

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

Welcome and Introductions

Present

N. Quimby, J. Allison*, A. Todoroff*, K. Hayford, R. Sidway*, M. Ciccio, A. Motala, D. Lombardo, J. Lacombe*, N. Masood, L. Kates, A. Tebo*, K. Bardyn*, A. Smith*, C. Tanzola*, A. Barton*, J. Halliday*, N. McConkey*, E. Thurlow*, J. Sallay*, O. Widgerson*, A. Fredrick*, J. Harper*,

Regrets

S, Vice*, S. Lama*, C. DeWit*, M. Malloy*

(*denotes voting member)

School Council Elections

Election of Voting Council Members

- 18 people initially put their name forward to be a voting council member
- As council has 20 spaces, **J. Allison** and **J. Halliday** put their names forward
- A vote was held to elect all 18 applicants, plus the additional two at the meeting
- Unanimous carry

Election of Elected Positions

- Prior elected council members gave a summary of the respective roles
- **A. Smith** suggested last years' document outlining the roles would be useful for anyone who was interested in reviewing it. **Please contact A. Smith or K. Bardyn for a copy.**
- In summary:
 - Chair – Duties include tracking action items, setting meeting agendas, setting the budget, working closely with N. Quimby. Time commitment is approximately three hours a month
 - Treasurer – Duties include managing an approximate budget of \$30,000, banking amounts, cheques and reporting. Works closely with Zee
 - Fundraising Director – It's a large role and could be covered by two people (or committee). Responsible for managing May Fair (raises between \$17,000 to \$20,000, chocolate fundraiser, dance-a-thon and pizza lunches (all of which are steady fundraising amounts))
 - Program Director – Responsible for the master calendar and planning community/school events
 - Communications Director – Oriole Park cannot give out email addresses to parent council. The Communications Director maintains contact database and communicates with parents who have signed-up

Chair(s)

- **K. Bardyn** and **A. Smith** were nominated as co-chairs
- A vote was held
- Unanimous carry

Treasurer

- **S. Vice** was nominated as treasurer
- A vote was held
- Unanimous carry

Secretary

- **C. Tanzola** was nominated as secretary
- A vote was held
- Unanimous carry

Program Director

- **J. Lacombe** was nominated as Program Director
- A vote was held
- Unanimous carry

Communications Director

- **C. DeWit** was nominated as Communications Director
- A vote was held
- Unanimous carry

Fundraising Director(s)

- **J. Allison** was nominated for Fundraising Director (outside of May Fair)
- A vote was held
- Unanimous carry

- **N. McConkey** was nominated for Co-Chair to May Fair (fundraising)
- A vote was held
- Unanimous carry

- **A. Tebo** was nominated for Co-Chair to May Fair (planning committee)
- A vote was held
- Unanimous carry

Principal's Update

Reorganization

- There was a reorganization this week
- The TDSB provided OPJPS an additional teacher for FDK D
- Any new FDKs will go into FDK D because it is capped at 15. Additional students will go into FDKs A, B, C

- OPJPS also added a new Grade 1 and a new Grade 2 class
- French is no longer in a designated room
- OPJPS has 294 students and is at 113% of the building's capacity

Playground Update

- It's moving along!
- Walking track is done and sodding is occurring next week
- The sodded areas will be fenced off until next Spring
- The rest of the black-top will be done at the end of the project
- Next section will be Kindergarten area but we are waiting for tree-permit, as three trees need to be removed
- A small fenced-in area by the grassy area near the diamonds will be created for Treetop as the Kindergarten area begins construction
- Currently working on garden/outdoor learning space near portables
- Parking lot fence is complete
- Construction crew is accommodating with respect to work not being done during entry and at recess

Library Revitalization

- **N. Quimby** put OPJPS' name on a list to revitalize the library. We were notified at the end of last year that this will now happen
- A designer from the TDSB provided some choices and **N. Quimby** and **D. Lombardo** provided input
- Budget is approximately \$70,000 for new carpet and painting. As a school, we need to provide furniture
- **D. Lombardo** will bring ideas to council next meeting
- **D. Lombardo** advised the school will continue to work with the TDSB for furniture choices and will look to develop a central and interactive teaching area. A multi-year fundraising plan may be appropriate
- **D. Lombardo** advised that the lab is still being used, but on a schedule, as well as open lab periods (for sign-up)

EQAO Results

- **N. Quimby** provided a chart summarizing the results
- For 2018/19 OPSJP scored 98% in reading, 96% in writing and 96% in math. This represents the percentage of OPJPS students are at or above the provincial standards
- For 2018/19 the TDSB is at 76%, 73% and 61% and the province is at 74%, 69% and 58% (respectively)
- **N. Quimby** will review the data and look for ways to continue to improve by incorporating different strategies into the classroom
- All students will get their individual results on Monday

Fall Season Lunch and After School Programs

- The programs will be starting next week

- Some new activities (robotics, yoga and dance, Broadway) will be offered

Leadership Council Elections

- 17 students are interested in running for Prime Minister or Deputy Prime Minister
- Campaigns will begin and elections are on October 6
- Grade 3, 4 and 5s will vote
- Cabinet will also be selected
- The executive will provide input on various speakers and events for the school

Bookfair

- **D. Lombardo** reported that last year, OPJPS' total sales were ~\$7000. We get 60% of that. Our total earned was \$4272. This year, on Tuesday alone we sold \$5800. As of today, our total sales are over \$8000. We will get 60% of that.
- It is estimated additional sales will come in tomorrow
- Increase comes from advertising and increased enrollment

Terry Fox

- The event is September 27, 2019
- Kick-off is in the gym at 9:30am and then the course will be run
- FDSs will walk the route at 11am
- We are close to our goal of \$4500 in fundraising
- The focus and theme is "hope" and feeling good about helping others

Lice Check

- Will be October 10, 2019 and OPJPS is working with Treetop to offset some of the costs
- We attempted to do it in September but the preferred company was booked

Parent Survey

- The survey was set out in June 2019
- There were 120 responses
- **N. Quimby** reported on the highlights.
 - Everyone seemed happy with the school being welcoming and receptive
 - A large portion of parents (49%) only meet 1-2 times a year with teachers
 - 76% of parents never attend to council meetings
 - 72% of parents occasionally volunteer
 - 20% of parents thought the cleanliness was fair
 - 52% of parents were aware of parent council's budget and fundraising
 - Majority of parents would like more robotics, health and wellness. Busing costs were last
 - 68% of parents would be interested in parent socials for wellness initiatives, sports, parent night out and food and beverages
- It provides insight into future initiatives and themed evenings will be considered

Work to Rule Phase 1 for CUPE

- Work to rule efforts will include caretakers, clerical, ECEs, EAs
- The bargaining unit has indicated things they will no longer do, starting Monday October 30
- The TDSB emailed, outlining the initiative
- The TDSB will put a plan in place to assist

Other Buildings & Future Agenda Items

- For further meetings, due to permit availability, babysitting in gym is not available on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This was discussed. Future meetings will be set to accommodate the majority.
- **Next Meeting:** Wednesday October 23, 2019 at 7:00pm

Upcoming Events

Calendar

- **September 27** – Terry Fox Run
- **September 27** – Pizza Lunch
- **September 30** – Orange Shit Day
- **September 30** – Milk Monday

- **October 3** – Photo Day
- **October 4** – Cross Country Qualifying

- **October 10** – Schoolwide Lice Check
- **October 11** – PA Day (No School)
- **October 14** – Thanksgiving Monday (No School)
- **October 15** – IEPs Go Home
- **October 17** – Cross Country Conference Finals
- **October 18** – Pizza Lunch
- **October 19** – Milk Monday
- **October 24** – Cross Country City Finals
- **October 31** – Halloween Parade

Meeting adjourned.