

Ecole Owen School

OSAC Minutes October 26, 2016

Attendance:

Debbie Levy, Robin Conliffe, Jennifer Young, Olive Spence, Sheila Sezla, Margarita Sferra, Amanda Maass, Helen Georgiou, Caroline Thompson, Lisa McElroy, Julie Kwon, Stephen Miles, Irene Sudorjin, Michelle Brochu, Maryam Aleyaseen, Crystal Pallister.

1. Introduction and Welcoming Remarks

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

2. Review and Approval of Agenda

3. Approval of September 28, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes

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

4. Admin Report- Julie Kwon and Steven Miles

Playground Report: Jennifer Young wrote to our trustee to help get us on track. The TDSB will replace the playground on the west side of the school that they took down to safety issues. A landscape architect will advise on both playgrounds, west and east side of school. A committee will be put together to see what this new playground will look like, on both sides. The aim is to have a master plan including kindergarten. The first meeting will be November 3, 2016.

Concert: There will be a double Winter Concert, December 20, 21st. TBD how concerts are being divided. Admin will share information once it is available.

Progress Reports: will be sent home November 16, 2016. Interviews will take place November 17, 2016.

Sports: Cross country team has done well. Four students have qualified for the City Finals. Grade 6 girls won the finals for Bordenball.

French Immersion: Information night for SK FI and Ex French will take place on November 24 at Dunlace. Online applications are due December 1st! Registration begins November 1st.

Robotics Workshop: Mr. Miles will be running a robotics workshop for 20 adults on November 29 over the lunch hour.

Final Part Meeting/Vote : This meeting involving P/VPs, trustees, SO and parent representatives took place at YMCI on Tuesday October 25, 2016. The group was presented with feedback from the Community consultation on October 17 & 20 community. This feedback was looked at and the models were then revised. The group needed to come to consensus by the end of the meeting. The summary of the community feedback was: strong opposition for any change from Armour Heights, Denlow and Dunlace, all parents were concerned with Student Success(academic achievement negative impact, teachers/resources in new models, will they be ready, concerns of EQAO test in grade 6), timing of changes- Sept 2017 is too soon, readiness of students, maturity of students, anxiety, wellbeing of students, transportation- distance too far and unsafe to travel, childcare .

There were two scenarios to review (status quo was not an option).

Scenario 1B:

JK-5, 6-8, 9-12

Slight boundary changes

Extended Fr moves from Dunlace to Denlow

Armour Heights will remain JK-6, with the intention of adding grades 7, 8.

YMCI, grades 9-12

Scenario 2A:

Armour Heights, Dunlace, Denlow JK-6

All the other schools, JK-5

Staggered start for schools

YMCI grades 9-12

SAJHS, WJHS grades 7-8

If the middle school is only two years then Windfields would lose its IB programme as it requires 3 years in one school. 5-10 students continue in the IB programme at Victoria Park.

The Board recommends for student success and well being that least number of transitions is best.

Gerri Gershon commented that this has been the 4th time they have reviewed the JHS situation and now that there is room at YMCI and the elementary schools are over utilised we should act on it.

Approximately 400 students will start grade 9 at YMCI. Current capacity of YMCI is 93%. In 2025 capacity of YMCI will be 111%.

VOTE: SCENARIO 1B, YES 16: NO 5

St. Andrew's Principal could not vote in good conscience for this model as it puts her schools utilization rate in 2025 at 68%.

All agreed that the time line needs to be later, the earliest September 2018, all schools make the change at the same time, healthier for all schools.

Communication from the Board will be shared to all parents.

On November 16th, parents can repute the outcome of the meeting on October 25. On November 23 the Board votes. The outcome of the vote will be shared to the parents on November 24th.

5. Spirit Events:

- Spirit Days:
- 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. This event raised \$1100. The money is going to enhance the library.

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. During our next meeting we will discuss what the proceeds will go towards. Some ideas are; extra scientist in school, zodiactors, ecotables, library enhancement, green screen, white board paint, bean bag chairs, robotics. 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. These programs are running smoothly. If you have any suggestions please email them to Jennifer

Milk Program: Lorraine is running the milk program this year. Currently sales are very strong, about 140 milk sold everyday.

Kids Kitchen:

Eco Club: 50 tulip bulbs donated to Owen. Troughs have arrived.

Grade 6 Graduation: Debbie will chair this committee.

Yearbook: Irene is chairing the Yearbook committee this year. Irene is trying a new technique this year with Google Drive and putting more responsibility on the Class Parent, student council and Teachers to take/submit photos. There are digital cameras in the office if parents/students would like to borrow them for a school activity/field trip.

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

8. Finances- Margarita

9. New Business

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

10. Adjourn

Next OSAC meeting is December 8, 2016 at 6:30 pm