

**Oriole Park Junior Public School Parent Council
December 7, 2022, Meeting Minutes
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM
IN PERSON MEETING ORIOLE PARK**

Present

Neil Quimby; Melissa Cotter*; Veronica Gabaldo; Melissa Jones*; Aditi Kroll*; Mandy Malloy; Erin Millman; Jennifer Pitt*; Raquel Reyes*; Amanda Ricketts*; Lisa Sweetman; Ashley Todoroff*; Jennifer White*; Tony Yow; Tara

Regrets

David Goodman*; Don Kuzyk*; Joanne Sallay*; Jeremy Sung*; Davina Wong*;

*denotes 2022-23 voting member

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

A.Todoroff welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 10, 2022, MINUTES:

N. Quimby approved the minutes

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

N. Quimby provided the following update:

Staffing Update:

- Kismat Momin is officially the Office Administrator at Oriole Park!

Daily Screening Tool:

- It is recommended to complete the daily self-screening questionnaire every morning.
- Please follow the guidelines! If your child is sick, please stay home.
- Masks are optional. The decision to wear or not wear a mask is respected.

Facilities Update:

- Safety meeting being held on Monday December 12, 2022.
- Safety zone slowly being installed.
- Parents of students in grades 3, 4 and 5 should attend Hodgson Middle School meetings to be part of discussion regarding construction and relocation to 529 Vaughan Road – more details to follow.
- Current grade 5 students will start grade 6 at Vaughan Road in September 2023.

School Update:

- List of extra curricular activities starting in January 2023 has been sent out.
- A letter regarding dental screening has been sent home with students in JK, SK, Grade 2 and Grade 4. Please refer to the letter for the date. Should you wish for your child not to participate in dental screening, please contact **N. Quimby**.

December Happenings:

- **Holiday Hampers:** please drop items at the office.
- **Gingerbread Houses:**
 - Teachers may reach out with a request for items to decorate houses
 - Gingerbread houses will be on display the last week of school before the break.
 - There will be a draw in each class to decide who will take the gingerbread house home for the holidays!
- **Fire Fighters' Toy Drive:**
 - A donation of a new, unwrapped toy can be dropped off outside the office.
 - Fire Fighters will be picking up the toys on December 16.
- **Spirit Day/Candy Cane Day:**
 - Tuesday December 20th, 2022
 - Students and staff encouraged to dress up like a candy cane wearing red, white or stripes!
- **Kindness and Caring Tree:**
 - Supporting the Socks 4 Streets Campaign.
 - Please bring in a new pair of socks to the tree outside of the office.
- **Holiday Sing-A-Long:**
 - Friday December 23, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. in the gym.
 - Everyone is encouraged to wear festive attire or school colours!
 - Anyone can attend.
 - Please bring a non-perishable food item.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Events:

A. Todoroff provided the following update:

- **Oriole Park Wish List:**
 - Spending to be focused on the following items: white boards, transportation, arts, drama, computers, jungle sport.
 - Consideration for future spending includes: library tables, handheld instruments, gym equipment.
 - **D. Wong** completed a grant application for funding (\$1,500) for the 'Get Real Movement' which will be submitted to the TDSB School Council Innovation Grant.
 - Get Real Movement is a Canadian non-profit focused on combatting 2SLGBTQ+ discrimination, racism and bullying in schools, summer camps and workplaces through various workshop modules.
- **Pizza Lunch:**
 - The next pizza lunch will be held on Friday December 16, 2022.
 - Volunteers are always welcome!
 - Dates for future pizza lunches will be forwarded in the new year.
- **May Fair: V. Gabaldo** provided the following update:
 - Mark your calendars for Saturday May 6, 2023, 10a.m. – 2p.m.!
 - Volunteers are needed!
 - Additional information to be forwarded soon.
- **Oriole Park Movie Night:**
 - Thursday January 12th – more details to follow
- **Oriole Park Skate Night:**
 - January 2023: date to be determined

Communications – Raquel (5 mins)

R. Reyes provided the following update:

- **Class Lists/Class Parents:**
 - Still in need of class parents for Ms. Siddiqi's, Ms. Shona's and Ms. Paradis' classes.
 - We are missing email addresses from some parents. Please provide your child's teacher with your email address if you haven't submitted already.
 - An email to be forwarded next week with regard to teacher gifts.

NEW BUSINESS:

L. Sweetman provided the following update:

- **Healthy Schools Initiative:**

- Promotes strategies to improve the health of our students.
- What does the healthy schools approach really mean? – make healthy choices and manage the challenges students face.
- 4-step process and certification at the end.
- Oriole Park was last certified 2010 - 2011.
- Need to establish a working group – parents, family members, community members, children, educators, administrators, etc.
- Establish priorities for health i.e., mental health, healthy food, etc.
- First meeting will take place after the holidays.
- Time commitment as much or little as want you can spare.
- Please send Ms. Sweetman an email if interested in participating:
lisa.sweetman@tdsb.on.ca
- More details to follow.

MEETING ADJOURNED

M. Jones motioned to close the meeting.