

Ecole Owen School

OSAC

Meeting of September 28, 2016

Attendance:

Debbie Levy, Robin Conliffe, Lorraine Ohashi, Jennifer Young, Olive Spence, Jason Offet, Chanh L, Sheila Sezla, Margarita Sferra, Arash Ghassabei, Amanda Maass, Sandy Romas Scott, Helen Georgiou, Caroline Thompson, Lisa McElroy, Julie Kwon, Stephen Miles, Abdi Maghaddam, Mana Rezai, Irene Sudorgin, Yassamin Gharai, Annie Zhang, Abarand Baln, Michelle Brochu, Roselynn Chuong, Zakia Nabbus, Chandrika Ganewatte, Veronica Cowan, Anhtuan Hoang, Crystal Smith, Aneta Friesolahl, Ian Chuang, Amy Kim, S Wong, Gloria Wong, Sandy Scott, Ana Teresa Apaza, Maryam Aleyaseen, Crystal Pallister, Amitus Amirshahi, Sarah schapp, Johnathan Silver, Mojgan Rahimineyard, Jasmin Rasvand, Rocio Rojas, Zhiying Qian, Heslie Chua, Rongmin L, Zara Arvini, Angela Chang, Debbie Levy, Robin Conliffe, Gerri Gershon, Sarah Payne, J. McArthur, Ms. Milbrandt

1. Introduction and Welcoming Remarks

The school chair, Debbie Levy, opened the meeting. She welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the council.

- Chair: Debbie Levy
- Secretary: Robin Conliffe
- Co- Treasurer: Margarita Sferra, Chanh Leuangthong

2. Review and Approval of Agenda

Olive motioned to approve the agenda, motion seconded by Irene. Motion passed.

3. Approval of June 1, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes

Olive motioned to approve the June 1, 2016 minutes, motion seconded by Irene. Motion passed.

SPECIAL REPORT FROM TRUSTEE GERRI GERSHON, PART (Program Area Review Team)

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www.tdsb.on.ca/accommodationreviews (look under Program Review Area, then Review Names, York Mills CI Cluster Review, Helpful Information).

Gerri Gershon, School Trustee for our ward, shared with us the local feasibility study that will possibly affect our school. The TDSB reviews Long Term Program and Accommodation annually and in particular to our group of neighbourhood schools a Grade Study Change study is currently in process. It has been decided to review the grade structure in Junior High Schools in the York Mills cluster due to overcrowding and other issues. This change of grade structure will affect elementary schools by eliminating grade 6, thus Owen would become grades k-5, St. Andrews and Winfields Junior High School would lose grade 9 and gain grade 6, York Mills CI would gain grade 9.

The formal process, Long Term Feasibility Team, for this change has already begun. There were two meetings last spring in which Owen did not have a representative attend. The second step, PART, has the principal and a delegate cast a vote on the committee. The superintendent and trustee do not vote.

On October 17 and 20, there will be two formal meetings for parents to attend and voice any issues they have. Feedback from the community will be included as part of the report considered to the Board. Community members will have a chance to participate at the Planning and Priorities Committee prior to the Board meeting. This committee plans to go to Board in December with a recommendation. If it is approved to change the grade structure they will aim to do so for September 2017.

Armour Heights Public School is looking at adding grade 7 and 8 to their school, which would make them at 100 percent capacity. These students would not go to St. Andrews for JHS as they have done in the past. After grade 8, the students would attend LPCI.

Here are the minutes from September 20, 2016:

http://www.tdsb.on.ca/portals/default/ARC_helpful_info_docs/PART_Notes_-YMCI_-Sept_20_2016.pdf

4. Admin Report- Julie Kwon and Steven Miles

Julie welcomed everyone, introduced herself and Owen's new VP, Steven Miles.

School Topics:

School Capacity: Owen is currently at 130 percent capacity, 625 students. The school was initially built for 500 students. (125%)

New TDSB Model: The TDSB has created 4 new learning centres to be able to provide more services and time to their family of schools. The city is divided into four quadrants each with an executive superintendent and then roughly seven superintendents each with their own specialty skill set. Owen's superintendent and trustee will remain the same. John Malloy has accepted the position, Director of Education, TDSB.

EQAO 2016: The provincial EQAO math scores are lower than expected.

- Owen Grade 3 EQAO scores: Reading 93%, written 89%, math 92%
- Owen Grade 6 EQAO scores: Reading 88%, written 92%, math 79%

The school is reviewing why our grade 6 math scores are lower and how we can improve them.

Primary Playground: Due to a new Act that has come into effect, Accessibility for Disability 2016, we need to reassess the piece of equipment we are planning to replace. The cost of a \$18,000 piece of equipment becomes \$60,000 once we follow the AODA. The primary playground had a Master Plan assessment, which cost \$7000. This assessment surveyed the entire playground, what is sustainable, what structures are required etc. It will become a 10 year plan, adding pieces as the playground and times evolve. OSAC has agreed to wait until the Board comes back to us with an answer for the junior playground as it has it may be deemed. ALL APPROVED.

Junior Playground: During the summer, Owen's Junior playground was taped off due to it being deemed unsafe. Julie was not notified of this change to our schoolyard which occurred at the beginning of the summer. Currently, we are waiting for answers as to why it is taped off and if it is deemed unsafe and who replaces it. Julie is hoping to hear back from them in one week.

Please contact Gerri Gershon and our Super Intendant to ask more detailed questions.

5. Spirit Events: Terry Fox Run, Sept 29.

Sarah's Challenge, Daily Food bank Drive, Sept 30- Oct 6., a global citizenship and healthy competition, between the schools East and West of Bayview.

- Spirit Days: will be discussed at our next meeting
- Welcome Back Dance: was successful, to be discussed further next meeting.
- Movie Night: there will be 3 movie nights, Nov. 17, Jan. 19, June 8.

6. Fundraising Plans and Initiatives

Pizza Lunch : Amanda Maass is running Pizza lunch with Anna Osbourne who will be coordinating the volunteers. Amanda is looking for another volunteer to help her. There are many volunteers to help during the lunch hour that Amanda is looking at alternating them each pizza lunch.

New this year Pizza Lunch will be running 2x/ month!!

Out of 450 Pizza orders, 86 were ordered on line.

Pumpkin Sales: Once again, the pumpkins were generously donated by Barry Cohen. Debbie is running this fundraiser and requires some volunteers for Thursday morning and after-school. If you are available please contact Debbie.

Fall L’Affaire: November 2, 7pm-11pm. This is a parent only function that will have a silent auction, tapas plates and cocktails. It is a great venue to meet new parents and to socialize. This is the school’s largest fundraiser! Bringing in \$18,000 dollars. During our next meeting we will discuss what the proceeds will go towards. Some ideas are; extra scientist in school, zodiactors, ecotables. This committee is looking for volunteers!

Dance-a-thon: will be held on February 14, 2017. Caroline and Sheila are organizing this event.

Spring Fling: Olive Spence is the new lead for this event. We need volunteers for this event by March or it will not run.

7. Committees

After School Programs: Jennifer Young is running the Lunch/After-school Programs again this year. All program providers have offered subsidy for their program. There was a very high enrolment this Fall, as most programs are filled. The lunch programs and after-school programs have a process in place to ensure students attend their program. New this year: students participating in after-school programs should be picked up at the West doors of the school (the doors that lead to the portables). The program leader will bring the students to this door.

Milk Program: Lorraine is running the milk program this year. She requires another volunteer on Tuesdays. Currently sales are very strong, about 140 milk sold everyday.

Kids Kitchen: Olive was going to be the point person but she thinks Anna will?

Eco Club: Sarah Payne and Jonathan McArthur run the Eco Club at Owen. It is a free lunch time program for our students. Owen P.S. received platinum status. We will be receiving a water bottle filling station in the Fall, location to TBD. Last spring, **OSAC approved \$5k for these projects:** They are looking at giving all students an Owen water bottle in September. *The Food Growing Program* at Owen will be an extension of an outdoor classroom, by the grade 1 entrance. They will need soil, painting materials, equipment for planting and building, and table (hexagon) and chairs.

The Eco Club is **requested \$2000 dollars to be spent on more outdoor learning tools in the kindergarten playground. ALL APPROVED.** They will use this money towards a seating area and new tables.

Grade 6 Graduation: Debbie will chair this committee.

Yearbook: Irene is chairing the Yearbook committee this year. The cost of the Yearbooks have gone up. Owen charges \$12/yearbook when the actual cost is 20\$. This year the cost of the yearbook is \$23. We are looking at charging \$15/yearbook. If both grade 5 and 6's graduate this year the number of pages will be greater and thus the yearbook more expensive. Irene would like more funding for the yearbooks.

Irene is trying a new technique this year with Google Drive and putting more responsibility on the Class Parent and Teachers to take/submit photos.

Irene is looking for sponsors. A full page is \$1000. 1/2page \$500, 1/4page 250. A suggestion was made that the grade 6 classes come together to purchase a page. Tax receipts are issued.

Please see finances on the next page.

8. Finances- Chanh

OSAC Financial Statement for the year 2015-2016				Prepared by Chanh Leuangthong
As of July 31, 2016	2015-2016			
	Budget	Revenue	Expenses	Profit (Loss)
Opening cash balance - August 1, 2015				\$38,879.83
Donation Line and Non- Board balance carried forward from previous year				\$233.93
				\$39,113.76
Fundraising Event				
Fall l'Affaire		\$26,807.80	\$8,608.24	\$18,199.56
Pizza Lunch		\$24,718.15	\$9,695.25	\$15,022.90
Subway Lunch		\$1,164.00	\$0.00	\$1,164.00
Movie Night		\$1,311.05	\$534.82	\$776.23
Used Clothing Sale		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dance-a-thon		\$6,958.56	\$664.81	\$6,293.75
Spring Fling		\$19,675.75	\$11,089.41	\$8,586.34
Corp Sponsorship/Donation (towards Spring Fling)		\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
Parent Donation		\$1,610.00	\$0.00	\$1,610.00
Book Fair		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pumpkin Sale		\$1,580.30	\$21.99	\$1,558.31
Kids' Kitchen		\$252.50	\$0.00	\$252.50
SUB TOTAL	\$0.00	\$89,078.11	\$30,614.52	\$58,463.59
General Operating Expenses				
Spirit:				
Welcome Back Dance	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$553.73	(\$553.73)
Cultural Day	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	(\$300.00)
French Play / Kindie Bus	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	(\$250.00)
Wellness Week	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,582.50	(\$2,582.50)
Winter Fun Day	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	(\$1,500.00)
June Fun Day	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,243.00	(\$1,243.00)
Sub Total	\$5,950.00	\$0.00	\$6,429.23	(\$6,429.23)
Academics:				
After School Prog: Rebate/Subsidies/Costs	\$5,000.00	\$1,860.00	\$316.39	\$1,543.61
Grade 6 Trip Subsidy	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grade 6 Graduation subsidy	\$2,000.00	\$5,654.45	\$5,201.40	\$453.05
Lunch Subsidy	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$62.33	(\$62.33)
Bus for Track and Field	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$69.93	(\$69.93)
Yearbook subsidy	\$2,000.00	\$6,250.00	\$8,356.35	(\$2,106.35)
Teacher appreciation lunch	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$925.69	(\$925.69)
Art project with Lupita	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	(\$1,500.00)
Library resources/ DVD Production	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	(\$150.00)
Eco School	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Playground Structure (proceeds from Dance-a-thon & FA 2015)	\$35,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Technology Enhancement	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$7,304.85	(\$7,304.85)
Phys-Ed Enhancement (proceeds from Dance-a-thon 2016)	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,276.71	(\$3,276.71)
Parenting Speaker	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$1,050.00	(\$1,050.00)
Classroom Allocation (\$200 per class)	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,642.68	(\$5,642.68)
Sub Total	\$74,350.00	\$13,764.45	\$33,856.33	(\$20,091.88)
Healthy Living:				
Milk Program		\$16,036.30	\$14,542.96	\$1,493.34
Sub Total	\$0.00	\$16,036.30	\$14,542.96	\$1,493.34
General Operating Expenses:				
General office expenses (babysitting, stamps, bank fee, etc.)	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$384.98	(\$384.98)
Printing: welcome back & after school programs	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$786.07	(\$786.07)
Misc item (OSAC events insurance, etc.)	\$1,000.00	\$0.25	(\$148.68)	\$148.93
Bank Interest Income		\$2.94	\$0.00	\$2.94
Sub Total	\$3,500.00	\$3.19	\$1,022.37	(\$1,019.18)
Sub Total All Operating and Spirit Event Expenses	\$83,800.00	\$29,803.94	\$55,850.89	(\$26,046.95)
GRAND TOTAL	\$83,800.00	\$118,882.05	\$86,465.41	\$71,530.40

OSAC donation letter has only brought in \$1200 to date. Not sure the wording of the Donation Letter made a difference.

Is there going to be a double budget for the double graduation? We will review at a later date, once a decision has been made by the Board.

9. New Business

Any new business, please email Debbie Levy: Debbielevy@sympatico.ca

10. Adjourn

Helen motioned to end the meeting, seconded by Irene.

Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Next OSAC meeting is October 19th, 2016 at 6:30 pm