

**Oriole Park Junior Public School Parent Council  
October 19, 2023 Meeting Minutes  
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM  
IN PERSON MEETING ORIOLE PARK JUNIOR PUBLIC SCHOOL**

**Present**

Neil Quimby; Isabel Chavarria; Melissa Cotter\*; Noelia Diaz; Jessica Guthrie; Melissa Jones\*; Aditi Kroll\*; Natalia Kroukova; Ismael Lora Mendoza; Jennifer Pitt\*; Kate Scobie\*; Clara Sohn Tasca\*; Ashley Todoroff\*; Jennifer White\*; Alsea Wilson; Davina Wong\*

**Regrets**

Glenda Callan-O’Sullivan\*; Veronica Gabaldo\*

\*denotes 2023-24 voting member

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

A. **Todoroff** welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**PRINCIPAL’S UPDATE**

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

**Staffing Update:**

- Amanda Worthy’s last day will be on Friday October 20<sup>th</sup>. We thank Amanda for all of her wonderful work as the Office Administrator.
- Ms. Genta Aliaj will be replacing Amanda Worthy. Her first day at Oriole Park will be on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Welcome!
- Welcome to Oriole Park’s new ECE in Room 17 – Ms. Geeta Tarani!
- Welcome to Oriole Park’s new Lunch Supervisor - Ms. Sherri Ramharack!
- Ms. Lachermaier will be on leave until at least end of December 2023 – Ms. Elizabeth Guerrero will continue to replace her.
- Ms. Cicca will be on leave until end of November.

**Facilities Update:**

- The fencing surrounding the FDK area is currently not to code for daycare. The height of the fence should be four feet (which is the reason for the 'two' fences in place). These fences will be replaced with one chain-link fence.
- Classroom house phones are currently not working. Walkie-talkies being used. Over the Christmas break, Oriole Park should receive new classroom house phones.
- When picking up/dropping off kids outside of regular drop off/pick up times – parents are encouraged to use the school parking lot to avoid receiving a parking ticket.

**Budget:**

- Current budget for Oriole Park is \$37,674.
- Direct donation and any fundraising is greatly appreciated!

**Halloween Happenings:**

- We Scare Hunger Campaign supporting Churches on the Hill. Please support the campaign by donating non-perishables items and baby diapers in the carts outside of the office.
- Classes will receive pumpkins to carve week of October 23<sup>rd</sup> – pumpkin patch to be set up outside with decorated class pumpkins.
- Pizza Treat: free pizza lunch for students on October 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Costume Parade – participation is optional. Please be culturally sensitive and please do not bring weapons. Masks can be worn during the parade only. Parade to start at 9:30a.m.

**Student Leadership Council:**

- Grade 5 students are encouraged to apply for two available leadership positions at Oriole Park: Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister.
- Applications are due November 3<sup>rd</sup> with the election taking place on November 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Applicants can put up posters around the school and give announcements on why they should be selected.
- Grades 3, 4, and 5 students to cast their ballots to vote.
- The chosen Prime Minister's and Deputy Prime Minister's roles include welcoming guests, presenting in front of others, etc.
- The selected candidates will also work with Melissa Cotter, Community Outreach Director, on events such as community outreach and Spirit Days.

**Rebranding Oriole Park:**

- Originating from the 2022-23 kindergarten class adoption of Shadow, the tiger from the Toronto Zoo, Oriole Park is rebranding to the Oriole Park Tigers!
- Stay tuned for more information and updated spirit wear!

**Faith the Firefighter:**

- Will be making a visit to Oriole Park in November to talk about home safety with the students.
- Faith will provide information about safety in the home for the students to take home and discuss with their families.

**Hot Lunch:**

- Hot Lunch will be available for purchase from 'Lunch Box', which owns 'SchoolCash Online'.
- A different vendor will be available each day. Tuesday: Quesadillas; Wednesday: Subway; Thursday: Lunch Lady.
- Grade 3 students, the 'lunch bunch' will deliver hot lunches to the students.
- Tuesday November 6<sup>th</sup> – first hot lunch day.
- More information to be distributed week of October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023.

**Milk Mondays:**

- October 23<sup>rd</sup> will be the first Milk Monday!
- 123 Students have currently ordered milk.
- Grade 4 and 5 students, the 'Milk Monitors', to distribute milk to the students.
- Purchase through SchoolCash Online.

**Extra-Curricular Activities:**

- Activities started the week of October 16th.

**Intramurals:**

- Ms. Sweetman is organizing intramurals which will be offered over lunch recess. More information to be forwarded soon.

**Choir:**

- Ms. Blonski and Ms. Galanxhi to organize the Oriole Park Choir. More information to be forwarded soon.

**Sports Update:**

- One student going to City Finals – Amaya in Grade 4! Good Luck!!
- 60 kids attended first Cross Country meet in October!
- Soccer: Girls competed in the City Finals. They brought back a banner to be hung in Oriole Park Gym. Congratulations to the Boys and Girls teams!
- Girls Basketball to start the week of October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Progress Reports:**

- Will be sent home November 13th.
- Parent Interviews: all parents are invited to attend a parent-teacher interview. An email will be sent out with a link to set an appointment with the teacher. Dates and times will be posted.
- Interviews to take place the evening of November 16<sup>th</sup> and morning of November 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Interviews are 10 minutes each.

**November Activities:**

- Please see the calendar on the Oriole Park website!
- Photo retake day: November 9<sup>th</sup>
- Remembrance Day Ceremony: November 10<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m.
- Dental Screening: November 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> – there is an option for your child to opt out of dental screening.

**CO-CHAIR UPDATE:**

**A. Todoroff and M. Jones** provided the following update:

**Approve Events Calendar:**

- Next Parent Council meeting: Wednesday November 15
- Movie Nights – November 23<sup>rd</sup>, January 18<sup>th</sup>, April 18<sup>th</sup>
- Skate Nights: December 6<sup>th</sup>, February 14<sup>th</sup>, April 6 (more information to follow).
- Year End Picnic Date: June 13<sup>th</sup>
- May Fair: May 25<sup>th</sup>
- Graduation: May 27<sup>th</sup>

**Halloween Pizza Lunch:**

- We need volunteers! Please feel free to come in costume!

**Lice:**

- Many cases in Oriole Park.
- Parent Council will fund a new company to check all of the students at Oriole Park.
- Process if it is determined a student has lice: a letter is sent home to the whole class and includes the process and next steps. Parents are encouraged to check their kids and take action.
- Lice Combs to be purchased by Parent Council.

**Class Lists:**

- Missing class parents for three classes: Ms. Frew, Ms. Shona, Ms. Lachermaier.

**Pollinate TO:**

- Parent Council to apply to receive seeds, etc. for the purpose of setting up a community garden at Oriole Park.

**Grant Application:**

- \$1,500 for education event for parents/caregivers. More information to follow.

**Pizza:**

- Fundraiser for the school.
- Goal is to have at least two pizza lunches per month.
- The hope is to hire Jungle Sport (approx.. \$4,900) through the funds raised by the pizza lunches.

**Wish List:**

- Movie license - ~\$425
- Transportation – for field trips (TTC)
- Discretionary fund – each teacher has access to \$15/student in their class to support the program they are running.
- Science in Technology – book a scientist to come in to the class
- Lap tops for Grade 4s and hope to purchase in-class laptops for Grade 3s over the next two years.
- Grade 5s – iPads to arrive in November.
- STEM resources – for builders club.
- Drama – Travelling Stage program to visit oriole park.
- Forest of Reading/Author readings
- Family literacy night
- RAZ kids
- French resources
- Math IXL
- Student workbooks
- TV for upper floor

**Direct Donation:**

- Open all year though there will be an announcement at end of October/early November.

**BBQ Feedback:**

- Great night!
- For next year – suggestion to host it earlier in the school year.

**Parent Council Meeting Dates:**

- Next Meeting: Wednesday November 15<sup>th</sup>.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

- A. Todoroff** motioned to close the meeting.