

**Oriole Park Junior Public School Parent Council  
November 26, 2019 Meeting Minutes  
Oriole Park Library**

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Present**

K. Bardyn\*, A. Smith\*, S. Lama\*, O. Wigderson\*, J. Harper\*, J. Sallay\*, J. Allison\*, A. Barton\*, R. Sidway\*, A. Fredrick\*, S. Vise\*, C. DeWit\*, A. Todoroff\*, E. Millman, C. Tanzola\*, N. Quimby, J. Lacombe\*, T. Mann, A. Tebo\*,

**Regrets**

N. McConkey\*, J. Harper\*, J. Halliday\*, M. Malloy\*, E. Thurlow\*

(\*denotes voting member)

**September 26, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

- The minutes from the September 26, 2019 meeting were approved.

**Principal's Update**

**Staffing**

- Ms. Blonski has returned from her maternity leave
- Ms. Gall is now on the supply list

**Facilities**

- FLOOR REPLACEMENT:
  - Tiles in some classrooms are being replaced (rooms 1, 5, 7 and 8)
- PLAYGROUND:
  - Work has come to a halt because a member of the public is concerned about trees outside the fence
  - Hope to recommence work next week
  - **N. Quimby** provided an update to ensure that funds earmarked for the project can continue despite the delays and extended timelines
- LIBRARY:
  - Carpet tiles have been ordered
  - ~\$4000 has been committed to the \$10,000 required for phase 1

**Spirit Wear**

- We've had a great response and orders will arrive soon

### **Kindness and Caring Day**

- **December 12** – every child will write and give one to another. Everyone will get a bracelet
- A short film is being written and produced by students. They've had a lot of fun doing this

### **Community Outreach**

- Skate and Ski Swap has been a success. Before the remaining items are donated, they will be placed in a box in the hallway for people to take a look

### **November Campaign**

- The Movember campaign was successfully completed

### **Intermural Sports**

- Intermural sports started November 26, 2019 and will continue until further notice

### **Sports**

- Boys and girls volleyball are off to a tournament on November 27, 2019
- Ice hockey is having their first practice on December 10, 2019

### **Labour Issues**

- Labour issues will not impact programs. Affected staff are currently not working on anything the Ministry has asked them to do (reports, lunch and after school activities or SIP)
- This may change and if so, parents will be informed
- The safety and well-being of kids will continue to remain a priority

### **Upcoming Activities**

- (for full list see "Upcoming Events", below)
- Toy Drive is starting and will run from December 4 to December 13
- Gingerbread house decorating will take place again. The school will purchase the houses and decorations will be donated
- December 20 – holiday sing-a-long

### **Co-Chair Report**

#### **Program Director Update:**

- **J. Lacombe** provided an update
- The calendar dates have been finalized and will be in the online calendar
- The School Leaders will fill in a few additional items like spirit days

#### **Fundraising Update:**

- **J. Allison** provided an update

- Lunches:
  - There was a discussion regarding a few different lunch options. **J. Allison** and **N. Quimby** will coordinate dates and options
  - Funds will be earmarked in the future
- Purdy's:
  - The fundraising was a success. Final numbers to be determined after expenses are extracted from totals to date
- Natasha and Margot are putting a cook-book together
- There was a discussion about whether to continue with Menchies due to waste and profit

#### **Treasurer Update:**

- **S. Vice** provided an update
  - Fundraising from pizza has been quite good
  - Movie night also did well
  - ~\$29,800 is in the bank

#### **Communications Director Update:**

- **C. DeWit** provided an update
  - There are 253 kids signed up for the communication distribution
  - Class lists are on google documents so they update automatically and there is no duplication
  - Will send out a note to class lists regarding holiday gifts. **N. Quimby** would like to review before it goes out

#### **Other Business & Future Agenda Items**

##### **School Wish List**

- **N. Quimby** provided an update
- He shared his Wish List, which includes items totaling ~\$65,000. This includes the rollover from last year of ~\$19,000 and \$10,000 rollover for library
- The list was reviewed. Some comments:
  - It was agreed that teacher budgets would go to \$15 per student
  - **N. Quimby** will determine whether agendas are mandatory by the TDSB
  - There was a discussion regarding a reserve for bus transportation
  - Library budget and new books were discussed
  - Grade 5 Graduation budget will be increased to \$2500
  - For the Family Skate Party at UCC, we will set up our own snack table

##### **Direct Donations**

- Parents have indicated they would rather do a direct donation (and get a tax receipt)

- **N. Quimby** noted a donation line can be set up for the Wish List
- There was a discussion about how and when to do this but there was a general agreement to proceed

### **Fire Relief Fund**

- In the Gosford area, there was a large fire and 30 students have lost everything. Trustee Shelly Laskin is looking for donations from schools
- **N. Quimby** proposed that we make a donation or provide a link to parents in week at a glance.
- \$300 will be donated

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Calendar**

- **November 29, 2019** – Movember Day
- **December 6** – PA Day
- **December 4, 11, 18** - Swim to Survive Program (Grade 4, 4/5A)
- **December 4 to 13** – Toy Drive
- **December 16 to 20** – Gingerbread House Decorating
- **December 20** – Holiday sing-along

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

**Next meeting is January 22, 2020**