

**Oriole Park Junior Public School Parent Council
February 7, 2019 Meeting Minutes
Oriole Park Library**

Present:

N. Quimby, M. Malloy, M. Gain, A. Smith, C. Tanzola, J. Allison, J. Lacombe

Welcome and Introductions

Staffing Update

- Ms. Paradis is going on an LTO as of February 19, 2019 and interviews start next week.

Facilities Update

- A leak in the gym ceiling has been fixed by the roofing company completing the roofing work.
- The roofing work is well underway and the contractor is working on Saturdays. Fans and filters are in the hallways, just for precautions.

Parent Updates

- Kindergarten registration is underway. 16 students are now registered.
- OPJPS has had a lot of interest outside of the catchment but is currently closed to such registrations (with some exceptions including the sibling rule).

TDSB School Council Appreciation Night

- A. Smith and M. Malloy volunteered to attend.

School Curriculum

• **Maker Space**

- Roll out of robots has been very successful. **ACTION ITEM: A. Smith** will thank T. Roth on Council's behalf.
- All the tools have arrived.
- Shortly, will send out a list of requests for extra items from school households, including stackable, light tables.
- All Lego tables are done and will be organized in the Maker Space room. Some teachers are thinking of how to incorporate Lego into programming.

• **Report Cards**

- Go home on Monday February 11, 2018.
- Each report card will include a section showing whether an educator requests a discussion with parents.
- If no educator requests a discussion, parents can still set up a meeting time.
- Double blocks can be set directly with the educator upon request.

- **Self-Esteem**
 - Each child will get a heart divided into a puzzle piece. It's a "pieces I love about me" theme and hearts will be completed by both teachers and students and posted outside of the classroom.
 - Trying to think about other ways to foster self-esteem in a way that is meaningful to students.

- **Calendar**
 - February 11, 2019 – Honourable Carolyn Bennett will be speaking to JKs about indigenous literature.
 - Looking to see if she will come again in March to do something with older students.
 - February 14, 2019 – Boogie for Books Dance and Menchies
 - February 14 /15, 2019 – Parent interviews
 - February 20, 2019 – Crazy hair and pajama day
 - February 21, 2019 – Grade 4 and 5 ski day
 - February 26, 2019 – Sight and hearing checks
 - February 28, 2019 – Movie night
 - March includes Menchies, Nit Wits, sock drive, etc.

Treasurer's Update

- A. Smith provided an update in place of S. Vise.
- We are currently ~\$3,000 ahead of budget relative to our Fall 2018 Budget (+\$4,000 revenue / +\$1,000 expenses / +\$3,000 net) allowing us to have some relief with respect to May Fair fundraising.
 - The ~\$1000 of incremental spend referenced above relates to additional funds for Family Skate Night and other odds and ends.
- **ACTION ITEM: A. Smith, M. Malloy, S. Vise and N. Quimby** will hold a small-group budget update meeting in order to provide an update to the full Council at the next meeting. Date to be determined.

Fundraising Update

Dance-A-Thon (February 14, 2019)

- Fundraising has raised nearly \$5000 to-date.
- Music requests have been coming in.

May Fair

- M. Malloy and J. Harper have met to discuss subcommittees.
- M. Malloy has connected with J. Parker with respect to bouncy castles. M. Malloy will send out bouncy castle recommendations for input.
- There was a discussion regarding food and drink for the event.
- Zee has offered to assist with face painting.
- M. Malloy has arranged with Zee to establish committees through Sign-Up Genius.

- There was a discussion about inviting OPJPS graduates to volunteer. **ACTION ITEM:** A. Smith will discuss with students at Hodgson in order to canvass ideas.

Graduation Update

- Planning is underway.
- M. Gain advised a “Save the Date” has been sent.
- N. Quimby indicated we are currently putting together a “grad package”.
- There was a discussion about a School Council award.

Other Business

January 9, 2019 Meeting Minutes

- The minutes of the Council’s January 9, 2019 meeting were approved.
 - M. Malloy motioned and J. Lacombe seconded. Motion passed.
- Next meeting will include a more detailed discussion about:
 - Budget Update
 - May Fair
 - Family Science Night
 - Lip Sync
 - Parent Council Award for Graduation

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting is March 19, 2019 at 7:00pm.