

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

Present

Neil Quimby; Melissa Cotter*; Veronica Gabaldo; David Goodman*; Melissa Jones*; Aditi Kroll*; Jennifer Pitt*; Raquel Reyes*; Amanda Ricketts*; Kim Taylor; Ashley Todoroff*; Jennifer White*; Owen Wigderson; Davina Wong*

Regrets

Don Kuzyk*; Joanne Sallay*; Jeremy Sung*;

*denotes 2022-23 voting member

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

A. Todoroff welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 9, 2023 MINUTES:

A. Ricketts approved the minutes.

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

N. Quimby provided the following update:

Staffing Update:

- Anticipate 230 kids for 2023-24 school year.
- 4 staff who have been on leave are scheduled to return for the 2023-24 school year.
- Funds provided to the Toronto District School Board to support Covid recovery (including additional staff positions) will no longer be available for the 2023-24 school year. Staffing numbers will be determined after the March Break.

Kindergarten Registration:

- Currently 21 families are registered for the upcoming school year.
- Anticipate 30 families for 2023-24.
- Kindergarten registration to be completed in person at Oriole Park.

Facilities Update:

- Parking lot renovation to begin the first week of July 2023.

Adopt-an-Animal Campaign:

- Room 17 has invited the Oriole Park community to join together to adopt the Sumatran Tiger.
- Goal \$500 – currently at ~\$480.

Young Women On The Move:

- Waiting for a large ‘fake’ cheque to be created and delivered for presentation.
- \$733 has been raised for the purchase of yogurt, milk, eggs.

Builder’s Club:

- Grade 3 children are the first group to be involved with Builder’s Club.
- The first project focuses on building a boat with a goal of floating it across the pool in the music room.
- Other grades to start in coming weeks.
- The club is held on Tuesdays/Wednesdays at lunch.
- Parents are welcome to assist.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

- Sign up for spring sessions is now open.

Budget Wish List:

- Transportation – one class has used this budget to attend the theatre.
- Scientists in school – most teachers have booked this activity.
- White boards arrived March 9th – to be installed in next two weeks.

Upcoming Events:

- Celebrating our Uniqueness – kids can share what makes them unique. Details to follow.
- Next Pizza Lunch: March 31st.
- Skating Night: Saturday April 1st at Larry Grossman Forest Hill Memorial Arena. Details to follow.
- Scholastic Book Fair: April. Details to follow.
- Pajama Day: March 10th. Students can bring one stuffie.

CO-CHAIR UPDATE:

A. Todoroff provided the following update:

Donor Recognition:

- Waiting for quotes on plaques.

Mayfair:

- K. Taylor and M. Jones are working on the sponsorship package.
- We have confirmed a lead volunteer for each station.
- We are still looking for volunteers for the event!

Upcoming Movie Nights:

- Thursday April 27th
- Thursday June 1st

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Treasurer:

J. Pitt provided the following update:

- **PACE account balance** = \$14, 522. 43
- **Donation line** = \$6,058
- **Revenue:** ~\$7769.50 – collected from movie night and pizza lunches.

Fundraising:

M. Jones provided the following update:

- **Mayfair:** 11a.m. – 3p.m.
 - Goal to have event sponsored - total of \$10,000.
 - Sponsorship deck created.
 - Title sponsorship: \$2,500
 - Play All Day Sponsor: \$1,000
 - Interactive Sponsor: \$500
 - Friend of Mayfair: \$250
 - Signage to be created – to include list of supporters.
 - Outreach will begin in a few weeks.

- **Silent Auction (Mayfair):**
 - Will include some items from last year's auction that did well last year.
 - Looking for gift cards, event tickets, charcuterie boards, etc.
- **Oriole Bucks (Mayfair):**
 - To go toward items such as Principal of the day, freezies for the class, etc.
 - Each child will be given 5-6 oriole bucks and a draw will be made on Monday after Mayfair.

Events:

- **Scavenger Hunt:**
 - Date to be determined.

NEW BUSINESS:

D. Goodman provided the following update:

- **World Down Syndrome Day/Rock Your Sox (March 21)**
 - David will be offering a presentation to staff and students about Down Syndrome.
 - Kids are encouraged to wear mis-matched socks.
 - Educate others and bring awareness – recognize people have learning differences – we are all different and all unique and all have a different contribution to society.
 - A new video has been created this year – to educate and help others.
 - Asking all parents to screen the video on March 21st.
- **World Autism Awareness Day**
 - Sunday April 2nd: Oriole Park will celebrate on Monday April 3rd.

MEETING ADJOURNED

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