

**Oriole Park Junior Public School Parent Council  
December 6, 2018 Meeting Minutes  
Oriole Park Library**

**Present:**

N. Quimby, A. Smith, K. Bardyn, A. Barton, S. Vise, E. Thurlow, Joanne Halliday, A. Motala, R. Sidway, M. Gain, C. Tanzola, M. Malloy

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Principle Update**

- N. Quimby provided an update.

**Parent Census**

- The questions asked in the census are set by the TSDB.
- In 2012/13 and 2016/17, parents responded and N. Quimby amalgamated the data.  
**ACTION ITEM: N. Quimby** will see if he can get the averages for the rest of the Board.
- N. Quimby and Council reviewed OPJPS' data in detail. Generally, there was a better response in 2016/17. Diversity has also increased.
- Council noted that 41% of parents who participated "rarely/never" volunteered at OPJPS.
- **ACTION ITEM: N. Quimby's** year-end survey will include questions from Council to the parents, one of which will include volunteering.

**Student Census**

- In 2016/17, OPJPS grades 4 to 6 provided responses to questions.
- The response rate was 86%.
- Council noted that 60% of those who responded reported that they walk to school. There was a general discussion about pedestrian safety and traffic flow on Braemar Avenue. There is supposed to be a crossing guard at College View Avenue and Braemar Avenue. N. Quimby has inquired into the status.
- Council also noted responses regarding well-being. A. Motala noted these skills begin to be developed in Kindergarten. N. Quimby noted that focus on this topic will continue school-wide throughout the school year.
- **ACTION ITEM: A. Smith and Council** will review the census data and will identify four or five take-aways, which will be communicated to both parents and teachers.

**OPJPS Learning Foci**

- N. Quimby provided OPJPS' 2017/19 Improvement Plan ("SIP"), in its current version (it is edited from time to time).
- OPJPS education and programming efforts will focus on "thinking and application" (achievement), "risk-taking and value of mistakes" (well-being) and "inclusive and engaged learning" (diversity) (the "Foci").

- The school must consider six pillars when evaluating its progress. The pillars include responding to student voice, engaging parents families and community, designing instruction, establishing environment as third teacher, analyzing data, and building leadership capacity.
- Council suggested the Foci be presented or provided to parents.
- **ACTION ITEM: S. Vise** will prepare communication to obtain parent feedback.

#### **Review of December Calendar**

- A document listing December events was provided to parents. N. Quimby encouraged parents to participate in the events.

#### **Fundraising Update**

- Council noted that STEM fundraising initiatives were very successful.
- A. Malloy reported that parents seem to be quite excited about a “Maker Space” and Council will likely complete the event next year.
- N. Quimby has considered the cost of various STEM items for the planned OPJPS’ Maker Space. **ACTION ITEM:** The budgeting and purchasing of such items will be discussed prior to the next Council meeting. A. Smith invited all interested Council members to join this conversation. A. Smith, M. Malloy, S. Vise volunteered and will meet with N. Quimby on Monday, December 10 @ 9AM.

#### **Treetop Petition**

- Treetop is very concerned about the condition of the east staircase, which is used by its teachers and students. (Council noted the stairs are also used by OPJPS’ students, parents and teachers).
- Treetop is planning to provide the TDSB with a petition requesting that TDSB investigate and correct stairs.
- N. Quimby advised that he previously contacted TDSB about the condition of the east stairs. Although repairs have been completed for their first flight, there are no further plans to improve the rest.
- **ACTION ITEM: A. Smith** will draft a letter/petition from Council to TDSB echoing request for improvements to the east stairs. **M. Gain** will manage gathering digital parent signatures for petition.

#### **Other Business and Future Agenda Items**

##### **October 10, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

- The minutes of the Council’s October 10, 2018 meeting were approved.
  - K. Bardyn motioned and M. Malloy seconded. Motion passed.

##### **OPA Update**

- A. Smith advised that H. Harris from the Oriole Park Association (“OPA”) provided an update as follows:

- On December 10, 2018, the OPA will be meeting with Counsellor Josh Matlow at City Hall to discuss next steps for the crosswalk at College View Avenue and Oriole Parkway.
- The OPA's annual general meeting is scheduled for 7:00pm on January 24, 2019 at OPJPS. Counsellor Matlow, MPP Jill Andrew, as well as representatives from the Toronto Police and the Midtown Yonge BIA will be speaking about relevant community issues.
- Anyone interested in Oriole Parkway's boulevard gardening project can contact H. Harris.

### **Future Initiatives**

- Family Skate Night will be held in April.
- Next meeting is January 9, 2019 at 7pm.
  - Agenda will include updated Council budget, end-of-year picnic, May Fair planning and Grade 5 Graduation planning.
- Motion to adjourn the meeting.
  - M. Malloy motions and M. Gain seconded. Motion passed.