

**Oriole Park Junior Public School Parent Council
January 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM**

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Present

N. Quimby; M. Ciccia; A. Motala; A. Fredrick*; A. Piccinni; A. Tebo*; A. Todoroff*; B. Mueller; C. de Wit*; C. Tanzola*; D. Goodman*; D. Ebach; E. Lee; E. Millman*; J. Guthrie; H. Harper; J. Lacombe*; J. Pitt*; J. Sallay; J. Romano; J. Ruderman; K. Bardyn*; L. Katz; M. Jones*; M. Finley; M. Michael S. Eisenberg; R. Reyes; R. Sidway; S. Lama*; S. Vise*

Regrets

A. Smith*; J. Allison*; N. McConkey*;

*denotes 2020-21 voting member

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

N. Quimby welcomed everyone.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

E. Millman motioned to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2020 meeting. A. Todoroff seconded.

Minutes approved.

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

N. Quimby provided an update as follows:

Ongoing Virtual Schooling:

- An all-staff meeting is on Thursday. How to continue with the quality of learning online, as well as fun spirit activities to stay connected will be discussed.
- We all need to do our part to keep everyone safe.
- **LUNCH SCHEDULE:** N. Quimby will be looking at the timetables to determine whether the schedules for families in multiple classes and grades can be synchronized. If anything is changed, a notice to the community will be provided.
- **MULTIPLE ZOOM LINKS:** There was a discussion about there being one virtual platform per day that teachers move in and out of rather than having the students/parents need to do that. This will be considered.

Staffing Update:

- **Ms. Shona** is taking a leave for two weeks. Ms. Gall is the LTO and started Monday.
- **N. Quimby** has been visiting all the virtual classrooms and is pleased with quality of teaching. A lot of planning goes into the virtual teaching and we are all very impressed.

Device Distribution:

- Last week technology devices were distributed.
- To date, we have provided 10 Chrome Books, 1 Laptop and 4 iPads. As we don't have any more Chrome Books, the remaining iPads will be reserved for younger students and the laptops for older students.

Wishlist Update:

- Purchases are still being put through (including outdoor learning and supplies).
- Everything has been categorized and organized and will be ready to go when we are back to in-person school.
- A Canadian Tire contact donated 100 snow brick building supplies. Thank you!

PD Day:

- Friday is a PD day.
- Teachers will be working on report cards.

Spirit Day:

- The next Spirit Day is Silly Hat Day and will be on January 22, 2021.

CO-CHAIRS REPORT

- **Donation to School in Need: A. Tebo** noted that here is no TDSB requirement to provide fundraised monies to a school in need, although it may be a good thing to do. Direct fundraising campaign and pizza night were specifically earmarked for the items Oriole Park needs. However, in the future, we may agree to donate a percentage to a school in need and discuss with Trustee Laskin which school or schools are appropriate. There was a discussion about how we could engage the students in this initiative.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

K. Bardyn provided an update as follows:

Pizza Night

- January 21, 2021 is the next pizza night.
- Please pre-order if you can so that the restaurant can plan its delivery schedule. We may need to cut off order times.
- There was a discussion about advertising and recognition of the previously publicized draw.

Direct Donation

- The Direct Donation campaign closed at \$23,620.00. Receipts will be provided in due course.

TREASURER UPDATE

A. Tebo provided an update as follows:

- The Direct Donations have not yet been provided, but now appears in our budget.
- Parent Counsel funds currently sit at ~\$14,500.00.

EVENTS UPDATE

J. Pitt provided an update as follows:

- We will be offering free family events as follows:
 - Bingo night
 - Family cooking class taught by a volunteer parent chef. Considering Family Day weekend.
- Potential prizes were discussed.
- Details to be provided.
- **ACTION ITEM**: **J. Pitt** to discuss further with **N. Quimby**.

COMMUNICATION UPDATE

C. de Wit provided an update as follows:

- Teacher gifts went well
- All classes now have a Class Parent.

OTHER BUSINESS

- **Silent Auction:**
 - The Committee is **A Fredrick, M. Malloy** and **M. Jones**. **J. Harper** can also provide support.
 - The Silent Auction for 2021 may not be as large as previous Silent Auctions at the May Fairs but there have been many really good regarding low or no cost items that people can donate. Items that we received for 2020 may be able to be used. Planning will start.
 - The goal is to run the Silent Auction in May 2021.
 - **Re Donations to School(s) in Need:** There was a discussion on whether we want to support the idea in conjunction with the Silent Auction. There was some discussion about how much money we want to leave for 2021/22.

- **Technology Donations:**
 - There was a discussion regarding donating electronic devices that can access the internet and run Zoom, or a similar virtual platform.
 - UPDATE: However, following the meeting it was confirmed that TDSB device policies would not permit OPJPS Parent Council to facilitate this.

- **Parent Night:**
 - There was a suggestion that we host an after-hour parent event, focused on a diversion. For example, it could be just a social virtual gathering or a planned a wellness speaker or comedy night. Anyone interested can connect with **N. Quimby**.

- During this time, if anyone needs anything, please reach out to **N. Quimby, A. Tebo** or **K. Bardyn**

NEXT MEETING

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

MEETING ADJOURNED