

**Oriole Park Junior Public School Parent Council
November 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM**

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Present

N. Quimby; A. Motala; M. Ciccia; A. Tebo*; K. Bardyn*; A. Fredrick; A. Piccinni; A. Smith; A. Todoroff; B. Mueller; B. Huggins; C. Tanzola*; C. de Wit*; D. Goodman*; E. Lee; E. Millman; J. Williams; J. Ruderman; J. Pitt*; J. White; J. Guthrie; J. Lacombe; K. Hayford; L. Katz; L. Dalipi; L. Fineberg; M. Collins; M. Jones; M. Fink; M. Malloy; N. Sato; R. Sidway; R. Munroe; S. Lama; S. Eisenberg; S. Chauhan; T. Avani Collette;

Regrets

N. McConkey*

*denotes 2020-21 voting member

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

N. Quimby welcomed everyone.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Todoroff volunteered to approve the minutes from the October 22, 2020 meeting. **S. Lama** seconded.

Minutes approved.

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

N. Quimby provided an update as follows:

Staffing Update:

- After some confusion and mixed-messages it has been confirmed that Oriole Park is not losing an ECE. We will continue to have three ECE's supporting the Kindergarten classes.
- **D. Mancino** is our new Head Caretaker and has started. He may join our meetings in the future.

Facilities Update:

- We had tubs installed for our vegetable gardens and eco activities.
- TDSB is looking at all ventilation systems. Each school is scheduled for air quality test. Ours is scheduled for the middle of November.
- New doors are scheduled for installation.

School Update:

- On November 17, 2020 progress reports will go out.
- Interviews will be scheduled November 19, 2020 (from 4:00pm to 7:00pm) and November 20, 2020 (from 9:00am to 12:00pm).

Technology Update:

- Almost all Start-of-Year Permission/Consent Forms have been returned. If you have not yet done so, please consider. It is available [here](#).
- The TDSB is pushing “bring your own device to school”. If there are wifi issues, we will work with the TDSB to resolve.
- If children can’t afford a device, the TDSB will provide one.

Activities Update:

- November 11, 2020 - Remembrance Day – The traditional ceremony will not take place. Instead, at 10:40am, N. Quimby plans to do a presentation over the PA system with previously recorded student participation. Resources have also been created for teachers to use throughout the day.
- Photo Day – it’s still on hold as the TDSB and vendors work out how to do it.
- Year Book status -photos are being collected.

COVID-19 Update:

- **N. Quimby** indicated that in general, attendance is very good and everyone is doing well with screening.
- The assigned TDSB Public Nurse indicated she was impressed with what we have in place.

CO-CHAIRS REPORT

K. Bardyn and **A. Tebo** provided an update as follows

School Statement of Needs (SSON)

- The SSON outlines the parent/community priorities for a school that the superintendent will use to identify a principal if one needs to be appointed. It is a record of the main priorities of the parent community and the school board for that specific school.
- The deadline is end of December 2020 and is available [here](#). An email was also sent by the Communications Co-Chairs. [

Wish List

- The Wish List is a document that the principal puts together that includes various resources and activities that they “wish” for during the current school year. Parent Council considers these items for fundraising initiatives.
- **N. Quimby** provided the Wish List for 2020/21 and it was discussed.

- Parent Council grouped the Wish List into three categories: 1) Playground Equipment; 2) Literacy and 3) Classroom Education

Play/Sports Equipment

- We are looking to buy winter recess equipment for Grades 1-5
- For Kindergarten, we previously shared outdoor equipment with Treetop but due to COVID-19, we cannot. As such, we need equipment for our Kindergarten students.
- We are also looking for additional physical education equipment.

Literacy Programs

- This is really special and important for children who love to read.
- This year we can't use the library as we have done previously so we are looking at an online program.

Classroom Education

- Every year we provide teachers with some funds to buy supplies beyond school entitlements.
- We opted to provide \$15/child
- IXL should be available (those funds have already been allocated).

TREASURER UPDATE

A. Tebo provided an update as follows:

- We have ~\$14,000 is in the bank account.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

There was a general discussion about how fundraising will go this year in order to fund the Wish List and other items.

- We will be sending a direct donation letter and donations will go through Cash Online.
- There was a discussion about whether we will have MayFair and whether we do a second ask.

In addition, **J. Allison** provided an update as follows:

- We decided to not go with the fanny-packs but are looking at going ahead with custom masks with Oriole Park's logo (not the small ones the TDSB provided).
- K. Bardyn spoke to a pizza supplier (Panago) for a pizza night. A discount has been negotiated and the supplier will give back 15% of the sale to the school. We may also recommend a movie. N. Quimby asked how licensing would work. A. Tebo indicated we are looking into options and it will be advertised to families.
- We are also exploring Oriole Park clothing/Spirit Wear and whether we want it to be a fundraiser.

- Exploring something for the holidays and it was determined that Parent Council will buy it instead of asking for a few dollars here and there.

EVENTS UPDATE

J. Pitt provided an update:

- We are looking to see if we can do anything online.
- Otherwise, we may look at more events in the spring.

COMMUNICATION UPDATE

C. de Wit and **D. Goodman** provided an update as follows:

- Over 160 out of 235 students and families have completed Class List and Communications Email Sign-up forms. If you have not yet done so, please consider. The form is available [here](#).
- **N. Quimby** indicated he will add a reminder to Week at a Glance and the Sunday calls

OTHER BUSINESS

- A concern was raised regarding the lack of an outer gate on Elmsthorpe Ave. It was agreed that for safety and to prevent community confusion, the school should be secured from both sides.
- **N. Quimby** indicated that fencing was supposed to be added around the entire perimeter over the summer. He has inquired and will again.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be December 8, 2020 at 7:00pm to 8:30pm. A ZOOM invite will be provided.

MEETING ADJOURNED