

**Oriole Park Junior Public School Parent Council
October 22, 2020 Meeting Minutes
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM**

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Present

N. Quimby; A. Fredrick*; A. Smith*; A. Tebo*; A. Todoroff*; B. Huggins; C. de Wit*; C. Tanzola*; D. Goodman*; E. Lee; E. Millman*; J. Allison*; J. Guthrie; J. Lacombe*; J. Pitt*; J. Romano; J. Sallay; J. White; J. Halliday; K. Bardyn*; K. Francis; K. Groh; K. Hayford; L. Abramovitch; L. Katz; M. Bowman; M. Fink; M. Jones*; M. Pertsis; B. Mueller-Kaderli; N. Masood; R. Sidway; S. Lama*; S. Vise*; T. Debus

Regrets

N. McConkey*

*denotes 2020-21 voting member

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

N. Quimby welcomed everyone.

COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Appointment of Parent Representatives (Voting Members)

N. Quimby provided the names of 16 individuals who volunteered to be parent representatives. Parent representatives are also voting members. We must have 10 and no more than 20. As such, an election is not required.

The list is:

1. Katie Bardyn
2. Ann Tebo
3. Carissa Tanzola
4. Jennifer Allison
5. Jennifer Pitt
6. Colleen deWit
7. David Goodman
8. Andrew Smith
9. Sam Vise
10. Joanna Lacombe
11. Amanda Fredrick
12. Ashley Todoroff
13. Said Lama
14. Nadyne McConkey
15. Erin Millman

16. Melissa Jones

Congratulations to the above noted named parent representatives.

Appointment of executive positions

N. Quimby provided the names of the individuals who have successfully volunteered for executive positions.

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| Katie Bardyn | Council Co-Chair |
| Ann Tebo | Council Co-Chair |
| Carissa Tanzola | Counsel Secretary |
| Jennifer Allison | Fundraising Director |
| Jennifer Pitt | Events Director |
| Collen deWit | Communications Co-Director |
| David Goodman | Communications Co-Director |

As no one volunteered for the position of Treasurer, the role will be filled by the Co-Chairs.

PRINCIPAL’S UPDATE

N. Quimby provided an update as follows:

Staffing Update

- **M. Davis** is the incumbent French teacher
- **D. Mancino** is the new Head Caretaker

Facilities Update

- In December or January, our exterior and hallways doors are being replaced with fire-rated doors
- We are due to receive 3 water bottle fill stations. However, the TDSB is prioritizing the installation of the fill stations for schools that are considered to be high-risk for COVID-19. We have been “highly rated” (meaning at low risk for COVID-19) and thus, it may take some time for the installation to happen at Oriole Park. It is not currently scheduled. As such, N. Quimby will be opening the water fountains to fill bottles only

Playground Update

- Gardening tubs remain to be installed
- Line painting will be done in the Spring
- Outdoor play equipment has arrived today and that will be distributed to each cohort at recess. It will be sanitized between use. The equipment was previously purchased by Parent Council.
- Overall, students and the community are enjoying the space

COVID-19 Updates

- 235 students are enrolled in person
- 63 of our students enrolled virtually
- On average, we have 16 kids absent a day (a range of reasons)
- To date, no positive cases
- Students are doing a good job social distancing and wearing masks
- Self-assessments are going well and are being dealt with efficiently

- TDSB statistics were released today. There have been 148 students and 45 staff positive cases

Progress Reports

- November 16, 2020 - progress reports
- November 20 parent interviews. The TDSB has not confirmed if the interviews will be virtual, nor do we know if any will be held during the evening of November 19
- Scheduling will take place electronically through our interview program

Events

- October 23: the Terry Fox run
 - While outside in the morning, OPJPS will be doing a short presentation
 - During the week students have been discussing and trying to do some things to stay in the spirit
 - Run will happen on the running track during gym class

- Halloween
 - There will be no parade and no carving.
 - Some alternative ideas include a thankful pumpkin (Each class gets a pumpkin and will brainstorm with students what they are thankful for.)
 - Costumes are permitted but masks are still required
 - Parent Council will provide all students with an ice cream bar or popsicle (counted out 7 days ahead, will be quarantined as is required, will be distributed during lunch hour)

- Picture Day
 - TDSB is in the process of making a list of approved vendors who meet COVID-19 guidelines
 - Photos will be taken outside
 - Information should be available next week
 - No group photos

- Curriculum Night
 - Being planned
 - Each teacher will offer 30 minutes
 - Looking at end of October or first week of November
 - Will be held virtually

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

- **General Finances**
 - **K. Bardyn** provided an update
 - We are sitting at ~\$20,000
 - Our big fundraising activities include pizza days, May Fair. We can't do that this year. We've talked for years about a direct ask and it's looking like this will be the year we do it

- **Fundraising Ideas**
 - **K. Bardyn** raised the idea of OPJPS fanny packs as a COVID-19 fundraiser
 - **J. Sallay** inquired whether we'd consider a silent auction
 - **L. Katz** inquired into Purdy's Chocolates
 - Fundraising Co-Directors will investigate all ideas and report back

- **Wish List**
 - **S. Vise** inquired into N. Quimby's wish list and objectives
 - **N. Quimby** indicated the list is being developed and some items have been purchased. Specifically:
 - Outdoor equipment has been purchased (as noted above)
 - Gym equipment may also be requested
 - He is considering a digital sign for outside (~\$11,000)
 - He is currently canvassing teachers for additional suggestions

- **Council Insurance**
 - **N. Quimby** asked whether there were any individuals who objected to council insurance for holding events.
 - No objections
 - It will be purchased

DATES

- Meetings will be held every second Tuesday of each month
- ACTION ITEM: **C. Tanzola** to sent out calendar invites to voting members

MEETING ADJOURNED