

**Oriole Park Junior Public School Parent Council
February 9, 2023, Meeting Minutes
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM
IN PERSON MEETING ORIOLE PARK**

Present

Neil Quimby; James Fitzgerald Veronica Gabaldo; Kim Hargraves; Melissa Jones*; Aditi Kroll*; Jennifer Pitt*; Amanda Ricketts*; Ashley Todoroff*; Jennifer White*; Tony Yow; Owen Wigderson; Davina Wong*

Regrets

Melissa Cotter*; David Goodman*; Don Kuzyk*; Raquel Reyes*; Joanne Sallay*; Jeremy Sung*;

*denotes 2022-23 voting member

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

A. **Todoroff** welcomed everyone to the meeting.

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

N. **Quimby** provided the following update:

Staffing Update:

- Ms. Lombardo will be returning after March Break. Margo Davis will be filling in until Family Day. Debbie Crees will take over library duties after family day until Ms. Lombardo's return.
- Kismat will be away the week of February 13th – Rose will cover while Kismat is off.
- Margo Davis's last day will be February 16th

Facility and Community Update:

- Hodgson Middle School will be hosting town hall meetings.
- Oriole Park will send out detailed information as it is received.
- Parents are encouraged to attend the meetings if your child(ren) will be attending Hodgson.
- Hodgson is aiming to host an evening open house in the spring at Vaughan Road to tour the space there.

- A bussing survey will be going out to determine where the bus stops may be – multiple bus stops will be available.

Valentine's Day:

- If students are sharing valentine's cards/gifts, we ask that all students in the class are included.
- No snacks/food to be given out. If you choose to give out any items, please consider items such as school supplies (erasers, etc.) or consider donating a book to the classroom.

Technology:

- Grade 4 Chrome Books have arrived.
- Grade 5: waiting on other schools who have extra chrome books (due to low enrollment) to return them– currently waiting on 5 Chrome books.
- Next focus is to ensure iPads are up to date.

Kindergarten Registration

- Signs will be posted on Oriole Park's fence by Monday February 13th.
- If your child is turning age 4 by December 31st, 2023, please call to make appointment to register. Registration will be held in person this year.
- A message regarding registration will be added to the Oriole Park Facebook group.

Report Cards:

- Going home Monday February 13th.
- If your child's teacher requests an interview, this will be included in the report.
- Interviews can be booked via on-line registration at www.schoolinterviews.ca. This link will go live at 3:00 p.m. on Monday February 13th.
- Interviews to be held the evening of Thursday February 16th and the morning of Friday February 17th.

Budget Wish List:

- Initial amount of \$44, 260. They reviewed and prioritized a list of suggestions.
- Donation roll over from the 2021-2022 school year was \$21, 643.
- To date, \$18,197 has been spent. \$3,344 still to spend from last year (donation line).
- Jungle Sport – already booked for 2023-24.
- The PACE account is \$14,077
- Arts in Action program was \$3,944.
- 'Travelling Stage' will be visiting Oriole Park from February 27th – March 3rd offering a series of dance workshops. Each child will attend 3 workshops. Kindergarten children will attend 2 workshops.

Upcoming Events:

- The boys basketball team will be going to Palmerston Junior Public School on February 16th.
- A Metis performance group will be coming in on Feb 16 to do an assembly for the school. They will be storytelling through dance and music.

Family Day:

- Wishing everyone a nice Family Day!

100 Days of School Celebration!

- Taking place February 21st!
- Empower will learn 100 new words to celebrate.
- There will be balloons.
- Ms. Sweetman will be organizing an interactive singing, dancing and marching physical activity event in the morning.

Pink Shirt Day:

- Taking place February 22nd
- Wear pink!

Anti-Race Parent Workshop:

- Grant funding has allowed us the opportunity to welcome the “Get Real Movement” to Oriole Park. This is an Anti-Black Racism workshop taking place during Black History Month.
- Taking place Tuesday February 28th at 7:00 p.m.
- This is a parent/caregiver only virtual event (no children).
- To attend the workshop, you must register in advance.
- Additional details to follow.
- End of February

Young Women on the Move Group Girl's Group:

- Planning a food drive to combat food insecurity.
- Donations will go to TNO Food Collaborative.
- The last day to donate non-perishable food items and hygiene products is Friday February 24th.
- For anyone who would like to make a cash contribution, school cash on-line will be accepting donations.

Student Leadership Group Grades 3 – 5:

- Student learning for combating hate and racism.
- Led by Ms. Voight and Mr. Quimby.
- Students have decided the focus is to be on being a good digital citizen: i.e. how to be safe on-line, etc.

Communication to Parents:

- **Mr. Quimby** will roll out a large white board to the playground each morning that will highlight weekly happenings.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:**Co-Chair Updates:**

- A. **Todoroff** provided the following update:

Pizza Lunch:

- For the next round, we need to be strict about “School Cash Online.” It is cumbersome and can cause accuracy issues if Kismat has to keep opening and closing the system.
- Melissa Jones to make a call out to parents.

The School Council Innovation Grant:

- Was created by the school board to support innovative (the development of new ideas or the improvement of existing ideas) projects/activities that engages parents/caregivers (in-person, virtual and hybrid).
- Our objective for the grant is to provide parents with the tools, knowledge and an increased understanding of issues related to DEI (diversity, equity, inclusion) – with a focus on anti-black racism and LGBTQ+ issues, so that they can be better equipped to have DEI related conversations with their children, if needed, and an overall better understanding.
 - Two nights have been confirmed – one in February for Black History Month and one in June for Pride Month.
 - \$1,500 was provided from the grant.
 - Get Moving Event (February 28th) one in June for Pride Month – all are welcome. Information to be forwarded.
 - Council will pay the outstanding amount of ~\$308.

Donor Recognition – New Playground:

- Plaque to thank those who contributed to the creation of the new playground will be displayed in the school yard.

Community/School Building:

- Movie Nights (March 2/June 1)
- Scavenger Hunt (March/April – TBC)
- Skate Night – TBD

Treasurer Updates:

J. **Pitt** provided the following update:

- PACE account balance update - \$14,779.79 (most from pizza lunch and movie night)

MEETING ADJOURNED

A. **Todoroff** motioned to close the meeting.