

**Oriole Park Junior Public School Parent Council  
February 9, 2021 Meeting Minutes  
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM**

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**Present**

N. Quimby; A. Motala; M. Ciccia; A. Todoroff\*; A. Tebo\*; A. Fredrick\*; A. O'Neil; C. DeWit\*; C. Tanzola\*; D. Goodman\*; E. Lee; E. Millman\*; J. Allison\*; J. Ruderman; J. Williams; J. Pitt\*; J. Guthrie; J. Lacombe\*; K. Bardyn\*; L. Fineberg; L. Katz; M. Malloy; M. Jones\*; M. Finley; R. Sidway; R. Reyes; S. Eisenberg; S. Lama\*

**Regrets**

A. Smith\*; N. McConkey\*; S. Vise\*

\*denotes 2020-21 voting member

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

N. Quimby welcomed everyone.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

J. Allison motioned to approve the minutes from the January 12, 202 meeting. J. Lacombe seconded.

Minutes approved.

**PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE**

N. Quimby provided an update as follows:

**Report Card and Interviews**

- On February 8, 2021, report cards began to be sent out by the TDSB.
- For interviews, we are again using the on-line sign-up program. Registration will close on Wednesday so that we can finalize the interview schedule by Thursday.
- If anyone is having trouble navigating the system, please send Zee or N. Quimby a note.

**Transfers**

- Currently, Oriole Park administration is working on students who are switching from virtual to in-person school and *vice versa*. The process has been quite involved and somewhat difficult. Specifically, a survey was provided, parents responded with their interest to move one way or the other, lists were generated and distributed to the school and each school had to consider whether the list could be accommodated based on class and cap sizes.

- Two families have requested to return (both in FDK). One family has requested to go virtual (grade 5). Logistics for the transfers are being considered.

### **Treetop**

- **A. O'Neil** provided an update.
- Treetop is reopening on same day as OPJPS. However, FDK will not be open for before-care
- Effective February 22, 2021, Treetop will also be offering its half day nursery program (9 to 11:30am).
- Treetop has space in all programs.
- Please email [amyoneil@treetopchildrenscentre.com](mailto:amyoneil@treetopchildrenscentre.com) with any questions or concerns.
- COVID-19 protocols are in place, including if anyone in a residence has symptoms the student will not be able to pass screening and thus, cannot attend the programming.

### **FDK Registration**

- FDK registration is now open.
- Next week, Zee will be finalizing registration.
- OPJPS will then start the staffing process.

### **Donation**

- **H. Harris**, a member of OPJPS' community, would like to donate COVID t-shirts that shows how we have rallied together during the pandemic. **Thank you H. Harris!**
- If parents would like to participate and order a shirt, parent's shirts will be put on Cash Online.

### **On-line Learning**

- **Speaking / Reading**
  - We have been given a trial to assess a program.
  - If the teachers like it, we will cost it out (Note: currently, it is \$126/teacher/classroom/year. We have 13 classrooms.)
  - It provides regular updates and French options.
- **IXL**
  - We have math only (not reading).
  - When it comes up for renewal in May, will consider renewal if teachers find it useful.
- **Science**
  - **OPJPS** will explore virtual science opportunities even if back in in-person class.

### **COVID-19 Update:**

- For screening, if anyone in a student's household has symptoms, the student cannot return to school.
- Once N. Quimby has the guidelines, he will send out a summary of reminders.

- Cohorts in recess and lunch will need to wear masks.
- **For drop off:**
  - Parents cannot walk beyond school gates.
  - FDK parents can drop students off in the FDK area, social distancing.
  - Gates will not open until a duty teacher/N. Quimby is there. There was a concern that there will be a crowd before the gate is opened. N. Quimby indicated the opening times may be adjusted. Main concern is parents entering beyond the gates.
- **For pick up:**
  - FDK parents with other students cannot loiter. Students cannot run around and play.
  - All other parents must wait by cohort where students will go and no other place.
  - If children are permitted to walk home, please advise school so teacher can be notified.
- **Lunch**
  - “Mask off, voice off”.
  - Some furniture in classrooms may be removed to increase space.
- **Outdoors**
  - Further division will occur to separate cohorts.
  - There will be further division of equipment.
- **Masks**
  - OPJPS has not yet been given direction on whether there needs to be a change in masks.
  - PPE has been delivered for staff.
- **Screening**
  - New forms will be provided.
  - If a student can't print it before, please send a note to OPJPS regarding the screening questions or complete the old form but indicate new criteria has been considered.
- **No Distribution**
  - Nothing is to be given to the kids.
  - Kids can bring things from home to keep them busy at recess but need to sanitize hands.

## **CO-CHAIRS REPORT**

- **Parent Reaching Out (PRO) Grant:**
  - **A. Tebo** noted that Council may make one request for this grant. It is designed to provide funding for projects with a focus on the identification and removal of barriers that prevent parents and families from participating and engaging fully in their children's learning.

- If anyone has any ideas of what we can do around that, please let **A. Tebo** and **K. Bardyn** know and they will prepare the PRO Grant forms as the paperwork must include the proposal.
- **Deadline is March 1, 2021.**
- **ACTION ITEM: N. Quimby** will reach out to the equity department to discuss suggestions on how to discuss topic with your children

### **FUNDRAISING UPDATE**

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

- **Pizza Night**
  - A few weeks ago we had a pizza night. 49 families participated, which was down from 71 the first time. \$1826.48 was spent. 15% comes back to OPJPS (\$273.96).
  - Next one will be held on February 25, 2021.

### **TREASURER UPDATE**

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

- The balance has not changed and sits at ~\$14,500.00.
- No additional funds have been spent outside of the Wish List.

### **EVENTS UPDATE**

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

- **Chef Night**
  - 29 families have registered.
  - Registration closes on Friday.
  - Monday, you will receive a recipe and list of ingredients and equipment.
  - Reminder that the event is free.
- **Bingo Night**
  - March 4, 2021 at 6:30pm to 7:30pm.
  - Will be online and in a few weeks, registration will open.
  - Reminder that the event is free.

### **COMMUNICATION UPDATE**

**No update**

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

- **Silent Auction:**
  - The Committee is **A. Tebo, A Fredrick, M. Jones and J. Harper.**
  - The Committee had a meeting and advised the expectation the Auction is not going to be large and is, rather, going to aim to be small. Participation is entirely voluntary.
  - Currently, there are approximately 17 items on the list and the Committee will begin to brainstorm ideas.
  - **M. Jones** indicated that idea is for members of the community to offer something. It can be time or talents or small items.
  
- **Photo Day:**
  - The TDSB has decided it will not occur.
  - **N. Quimby** indicated he may explore other options.
  
- **Graduation:**
  - **K. Bardyn** inquired into whether anything is going to be done.
  - A Committee will be struck to explore options. Class Parents may be asked for ideas and to be involved.
  - **J. Allison** volunteered to do a porch photo session or something else for the graduating class.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be March 9, 2021 at 7:00pm to 8:30pm. A ZOOM invite will be provided.

## **MEETING ADJOURNED**