

Oriole Park Junior Public School Parent Council
May 9, 2019 Meeting Minutes
Oriole Park Library

Present:

N. Quimby, M. Ciccia, M. Gain, K. Bardyn, Z, R. Sidway, A. Smith, J. Parker, S. Vise, C. Turner, M. Malloy, E. Thurlow, A. Tebo, C. Tanzola, J. Harper, A. Barton, J. Lacombe, C. DeWit

Welcome and Introductions

Principal's Update

Staffing Update

- Ms. Shona's last day will be May 10, 2019 and we are in the process of transition.
- Staffing allocation was reviewed. This year we had 16 staff. Next year, we will have 16.5. Each class will be ~20 students, except for the Grade 4 and Grade 4/5 classes, which will have ~28 students.

Grade 5 Graduation (M. Gain)

- M. Gain provided an update on the Grade 5 graduation.
- 24 students are graduating.
- The Graduation Committee would like to increase the budget from \$1000 to \$2000.
- The 2018 Council budget for graduation was over \$5000. Even with the suggested increase, the 2019 Council grad budget would be less than 40% of the 2018 budget.
- There will be a ticket price for each student but with a \$2000 budget, it will decrease some of the costs for families.
- The event will be at the Safari Bar and Grill. There will be a meal and a DJ (for activities). There will be a photographer/insta-photo. Each student will get a t-shirt, DVD of memories and a loot bag and balloons.
- Parents will be invited up for initial drop-off and photos but then will then be asked to return at pick-up (the students voted for this arrangement).
- Council approved the increase to the budget by \$1000 for a total budget of \$2000. Any surplus will be returned to Council.

Facilities Update

- **Outdoor Learning Center**
 - Planning to start construction in July.
 - Once we have construction dates, N. Quimby will share the design with the community.
- **Library Updates**
 - Two years ago, N. Quimby put the school on a list for a revamp to the library. This included suggestions for new furniture, seating and layout.

- This review will be occurring shortly.
- Further, a request for new flooring in the library has been approved.

Parent Update

- **Kindergarten Registration**
 - 37 JK students are registered for next year.
 - On April 30, 2019, the FDK Welcome Evening took place and it was a great event.
- **EQAO Testing**
 - Will occur during the week of May 21, 2019 and May 27, 2019 and also June 3, 2019.
- **Family Science Night**
 - Feedback was received and was very positive. Everyone had a great evening.
- **Musical Showcase**
 - May 23, 2019 at Forest Hill JR/SR Public School (6:30pm to ~8:00pm).
 - All classes involved.
 - Flyer will be going home on May 13, 2019 regarding ticket sales and donations for a food bank (pasta and diapers).
- **Mayfair**
 - Staff have agreed to raffle off their services.
 - Will be discussed with Mayfair Committee.
- **Calendar**
 - **May 21** – Spirit Day: Sports Jersey Day
 - **May 21 and 22** - Dental Screening
 - **June 3** – Track and field conference finals
 - **June 11** – Track and field city finals
 - **June 12 to 14** – Graduation Trip
 - **June 20** – Staff Appreciation Lunch
 - **June 21** – FDK Celebration (rain date is June 17) (2:30pm)
 - **June 25** – Family picnic (11:30am to 1:00pm)
 - **June 26** – Grade 5 Graduation
 - **June 27 (last day)** – Spirit Day: Beach Day AND Ice cream truck at 3:15pm

Treasurer's Update

- S. Vise provided an update
- OPSC has started to pay deposits for Mayfair.
- Council is in a good financial position and profit from Mayfair and other fundraisers will hopefully cover the cost of the remaining Principal's Wish List items for 2019, leaving the typical reserve for next year.

Fundraising Update

- **Mayfair**
 - We have had a lower participation rate for Committee Lead volunteers.
 - Sponsorship is also down. There was a discussion on how to focus on this.
 - Advanced tickets are also down and there may need to be an explanation for what should be purchased and why. This information will be prepared for Monday.
 - Looking for 20 water guns for the waterpark (will be returned or replaced if broken).
 - Mayfair Committee Lead meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2019.

Chair's Update

Hodgson Middle School

- There is a 12-room addition that has been approved but it is now under reconsideration by the TDSB due to growth in the catchment area.

Feedback on Structure of Council

- There is a need for greater parent volunteer participation for Mayfair, otherwise the tradition of Mayfair may be in jeopardy.
- Council discussed ways that it could proactively recruit more volunteers earlier in the year in 2019/2020.
- For example, Forest Hill M.S. has a detailed list of all volunteer roles and responsibilities. This list greatly facilitates the parent recruiting effort.
- **ACTION ITEM: A. Tebo** will put together the start of a Google Doc so OPSC can get started on creating an OPJPS Parent Volunteers Roles and Responsibilities List prior to the next Council meeting.

Other Business

May 19, 2019 Meeting Minutes

- The minutes of the Parent Council's May 19, 2019 meeting were approved.

Other Discussion Topics

- On May 27, 2019 there will be a meeting at OPJPS regarding traffic. Please attend because the more support various traffic calming initiatives receive, the greater their chance of success.
- OPSC discussed preparing a letter regarding recent and upcoming government cuts to funding for education. **J. Harper** to advise at next meeting.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting is June 11, 2019 at 7:00pm.