

**Oriole Park Junior Public School Parent Council  
November 13, 2018 Meeting Minutes  
Oriole Park Library**

**Present:**

N. Quimby, M. Oliveira, A. Fredrick, J. Lacombe, A. Smith, S. Vise, K. Bardyn, A. Tebo, J. Harper, R. Sidway, M. Ciccica, A. Barton, E. Thurlow, C. Tanzola, M. Gain, M. Malloy, A. Smith, N. McConkey, C. DeWit

**Introductions and Welcome**

**Oriole Park Association Update**

- D. McMahon and H. Harris from the Oriole Park Association (“OPA”) provided an update.
- The OPA is looking for new members. If you are interested, please contact the OPA.

**Traffic calming initiatives on College View Avenue and Oriole Parkway**

- On December 10, 2018, OPA will be meeting with Toronto transportation to discuss. It is anticipated that this meeting will lead to a community meeting. OPA will keep OPJPS updated.

**Braemar Avenue speedbumps**

- Speedbumps along Braemar Avenue were installed and appear to be slowing traffic down and working well.

**Annual General Meeting**

- On January 24, 2019, OPA will hold its annual general meeting in the OPJPS gym.
- Speakers will include, Counsellor Josh Matlow (confirmed), Toronto Police Services and the Midtown BIA.
- If there are any suggestions or comments regarding the community, please email OPA.

**Committee of Adjustment**

- There has not been a new application in six months. Previous applications are still in process or have been dealt with.

**New initiatives**

- H. Harris advised that she has been speaking to the City regarding the condition and appearance of the boulevard on Oriole Parkway. The City has advised that it will not be addressed by the City until the Eglinton Crosstown Light Rail project has been completed. Therefore, the OPA is considering fixing up the boulevard with planting materials and greenery instead of the “Garden of the Year” initiative.

## **October 10, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

- The minutes of the Council's October 10, 2018 meeting were approved.
  - A. Smith motioned and M. Malloy seconded. Motion passed.

### **Principle Update**

- N. Quimby provided an update.

### **Staffing**

- Welcome to M. Oliveira ("Zee").
- Process is underway to finalize the incumbent.

### **Facilities**

- There has been an issue with heat in the school. The boiler is scheduled to be renovated.
- The cooling center is finished on the inside. The door canopies and windows are still to be completed. Building access scanners also are still to be completed.

### **TDSB Survey**

- The TDSB released its 2017 Student and Parent Census data. Over 220,000 parents and students completed the survey. Generally, parent data was positive and showed that parents of students in JK to Grade 6 felt welcome in the school, respected, rules were applied fairly and their child received the required support. Students reported feeling accepted safe and that teachers have high expectations of success.
- N. Quimby stated that this survey is in keeping with OPJPS' data.
- N. Quimby stated that they will take the data and apply it to OPJPS to see where school needs need to be addressed.

### **School Initiatives**

- Empathy program has started. Every class has been given a space in a speech bubble to complete about what they have learned about character attributes. Will fill as the school year unfolds. Children have been observed using the language around these concepts.
- Classrooms have signed up to present at Grade assemblies at the end of the month.
- November activities include:
  - Progress reports went home on November 12, 2018.
  - OPJPS is now using online booking for teacher interviews. While there may be some glitches, it appears to be working well.
  - Ski and Skate Swap started on November 12, 2018 and continues until November 23, 2018.
  - The Movember Campaign is being run by the OPJSP Leadership Council and is November's Community Outreach program.
- Grades 2 students and up are now permitted on the playscape. A schedule for recess and lunch has been established.

### **2018/19 School Council Monthly Fundraising Budget**

- A. Smith thanked the members of the Budget Committee for collaborating on an OPJPS School Council Projected Monthly Cash Flows forecast (the “Forecast”). The Forecast was distributed to all voting members prior to the meeting, and was also distributed at the meeting.
- Council reviewed the Forecast, including planned fundraising initiatives, targets and related expenses.
- Stems for STEM was discussed:
  - On November 24, 2018 there will be an event at the Abbot.
  - There will be a related silent and live wine auction.
  - Volunteers are currently collecting wine and will discuss packing and pricing for the auctions.
  - There will be a school-wide Purdy’s chocolate fundraising. A catalogue and letter will be sent home on November 15, 2018.
  - Revenue will be earmarked for a future “maker space” which could include robots, sewing and other science, technology, engineering and math activities.

### **2018/19 School Council Monthly Expenditures Budget**

- A Budget Committee was previously established to finalize the budget and target fundraising. The Committee provided an update.
- Going forward, money will be spent “in year”. Money in the Council’s account entering into this school year will act as a reserve.
- If any fundraising event exceeds expectations, numbers will be adjusted.
- A. Smith referred the Council to the OPJPS Projected Monthly Wish List Expenditures (the “Wish List Budget”), which was distributed to all voting members prior to the meeting, and was also distributed at the meeting.
- N. Quimby reviewed the Wish List Budget, updating Council on what the fundraising funds will be used to finance.
- Updates on some of the planned activities/purposes include:
  - Jungle Sport (January 28, 2018 to February 1, 2019) is booked.
  - Science Night is on hold because the Ministry has not provided the PRO grant. As such, OPJSP may run its own night or science-related event.
  - For literacy, the focus will be on level readers for in-class libraries with access to over 150 books per year.
  - Some of the prior teacher discretionary funds have been diverted to excursion costs.
  - For technology, OPJPS’ iPads need to be scanned. The next step is Chrome books and laptops. N. Quimby will purchase these out of his budget and Council will reimburse in June.
  - Menchie’s fundraising is ear-marked for the Grade 5 Graduation. There is a planning committee formed by Grade 5 parents. The anticipated budget is \$1500.

## **2018/19 Oriole Park Programming Calendar**

- N. Quimby reviewed October's activities.
- November activities include:
  - November 8, 2018 - Family Movie Night
  - November 9, 2018 – Remembrance Day Assembly
  - November 12, 2018 to November 23, 2018 – Skate and Ski Swap
  - November 24, 2018 – Stems for STEM event
  - November 29, 2018 – Movember Day
- December activities include:
  - Toy Drive
  - December 21, 2018 - Holiday – Sing-Along and Holiday Colours Day
  - Red Nose Campaign
  - Gingerbread decorating
  - These activities will be confirmed.
- There was a general discussion regarding promoting cultural inclusiveness at OPJPS events.
- There was a general discussion regarding activities for the rest of the year and will be confirmed in due course.

## **Other Business and Future Agenda Items**

- A. Smith advised that every 6 weeks parents from OPJPS, Eglinton Junior Public School, Davisville Junior Public School and Maurice Cody Junior Public School meet. Please send A. Smith an email if you would like to participate/attend.
- A Midtown Toronto Schools Parent Group has been formed on Facebook for parents whose children attend (or will in the future attend) Hodgson Middle School with the goal of creating a focused parent voice on future construction at Hodgson. **M. Gain** will make people aware via email and the bulletin board.
- There is also a TDSB School Councils Facebook group.
- Going forward, Cash Online will sell Movie Night tickets. Tickets will also be sold at the door. This will help with better anticipating numbers.
- Next meeting is December 6, 2018 at 7pm.
  - Agenda will include May Fair planning and Grade 5 Graduation planning.
- Motion to adjourn the meeting.
  - N. McConkey motions and A. Barton seconded. Motion passed.