

Ecole Owen School

OSAC Minutes June 7, 2017

Attendance:

Julie Kwon, Stephen Miles, Debbie Levy, Robin Conliffe, Helen Georgiou, Zakia Nabbus, Jennifer Young, Amanda Maass, Lorraine Ohashi, Olive Spence, Lorraine Ohashi, Michelle Brochu, Margarita Sferra, Irene Sudorgin, Sheila Szela, Mana Rezai, Abdi Moghaddam, Lisa McElroy, Chanh Leuangthong

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 April 5, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes

4. Admin Report- Julie Kwon

Principal News: Julie Kwon will be going on a 4 over 5 year as of the end of June 2017. She will be spending time with her family. Caroline Rosenblume will be Owen's new principal in September 2017. Ms. Rosenblume is currently the VP at Bessborough PS.

Staffing Model : Julie discussed Owen's staffing for 2017/2018 school year.

English:

FDK: 4 Classes

Gr. 1: 2 classes

Gr.2 : 2 classes

Gr.3 : 2 classes

Gr.4 : 2 classes

Gr.5 : 2 classes

Gr.6 : 2 classes

French Immersion:

FDK:2 Classes

Gr. 1: 2 Classes

Gr.2 : 2 classes

Gr.3 : 2 classes

Gr.4 : 2 classes

Gr.5 : 1 class—large class, split into 3(26/class), rotary

Gr.6 : 1 class- large class (32 kids, split into 3 (10,11,11), rotary

Grade 6 FI will have French instruction in the morning and then in the afternoon be mixed in with the English classes for instruction in English.

Important Dates:

Grade 5 graduation will take place on Monday June 27.

Grade 6 graduation will take place on Wednesday June 29.

Stem Market Night at Owen will take place on June 19.

Play Day at Owen will take place on June 21.

Shakespeare Night at Owen will take place on June 21 (French) and June 22 (English)

Volunteer breakfast will take place June 23 at 8am. Child minding is available.

Julie and Stephen are requesting money from OSAC to be spent on a coding session from Logistics Academy. A half day workshop for the entire school will cost \$7500. Currently OSAC and Owen PS contribute \$7500 for 2 Scientist in School sessions per child. Scientist in School roughly costs \$10/student. Julie and Stephen would like to bring back to their teachers to vote on two Scientist in School and 1 coding workshop. If the teachers are in agreement, they would like OSAC to pay for 1 Scientist in School and 1 coding workshop. We would like to swap one of the movie nights for a coding workshop.

** Olive motioned to have OSAC cover 1 Scientist in School and 1 coding workshop, seconded by Margarita. Motion passed. All in favour.

Logistics Academy will be offered as an afterschool program at Owen replacing Hatch.

Playground : Stephen shared with us that he is meeting with the landscape architect next week to discuss our playground. He met with a TDSB turf specialist who looked at the field on a rainy day and agreed that our field will be ripped up as it requires new grass and a drainage system at no added cost to the construction. The timeline will be discussed next week in which Stephen will share with us.

5. Spirit Events:

- Spirit Days:
- 'Movie Night: This year there was one movie night. Next year they want to aim for 3 movie nights. It needs to be communicated that it is not a drop off event and that parents need to be responsible for their children and their behaviour. The cost for the school to have a movie licence is \$300 for two years.

6. Fundraising Plans and Initiatives

Pizza Lunch : Amanda Maass is running Pizza Lunch 2x/month. Next year the day will switch from Friday to Wednesday. Hopefully this change will draw more volunteers. This year we made roughly \$26,000. Next year will be Amanda's last year at Owen and she is looking for someone to shadow her.

Dance-a-thon: Caroline and Sheila are organizing this event to be held on Valentine's Day. Deb Levy will email Bounce the DJ company.

Spring Fling: Helen and Margarita will run Spring Fling this year on June 15. We need to start pushing for volunteers. Helen will work with Chanh on the layout, Margarita will run the ticket/bracelet sales, Julie in charge of dunk tank, Nava in charge of bake sale, Ani will cover cotton candy, popcorn, freezie sales. This year we have a new supplier for the bouncy castles. They are clean and will have more employees at each station. Debbie is counting on the previous heads to run their event. Will help the new leads with layout etc. Amanda/Ana will organize/sell pizza. There have been issues in the past that the food is very expensive. Owen is not making any money on the food, it is just very costly. Marchella to run the games again. It was mentioned that it needs to be easier to win prizes from the games played. There were many prizes leftover from last year.

Zakia will look into Menchies for Spring Fling.

Debbie is requesting that Julie have a fire truck and police car at Spring Fling.

7. Committees

After School Programs: Jennifer Young will no longer run the Lunch/After-school Programs next year as she will have no children attending Owen. She did a fantastic job! Zakia will take over this role and Pamela will take over Jennifer's volunteer coordination role next year.

Milk Program: Michelle Brochu is now the lead on this program taking over from Lorraine. Online sales are strong.

Hot Lunches: Olive Spence will be the lead for the hot lunch program. Olive would like Rose Reisman to amend her menu as she feels there is not enough protein offered, the sides are small and not enough variety. Deb will follow up with Rose. Rose Reisman will serve on Monday and Thursday and Kids Kitchen will run on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Hot lunches will not be served on pizza Wednesday. We have no contract with Rose so we can cancel at anytime

Lunches may be ordered online, multiple options. The menu changes each season

Eco Club: no update.

Grade 6 Graduation: June 26, 2017. Debbie will chair this committee. She has formed her committee. Theme is Candy Land/Dave & Busters. Hoodies for grads. Parents of

grade 3, 4 and 5 to serve food during the reception. Next year, June 2018, there will be a double cohort, double grad and double trip.

Yearbook: Irene is chairing the Yearbook committee this year. The 1st place winner of the yearbook cover contest will be on the cover of the yearbook and 2nd place will be on the back.

8. Finances- Chanh shared that OSAC has a surplus of \$30,000+ for this year's budget and it needs to get spent. It was discussed that half of the surplus money (\$15,000) should go towards the playground and the other half (\$15,000) towards Arts programmes at Owen.

** Ani motioned to approve spending half of OSAC's surplus money on the playground and the other half on the Arts programme.,ave, seconded by Olive. Motion passed. All in favour.

9. New Business

Photography Day: It has been brought up that many families are dissatisfied with Bright Pics photography who take our children's grade photos. Edge Imaging, Bridgette and Kathy, presented tonight at our OSAC meeting. Edge Imagining is located in Burlington and they do everything in-house which allows them to be cheaper Edge Imaging has spent much time and resources making sure they have a secure server. Their quality control is done in house. Not only does Edge Imaging offer photographs but they offer help with yearbooks, layouts, online web based program called Pictovo. They never delete their photos so one is able to order them at anytime, any year. They have a loyalty program that links there kids year after year and specialty products such as a custom portrait book. Student photos are offered in a portrait book. They also offer a family plan in that you pay for the first two kids in your family and after that your other children's photos are free. They are eco friendly and have partnered up with Tim Horton's send a kid to camp calendar, all proceeds go to them. Edge Imaging will offer a free photo booth at our fund raising events, offer to come in and take holiday photos where 100% of the profit goes back to the school. They will send pricing to Lisa.

10. Adjourn

Ani motioned to end the meeting , seconded by Olive. Motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

The next OSAC meeting is in September 2017.

