Oriole Park Jr. PS Parent Council
Meeting Minutes September 29th, 2026 (In-Person)

Present:

In-person: Neil Quimby, Jennifer Pitt*, Glenda O'Sullivan*, Emily Gallagher*, Amanda Weston*, Marc Grosman*, Courtney Geist*, Isabel Chavarria Martinez*, Grant Sun*, Kate Scobie*, May Kamel, Lisa Eisen*, Leila Katz*, Heidi Besner* Rachel Ouellette*, Yasmin Kassam, Julia Philp*, Dena Hamat*, Oriana Poillitt, Hedieh Montazeri, Jeremy Sung, Anna Ivanova, Aditi Chadha*, Klara Wietrich, Alex Pope*, Erica Bernstein*

Online: N/A

Regrets: Polly Sutton

*denotes 2026/27 voting member

Welcome & Introductions

N. Quimby welcomed parents and caregivers to the meeting

School Council Elections:

- No members were opposed having more than 10 voting members on council, all nominated voting members are acclaimed
- Secretary acclaimed (**A. Weston)**
- Treasurer acclaimed (**G. Sun**)
- Three members running for co-chair spoke about their experience and goals as co-chair
    - **M. Grosman**, **J. Pitt** & **I. Chavarria Martinez**
- Voting members completed ballets to vote for the two co-chair positions available
    - Ballets counted by **N. Quimby** and **H. Montazeri**

Principal's Update:

Staffing Update:

- New caretaker, very eager and helpful so far.
- New French Teacher (Esmay Van Haastregt or Mme. V)
- New ECE, Natalie (Ms. Motala is on leave until November)

Facilities Update:

- The plumbing issue has been repaired!
- Please do not send flushable wipes to school with your children
- Neil has requested new tiles for the lower-level hallway and teacher's lounge
- We will be getting a new sign with a letter board

School Re-organization:

- Classes are determine based on projected numbers at the end of the previous school year (199 students)
- Based on that information we assigned 9 classes for 2026-27
- One of the classes was over the 20 student cap, as a result a new class (2/3 split) was created
- 32 kids were moved because of the re-organization
- The board wanted to maximize the number of capped classes (younger grades 1-3 have a max of 20 students)

Oriole Park Staffing 2026-2027

GRADE	ROOM	TEACHING STAFF
FDKA (AM)	17	Ms. Crees, Ms. Motala (ECE)
FDKA (PM)	17	Ms. Cao, Ms. Motala (ECE)
FDKB	3	Ms. Frew, Ms Peter-Morgan (ECE)
FDKC	2	Ms. Sutton
Grade 1A	1	Ms. Blonski
Grade 1/2A	5	Ms. Voight
Grade 2/3A	8	Ms. Solnik
Grade 3/4A	6	Ms. Lachermaier
Grade 4A	12	Ms Paradis
Grade 5A	6	Mr. Roy
FRENCH & PREP	11	Ms. Van Haastregt
LIBRARY & PRIM. PREP (0.5 PM)	Library	Ms. Crees
SPEC. ED. - RESOURCE	4	Ms. Shona
PRIMARY & JUNIOR PREP	Gym	Ms. Sweetman

Curriculum night:

- Will be on October 5th
- Parents and students are welcome to come out and meet your child's teacher and learn about their curriculum for the year
- Not meant to be a parent/teacher interview

Start of Year Forms:

- Please complete the start of year forms if you haven't already
- TDSB wants 100% compliance by October 15th
- **J. Pitt** asked about separating the photography permission by internal vs. social media (external use). **N. Quimby** will suggest this change to the TDSB.
- **M. Shona** runs the OP social media account

T-Shirts:

- Terry Fox shirts went home this week
- Orange OP Tiger shirts are available to order through school cash online (insert link)
    - Kids are encouraged to wear them for spirit days, field trips, etc.
- Check out the clothing swap days, sometimes students will donate OP clothing they have grown out of of

Truth and Reconciliation Day:

- September 30th, please wear something orange to honour this important day
- The school is doing a group pledge to honour this day
- Assembly Sep 30th at 930am in the gym, parents and families are welcome to attend

Milk Mondays:

- Parents can order milk for their child until October 12th, kids who order will receive milk each Monday

Nutrition Program:

- Glenda O'Sullivan is the parent lead for the OP nutrition program
- Wed and Fri mornings, students will receive a morning snack
- Program will begin the week of October 12th
- Healthy snacks will be served to all students
- A package will be sent home to all families
- Parent volunteers are encouraged to support
- Funded in part by the City of Toronto
- Kids will help distribute the snacks in their classrooms

Terry Fox Run:

- Tues October 6th at 930am at the school
- Parents are welcome to join and cheer on their kids
- Volunteers are welcome to act as route marshals (please email Neil or Ms. Voigt)

Upcoming municipal election:

- **Y. Kassam** asked about the upcoming municipal election and how we find out about the trustees who are running.
- **N. Quimby** will provide some information for parent council to send out to the community on how to learn about the candidates that are running

2025-26 Co-Chair Update

Police check

- Parents who want to volunteer in the school need to apply for a police record check (see email at the end of minutes for instructions on how to obtain a police check.

2025-26 Treasurer Update

- Current balance $25K
- Last year's council decided on allocating $5k spending per bucket listed below:
    - Technology
    - Curriculum
    - Facilities
    - Presentations/Assemblies
- This year's council will decide which items in the above buckets will be allocated money

Upcoming parent council meeting dates:

- 3rd Tuesday of each month
- Next meeting will be October 20th
- Neil will send out a list of future meeting dates to the school community
- All parents are welcome to attend council meetings
- Future meetings will have a hybrid option for those who wish to attend virtually
- Parent council bi-laws state that if more than two meetings are missed, voting members may be removed

Election Results:

- Marc Grosman and Jennifer Pitt will be our co-chairs for 2026/27, thanks to the everyone who ran for executive positions

Meeting adjourned 800pm
Minutes by A. Weston

June 29, 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope this message finds you well and that you are looking forward to a safe and restful summer.

As we prepare for the upcoming school year (September 2026), we are pleased to invite parents and community members to express their interest in volunteering at our school. Your involvement plays an important role in supporting student success and strengthening our school community.

Expression of Interest

Parents/guardians who wish to volunteer are asked to visit the school office and speak with the Principal to indicate their interest. At that time, you will be provided with the required access code to complete your volunteer Police Reference Check (PRC) and required information and directions to start your police check process with the Toronto Police Services.

Police Reference Check Requirements

In alignment with Toronto District School Board procedures:

- **Level 2 – Criminal Record and Judicial Matters Check (CRJMC):**
  Required for individuals participating in regular, ongoing volunteer activities within the school. This clearance is **provided at no cost** to volunteers.
- **Level 3 – Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC): Cost is $26.72 for volunteer**
  Required for volunteers who will be:
  - Coaching extracurricular activities, and/or
  - Participating in overnight excursions.

We encourage all prospective volunteers to begin this process in advance of September to ensure you can participate in school activities come September without delay.

We look forward to welcoming students back in September and to working in partnership with our valued volunteers. Your time, commitment, and support are greatly appreciated and make a meaningful difference in our school community.

Thank you for your continued engagement.

Warm regards,

Neil Quimby
Principal
Oriole Park JPS