

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

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Present

N. Quimby; A. Motala; M. Ciccia; A. Fredrick*; A. Tebo*; A. Todoroff*; C. DeWit*; C. Tanzola*; D. Goodman*; E. Lee; E. Millman*; G. Yoo; K. Bardyn*; L. Fineberg; J. Harper; J. Gunthrie; J. Lacombe; J. Pitt*; J. Ruderman; S. Lama*;

Regrets

A. Smith*; J. Allison*; S. Vise*; N. McConkey*; M. Jones*

*denotes 2020-21 voting member

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

N. Quimby welcomed everyone.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

J. Lacombe motioned to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2021 meeting. **S. Lama** seconded.

Minutes approved.

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

N. Quimby provided an update as follows:

Staffing Update

- This time last year, projected enrollment for 2020/21 was 291. Currently, projected enrollment for 2021/22 is 263. The TDSB is down 6000 anticipated enrollments due to international students and others moving out of the GTA.
- Given the above, we may lose 1 class/teacher.
- **N. Quimby** advised that Oriole Park will be staffed at these projections and if the actual numbers change, staffing and classes will be adjusted during the first month of school. All staffing decisions will be made in the best interest of the students. **If interested in joining the group of parents who will assist with the staffing model, lease send an email to A. Tebo at annvh22@hotmail.com.**

- As of today, Oriole Park has 27 pre-registrations for JK. Last year we had 48-50.
- We are closed for optional attendance unless the children are currently attending Treetop.

- We are in the position to hire a .5 secretary position.

Facilities Update

- Our three water bottle stations have been installed. There is one on each floor.
- Starting July, all exterior and interior doors and all exterior windows on the lower level are being replaced.
- Shortly, an outdoor gate will be installed where the portables are. Also, lines on the pavement will be painted.
- Additional garbage cans for the outside area will be priced.

COVID-19 Update:

- Oriole Park's ventilation system is sufficient and is in good working order. In addition, windows are being cracked or opened to further encourage air flow.
- In addition, every occupied classroom is getting a HEPA filter to help support air circulation.
- Student screening continues. **Please ensure that it's completed daily.** Remember that students cannot attend if family members have symptoms. We will have an ice cream party if we have 5 days without screening reminders/calls home. So far, we've had 1 day.
- Supply teacher supports continue to be an issue. They are in demand and in shortage
- T-Shirts (donation) are being planned by Grade 5s. The t-shirts will be ordered in due course. They will also be available to parents but at a cost on School Cash Online.

Survey

- A survey was sent to staff, parents and students (6 to 12) regarding COVID-19 well-being
 - 76 parents provided a response
 - In our learning centre (LC1), there was a response rate of 39
 - Before the December Break, 89% of parents felt the students were protected. 70% of parents felt their students were at the level they should be and would progress well to the next grade. Same with virtual.
 - 80% were satisfied with communication from the school (families in virtual were slightly less satisfied)
- A copy of the survey can be posed on the Oriole Park Website for review. It's also available [here](#).

On-Line Resources

- Teachers have requested that Parent Council fund Scientists in the Classroom. **A. Tebo, K. Bardyn** and **N. Quimby** will meet to discuss funding.
- Oriole Park is now looking to ensure all iPads are being used and will be redistributed to Grades 1 to 3.
- Any additional technology needs will be canvassed with staff.

Outdoor Equipment

- Everyone is very happy with the new outdoor equipment.

Community Officer

- **N. Quimby** invited a Police Officer to the school to say hello to the students. They will participate in various community events.

Events

- Week of March 13, 2021 - Ms. Lachermaier's class has planned various wellness events.
- March 18, 2021 – Pizza Night
- March 19, 2021 - Pajama day on March 19, 2021

CO-CHAIRS REPORT

- **Teacher Appreciation**
 - **A. Tebo** discussed alternative options for the annual teacher lunch.
 - It was proposed that teachers could pick a selection from a local restaurant and it would be delivered the next day.
 - The lunch will be held the Friday before April Break to ensure the students and staff will be in school (and not on another COVID-19 break or otherwise).
 - **J. Harper** will provide a list of vendors who have supported Oriole Park in the past. Please include her on any group emails.
 - We will use pizza night fundraising to assist in the payment.
 - If anyone is interested in assisting, email A. Tebo (email above) and K. Bardyn at kwatchorn@hotmail.com.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

K. Bardyn provided an update as follows:

- **Pizza Night**
 - We did a bit better with this most recent one.
 - **D. Goodman** and **C. DeWit** will continue to issue communications.
 - Next Pizza Night will be held on March 18, 2021.

TREASURER UPDATE

A. Tebo provided an update as follows:

- Currently, we have ~\$14,500 in our PACE account and ~\$15,000 in direct donations.
- Zee has put together a spreadsheet to set out new items on the Wish List:
 - Includes donation from Canadian Tire for winter recess equipment
 - Amounts for play and sport equipment were lower due to various discounts and bulk deals

- Forest of Reading was purchased
- Teachers have a 30-day trial for Spark.
- Teachers must spend their teacher discretionary fund.
- There was a discussion about whether we can fund anything for Grade 5 graduation. To accommodate this, the budget/Wish List may be adjusted.
- We are in a strong financial position

EVENTS UPDATE

J. Pitt provided an update as follows:

- **Bingo Night**
 - Bingo night was great!
- **Wellness Event**
 - Still being considered
- **Silent Auction:**
 - **J. Harper** has put together a spreadsheet for items that we can auction. 25 items have been confirmed and 10 are pending.
 - **N. Quimby** indicated that staff are also going to offer a small/fun service for the auction.
 - If there are other suggestions let **A. Tebo** (email above) know.
- Another event will be organized for early May.

COMMUNICATION UPDATE

No update

OTHER BUSINESS

- Feel free to tweet about our community!

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be April 6, 2021 at 7:00pm to 8:30pm. A ZOOM invite will be provided.

MEETING ADJOURNED