually to receive our staff allocation right after March break and then go through the staffing process that see us create a very rough outline of courses, we will offer based on student choice and then match that up with our staff allocation
- MOE declared a few weeks ago that school boards must have a stand-alone virtual school, which is a welcome relief for staff that have been managing the hybrid virtual classes this year. However, it will likely impact our staffing levels and the time it takes to complete the staffing process as even though our projected enrollment has slightly increased the board now has to staff an entirely new school. This will impact all schools and all schools are expected to lose teachers to VS.
- Families should have received info about VS today

Public Health info and rapid tests

- Rapid tests are available to any staff or students who have used theirs due to being symptomatic
- We share our allocation with daycare (added layer of protection for our students)
- While the COVID positivity numbers are widely accepted to be low due to lack of testing, the rates are still on a 5-week decline. Hospitalizations, ICU utilization and fatalities also continue to decline
- Cell Phone data shows that people are returning to normal activities and going out again to levels similar to pre-Omicron, in fact the same as mid-March 2021
- TPH is resuming city clinics for other vaccinations, a package will be sent to parents this week
- 12 - 17 year olds are still among the highest vaccinated age groups (94%) in the city (with the exception of booster shots due to age restrictions). Only 18 - 29 are higher. Lowest age groups are 5 - 11 (56%) and 45 - 49 (83%))

Parent/Caregiver/Teacher night

- April 6th
- Via Zoom
- Info to register for an appointment to follow

Credit Rescue Days

- April 11 and April 20
- Same process as before

Upcoming Dates

March 13 - DST begins

March 14 - 18 - March Break

March 23 - Late Start

March 30 - Late Start

April 6 - Parent/Caregiver/Teacher Night

April 11 - Credit rescue

April 13 - International Day of Pink

April 15 - Good Friday

April 18 - Easter Monday

April 20 - Late Start

April 26 - School Council

5. Committee/Treasurer Update

Health and Wellness

- Latoya is the chair and amazing
- Subcommittee - the Divine Tribe, Black History month work, art portraits and discussion groups.

Treasurer

- \$2000 now donated, revised budget, more money to ACLs for curriculum support and Clubs

6. Open Business

7. New Business

- Future meetings (i.e. next Year) asking for consideration for virtual meetings to continue so more people can join.

8. Raffle for gift card

Kenta Thomas

Next meeting Tuesday April 26 at 6:30pm (POSTPONED TO MAY 30, 2022)



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Monday May 30th

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3. CAPUT Report – Ariel Alton Bolton and Rheanna Rookwood

Ariel and Rheanna were not able to attend. Wallace updated council on CAPUT elections, pride activities and the foodbank/fundraising drive from the late winter.

4. Principal's Report

Sports and Clubs

- Senior Boy's City Champs for Basketball and Soccer
- Ultimate - we are in the playoffs
- Girls' softball was fierce and many players who had never played before joined (including several new Canadians who are converting their cricket skills into softball skills)
- Robotics received \$10k CCEL grant
- DD fun meet second week in June approximately 10:30 - 12 noon. All parents are welcome to attend

Staffing

- Reduction of .5 teacher in collegiate due to needing to staff a central virtual school
- DD teacher allocation remains the same
- Conversion of 2 of the 4 ISSAs to EAK roles. Reduction in 2 ISSAs (1 due to student graduation and 1 is TBD)
- Caretaker, CYW, Office staff remain the same
- Boyce, Ramachandran and Jaychuk LTO ending
- Rogers 4/5
- Levine retirement

Essential Skills Program

- Adult program from George Harvey is moving in
- Moving into 3 closed classes on the third floor - SW wing
- Will use entrance #2 and any exit except #5 (DD entrance)
- All adults wear ID badges

Summer Opportunities

- Creditprograms.ca for learning opportunities
- Guidance google class for employment and volunteering opportunities

E-Learning update

- Unfortunately, timeline meant it was a challenge to get student input
- Courses will be SPH3U and BMI3C.
- Current grade 10 students need 1 e-credit (as long as they successfully completed a credit in - spring 2021)
- Current grade 9s need 2 credits. At this time, we are not offering grade 10 e-credits as we plan to offer 1 in grade 11 and 1 in grade 12

5. Committee/Treasurer Update

6. Open Business

7. New Business

- Format and dates for next year - discussion.
 - First meeting on Sept 27
 - Format is zoom for first meeting (due to family BBQ being the week before in person).
New exec will finalize dates for the year as well as format.
- Parent/Guardian only discussion

8. Raffle for gift card

Lisa Harley

Tina Tatone

Oakwood Collegiate Institute - School Council Financial Report

September 1,
2021 to August 31,

	2022	<i>Breakdown</i>
Opening balance	\$0.00	
Total Revenue collected during the year	\$2,520.00	
<i>2021-2022 Direct Ask Fundraiser</i>		\$2,100.00
<i>Board allotment to Council for parent engagement</i>		\$420.00
Total Expenses incurred during the year	\$2,420.00	
<i>Clubs</i>		\$900.00
<i>Enrichment - school-wide (via subject departments)</i>		\$800.00
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<i>OCI School Council Scholarship Awards</i>		
<i>Grade 9 - Collegiate</i>		\$50.00
<i>Grade 10 - Collegiate</i>		\$50.00
<i>Grade 11 - Collegiate</i>		\$50.00
<i>Grade 12 - Collegiate</i>		\$50.00
<i>DD Graduation awards/grad gifts</i>		\$100.00
<i>Purchase of Indigo gift cards - Lesley Wallace</i>		\$390.00
<i>Reimbursement of speaker tokens of appreciation - Pauline Wood</i>		\$30.00
Closing balance	\$100.00	
<i>(closing balance = opening balance plus total revenue minus total expenses)</i>		