

**Oriole Park Junior Public School Parent Council  
November 10, 2022 Meeting Minutes  
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM  
IN PERSON MEETING ORIOLE PARK**

**Present**

Neil Quimby; Melissa Cotter\*; Melissa Jones\*; Jennifer Pitt\*; Raquel Reyes\*; Amanda Ricketts; Joanne Sallay\*; Kim Taylor; Ashley Todoroff\*; Jennifer White\*; Davina Wong\*; Veronica Gabaldo

\*denotes 2022-23 voting member

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**N. Quimby** welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Last month's minutes approved by Davina.

**PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE**

**N. Quimby** provided the following update:

**Staffing Update:**

- Ms. Lightening is officially the permanent P/T teacher in Room for the remainder of the year.
- Kismat has been recommended for the OA position; just waiting on board approval.

**Daily Screening Tool:**

- It is recommended to complete the daily self-screening questionnaire every morning.
- Please follow the guidelines! If your child is sick, please stay home.
- To assist families in completing this daily self-screening questionnaire, a hard copy will be sent home with all kids.
- Masking is advised/strongly encouraged.

**Facilities/Community Update:**

- Traffic safety measures are going up. The process has been extremely slow going.

**School Update:****Progress Reports:**

- Reports went home Monday. Interviews are set for this Thursday.

**Parent Survey:**

- 50 people responded, Mr. Quimby is grateful to all who took the time to respond. Answers were shared with staff. Goals will be created to tie into the “We Belong” achievements.
- Superintendent joined Mr. Quimby and was amazed how many parents came out and supported the school.

**Extra Curricular Activities:**

- If you are unhappy with situations that arise with programming, or are dissatisfied with the quality programming in general please be sure to speak with Mr. Quimby.
- Programs offered for the upcoming Winter Session: Mad Science, Stem Odyssey, Young Explorers, Arts in Action.

**Immunization:**

- A letter went home from the Ministry of Health to those with outstanding Immunization cards. Please update them by Nov. 28th or risk suspension until updated.

**Skate and Ski Swap:**

- Begins Nov. 28th, skates, skis, and gear accepted. No clothing please.

**Wishlist:**

- wishlist reviewed.
- Mr. Quimby is looking for a TDSB Dance and Drama teacher.
- Money raised from last year paid for Arts in Action. Each class was provided with an art activity catered to their class.
- School buses are incredibly expensive, looking for funding.
- Melissa Jones put forward a motion for the Executive Council to prioritize the wishlist and present it to Council later. Motion approved.

**Holiday Happenings:**

- We will be doing a Holiday Hamper Drive. We will be collecting for families in need in our community.
- Food Drive, Sing-a-long, Toy drive, Spirit days, the Kindness and Caring Tree will all be happening again this year.

### **Executive's Update:**

#### **Pizza Lunch:**

- The funds raised from Pizza Lunch will go towards fulfilling the wishlist.

#### **Movie Night:**

- Proposed date January 12th. Suggestion made to do them the Thursdays before the PA days.

#### **Treasurer's Update:**

- Budget reviewed. A cheque was cut for Art in Action. Money came from last year's fundraising efforts.

#### **Fundraising Update:**

- No direct ask right now. Can decide later in Spring if we want to do it later. Pizza Lunch will be our main source of fundraising this year.

#### **\*Questions:**

Davina- Do we need funds to start the year? Yes, 5-10k -Melissa Jones

Kim- Can we leave a donation line open all year? People can donate for specific items or give donations at will. - Fundraising team will set it up.

#### **Communications Update:**

- Davina has typed up all the lists. Raquel can update at any time.

#### **New Business:**

- Crossing guard has written a book. How can we as a community support her?
- Book Fair date has been set for May.
- A dog park is going in at Eglinton Park.

### **MEETING ADJOURNED**

**M. Jones** motioned to close the meeting.