

**Oriole Park Junior Public School Parent Council
September 28, 2023 Meeting Minutes
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM
IN PERSON MEETING ORIOLE PARK JUNIOR PUBLIC SCHOOL**

Present

Neil Quimby; Glenda Callan-O’Sullivan*; Melissa Cotter*; Veronica Gabaldo*; Jessica Guthrie; Melissa Jones*; Fulya Karakas; Aditi Kroll*; Don Kuzyk; Atena Pali; Jennifer Pitt*; Katie Scobie*; Clara Sohn Tasca*; Kim Taylor; Ashley Todoroff*; Jennifer White*; Davina Wong*; Emily

*denotes 2023-24 voting member

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

A. Todoroff welcomed everyone to the meeting.

ORIOLE PARK JUNIOR PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL ELECTION:

The following parents were elected as Parent Representatives (voting members) and for Executive Positions on the Oriole Park Junior Public School Parent Council:

- Melissa Jones: Co-Chair
- Ashley Todoroff: Co-Chair
- Melissa Cotter: Community Outreach Director
- Veronica Gabaldo: Fundraising Director
- Aditi Chadha Kroll: Events Director
- Jennifer Pitt: Treasurer
- Jennifer White: Secretary
- Davina Wong: Communications Director
- Glenda Callan-O’Sullivan: Voting Member
- Kate Scobie: Voting Member
- Clara Sohn Tasca: Voting Member

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

N. Quimby provided the following update:

Staffing Update:

- Many new faces at Oriole Park! Welcome to all!
- We welcome Amanda Worthy to Oriole Park! She is covering in the office until the position can be filled permanently.
- Welcome to our new caretakers, Mohamed Elmi (Head Caretaker) and Shawn Ward (Afternoon Caretaker)!

Oriole Park Enrollment:

- Enrollment to date is at 229 kids (230 was projected).

COVID-19 Update:

- There is no longer a specific screening process.
- We encourage parents to keep their children home if they are not feeling well.

Facilities Update:

- The parking lot has been completed.
- Parents can park in the school parking lot if they need to pick up child from school during the day.
- Please be sure to follow the posted traffic signs when dropping children to school in the mornings. You will be ticketed (by-law officer) if you do not obey the signs.
- Crossing Guards: Any questions or concerns with regard to the Crossing Guards, please bring these forward to N. Quimby or the Parent Council Co-Chairs

Terry Fox Run:

- The Terry Fox run was a great success!
- Oriole Park reached its goal of raising \$4,500 (as of end of day September 28th, 2023). As promised, Principal N. Quimby will dye his hair 'hot pink, as selected by the students on Thursday October 5, 9:30 a.m.!
- Congratulations to the community and families of Oriole Park!

Universal Screening for Grade 3 Students:

- Universal screening will take place between October 10th and October 27th – the date is still to be determined.
- A letter will go out to all Grade 3 parents which will include instructions should you wish to have your child opt out of screening.

Sight and Sound:

- This organization has offered to come to Oriole Park to provide hearing and vision tests for students.
- There will be a cost associated.
- Parents can choose to opt out of this testing.

NED Assembly:

- NED's Mindset Mission Assembly visited Oriole Park on September 28th.
- Message – Never give up, Encourage others, Do your best – a great fit with the goals at Oriole Park!
- Yo-yos can be purchased for two weeks following the show – the proceeds will help pay it forward for NED to visit another school.

Orange Shirt Day:

- Friday September 29th.
- All parents are welcome to attend – this will be the first time parents will be included in Oriole Park photo.
- Every child will receive a heart to write their own message, which will be pinned around the pledge at the school.

Curriculum Night:

- Taking place Thursday October 12th.
- Combination welcome back BBQ and Curriculum Night.
- **Welcome Back BBQ:** 5:00p.m. – 6:30 p.m: is free for all families and families can order through School Cash On-Line (more information to be forwarded).
- **Curriculum Night:** 6:30p.m. – 7:30p.m. (provides time to visit more than one classroom)

Hot Lunch:

- Previous year's vendor has opted out of the hot lunch program for 2023-24.
- 'Boxed Lunch' – owned by school cash on-line – lunch will be available for order via School Cash On-Line (more details to follow).
- Vendors: Subway, Lunch Lady, Kid's Kitchen
- Proposed start date: October 16th
- To be available Tuesdays/Wednesdays/Thursdays

Milk Mondays:

- October 23rd will be the first Milk Monday!
- Purchase through School Cash On-Line.
- Milk will be available for purchase for the first half of the school year and later for purchase for the second half of the school year.
- White, Chocolate, Soy Milk to be available

Extra-Curricular Activities:

- Enrollment numbers for each activity will be communicated to N. Quimby
- Permit fee for organizations.
- Activities start the week of October 16th.

Halloween:

- Class pumpkin carving will take place.
- We Scare Hunger Campaign – more details to follow.
- Halloween Parade
- Treat will be provided for all students – still to be determined.

CO-CHAIR UPDATE:

A. Todoroff provided the following update:

Direct Donation:

- Information to be forwarded to all parents in October.
- New Co-Chairs will work with N. Quimby to create a wish list.
- Tax receipts will be provided.

Class Lists:

- Teachers will reach out to parents asking for permission to share email addresses with the other parents in the classroom.
- N. Quimby will create distribution lists.
- D. Wong will reach out to parents to ask for parent representatives for each class.

Parent Council Meeting Dates:

- Future meeting dates to be finalized and forwarded to all parents.

Pizza Lunch:

- Volunteers are needed!
- Pizza Lunch dates are being finalized.

MEETING ADJOURNED

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