

**Oriole Park Junior Public School Parent Council  
December 8, 2020 Meeting Minutes  
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM**

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**Present**

N. Quimby; M. Ciccia; A. Fredrick\*; A. Tebo\*; C. de Wit\*; C. Tanzola\*; D. Goodman\*; D. Hayes; E. Lee; E. Millman\*; J. Allison\*; J. Guthrie; J. Lacombe\*; J. Pitt\*; J. Sallay; J. Romano; J. Ruderman; J. Williams; K. Bardyn\*; L. Fineberg; M. Fink; M. Jones\*; M. Malloy; S. Eisenberg; R. Munroe; S. Lama\*; S. Vise\*

**Regrets**

A. Smith\*; A. Todoroff\*; N. McConkey\*

\*denotes 2020-21 voting member

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

N. Quimby welcomed everyone.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

J. Pitt motioned to approve the minutes from the November 10, 2020 meeting. M. Jones seconded.

Minutes approved.

**PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE**

N. Quimby provided an update as follows:

**Staffing Update:**

- Ms. Weber is off until the new year. We have a replacement in the EA capacity.
- Effective December 9, 2020, J. Chasty, TDSB Superintendent, is retiring. We do not yet know who his replacement will be.
- The TDSB is still looking for a Director and will continue this search into the New Year.

**Facilities Update:**

- In February 2021, Oriole Park's exterior doors will be replaced. The windows on the lower level by the gardens will also be replaced.
- On December 9, 2020, the gate on the Elmsthorpe Avenue will be installed. A few other existing gates will also be repaired. In January or February 2021, a gate will be installed on Braemar Avenue.

- The water bottle stations will not be done any time soon. Oriole Park is at the bottom of the TDSB's list. **ACTION ITEM: N. Quimby has a few alternative ideas and will explore them with A. Tebo and K. Bardyn.**

#### **School Update/COVID-19 Update:**

- The COVID-19 screening tool has been adjusted. If a student has any one symptom (no longer two), the student will need to go home to be tested and/or to seek medical guidance. Further, if the student has a sibling, both must be sent home. The specific updates were provided to all families by [email](#).
- **N. Quimby** strongly encourages everyone to keep up the great job with screening. People are also leaving the property quickly after drop off and pick up, as has been requested.
- **N. Quimby** reported that the TDSB has sent out a check-list to be prepared in case we a closure is required. The goal is to be able to move to virtual schooling quickly and smoothly.
- On December 9, 2020, families will be sent an email with various questions, including contact information and technology. It is strongly encouraged that all families access the virtual classroom (Brightspace and Google Classroom) to ensure there are no technology issues.
- **N. Quimby** clarified that the TDSB has not given an indication of what the trigger might be to move to virtual. We are being proactive.
- **N. Quimby** indicated that at some point, it is possible that Oriole Park may have a COVID-19 case or two. It is important that we be respectful of our families if they are going through difficult times. **N. Quimby** continues to work closely with the Toronto Public Health Liaison.
- **N. Quimby** indicated the teachers are generally doing well and finding ways to support each other in a socially distanced way.

#### **Budget Update:**

- The TDSB rolled over approximately \$8000 from last year's budget. That means we have \$46,000 to use for the remainder of the year.
- From the Wish List, we continue to place orders so that we can get the materials for use. There is a lot of backorder but Zee is tenacious.

#### **Technology Update:**

- A "bring your own device" letter for grades 3 to 5 will be sent out in due course. Oriole Park is going to move all the iPads into FDK to grade 2 classes so that all students have access.
- The device for grades 3 to 5 will travel to and from school.
- **N. Quimby** indicated laptops are preferred as they are easier to log onto. Chromebooks are also acceptable.

### **Activities Update:**

- **Class Leadership** will take place in early 2021 and the election will be virtual. The students will have an opportunity to prepare speeches, campaign and vote, despite COVID-19.
- **Church on the Hill Food Drive** – The community is in a difficult position this year and are in a great need. Canned goods need to be bagged and put in the shopping cart by the flag poles.
- **December 11, 2020** – A holiday treat is being provided by Parent Council. The treats have been purchased and are in quarantine.
- **December 18, 2020** – Holiday Spirit Colour Day – Oriole Park is encouraging everyone to wear holiday colours.

### **CO-CHAIRS REPORT**

**A. Tebo** provided an update as follows:

#### **School Statement of Needs (SSON)**

- **D. Goodman** asked for parents input via email.
- The SSON was not significantly updated. However, **A. Tebo** put her name on it as Co-Chair of Parent Counsel and the SSON was finalized.

### **TREASURER UPDATE**

**A. Tebo** provided an update as follows:

- Updates to the Wish List were discussed.
- The fact that some costs on the Wish List may seem high was discussed. It is because duplicate items are required due to the fact we are prevented from allowing different cohorts to share the same items.
- Some items have been ordered and they are starting to come in.
- This Wish List can be adjusted based on fundraising results.

### **FUNDRAISING UPDATE**

**J. Allison** provided an update as follows:

#### **Direct Donation**

- The request for Direct Donation has resulted in ~\$13,000. Another push will go out this week.
- **S. Vise** indicated we may get more donations if we send out a progress update. Something visual may be useful. **ACTION ITEM: S. Vise to provide 3 signs.**
- **A. Fredrick** asked if we have considered doing this again in the new year to assist families who may not be able to contribute right now. This idea was supported by a few attendees.

### **Pizza Night**

- Pizza Night was generally a success. There were some complications due to the number of orders. We raised just under \$500 and over 40 families participated. If we do it again, we may encourage people to pre-order or stagger it.
- The money will be spent on items on the Wish List
- **N. Quimby** suggested that we keep pizza night one night as it will help with the promotion and school excitement.
- There was some discussion about not doing it on Friday.

### **Fanny Packs and Masks**

- Fanny packs were priced as too expensive, too great a volume requirement and we would have to pay upfront. Masks were also reviewed, but there were questions about quality (and issues similar to fanny pack orders). Both items were put aside to the New Year so to not interfere with other fundraising efforts. **ACTION ITEM: J. Allison to follow-up on this in the New Year.**

### **Silent Action**

- There was a discussion about holding a silent auction and whether we want to hold it at all. We rely on local businesses for donations and we may not be able to do that this year. **M. Jones** suggested that perhaps people can donate their time and experiences and this was well-received.
- If it was going to be done, it would be in the spring. We will need volunteers to run it. **A. Fredrick, M. Jones** and **M. Malloy** may be willing. **ACTION ITEM: A. Tebo to revisit this idea in the New Year.**

### **Donations**

- **A. Fredrick** asked if we are doing any donations to schools in need, in accordance with TDSB guidelines.
- **N. Quimby** indicated that in previous years Student Leadership got involved with the decision on what to do. Once we get our fundraising numbers in, we will consider doing so again. **ACTION ITEM: A. Tebo to put this topic on the January Agenda**

## **EVENTS UPDATE**

**J. Pitt** provided an update as follows:

- Fundraising will depend on how we do with the Direct Ask and whether we want to do free events/activities.
- We are looking at a cooking class and a virtual bingo night. A silent auction is also being considered.
- It was discussed that perhaps we should have some events that are not free.

## **COMMUNICATION UPDATE**

**C. de Wit** provided an update as follows:

- Most families have Class List and Communications Email Sign-up forms. If you have not yet done so, please consider. The form is available [here](#).
- Ms. Lachermaier's class is the only class without a class parent. **ACTION ITEM: N. Quimby will reach out to a few parents to solicit volunteers.**

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- **N. Quimby** thanked everyone for continued support, patience, flexibility and it's a wonderful community. Have a wonderful holiday.
- **A. Tebo** thanked all teachers for doing everything they are doing and being there for the students and families every day.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be January 12, 2021 at 7:00pm to 8:30pm. A ZOOM invite will be provided.

### **MEETING ADJOURNED**