

# École Sir William Osler

## Parent Council Meeting Minutes

**Date / Time :** Oct.19, 2021

**Meeting Location:** Virtual Meeting

**Meeting Chair:** Caitlin Buchel/Alisha Bradbury

**Minutes Taken By:** Rebecca Simpson-Litke/Alisha Bradbury

(19 participants)

Mme Ostermann asked to record the meeting – no one opposed

**Chair Greeting** (Caitlin)

- Last meeting's minutes approved

### REPORTS

**Treasurer Report** (Amy)

- PAC account is \$2613.16

**Lunch Program Report** (Amber)

- Lunch account is \$35,404.02

**Fun Lunch Update** (Denessa/Lauren)

- very large order – all but 6 students are participating, everyone is excited!

- if we move our lunch program account to an institution rather than credit union, then we can use permission click for orders (rather than having to deal with paper orders and cash)? – or look into Healthy Hunger program instead? – Lauren will look into the restaurants that are available through this program – want to make sure they can accommodate Covid protocols

**Principal's Report** (Mme Ostermann)

- **Emergency Practice** – 2 fire drills and 1 lockdown drill have been completed, several more to complete for the year
- **Terry Fox Run** – we raised over \$3200 for the foundation (goal was \$1200)
- **Farm to School Fundraiser** – profit of \$2645 going towards the playground – thanks to Denessa and Lauren who helped out with organization, along with the grade 5s and 6s
- **Orange Shirt Day Assembly** – outside ceremony went well and was very touching, well received by the children
- **Halloween** – there will be celebrations, but no parade/dance – costumes will be permitted and worn in the afternoon, notice will go out with instructions – no costume masks or weapons – kids should come with faces painted in the morning – any treats should be checked with classroom teacher and must be individually wrapped, sent by Oct.26
- **Scholastic Book Fair** – virtual again this year, info coming in November

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- **Koats for Kids** – drive Nov.1-12 this year – materials can be dropped in a recycling bin by the daycare entrance
- **Covid Info** – in a language program, not seeing mouths is challenging, but for now, we have to stick with the medical grade masks provided by the school division – Caitlyn will bring some sample clear window masks that have now been approved in Canada as medical grade in case they can be adopted instead
- **Assemblies** – still not allowed – Remembrance Day will be by video, parent-teacher will likely be virtual as well
- **Staffing** – we are now fully staffed for the lunch program – Denise, Denessa, Lauren, Karen, Mme Jocelyne, Mme Ginette are working – Mme Jocelyne is retiring as an EA, last day is Oct.29, but staying on as lunch program supervisor
- **Construction** – currently no heat in the building, have installed temporary heaters
  - work on exterior is ongoing
  - walls/windows of gym are supposed to start next week and exhaust fans being put in
  - not sure when entrance concrete will be poured
  - plans over winter break to redo ceiling, lights, flooring in rm.9, ceiling and lighting to be replaced in rm.10
  - outdoor classroom has been delayed (was supposed to start Monday)
  - renos are staying just on the school side, not the daycare for now – there is a proposed expansion for the school (including gym and 6 classrooms, daycare space) and this wing might be affected – not sure when this phase 2 would begin
- **Crosswalk** – thank you to families who have put in 311 requests and have reported traffic concerns to Wpg police – police have been watching the walk
  - Mme Ostermann has contacted Councillor Orlikow and Matt Allard with data about how many vehicles go through the flashing lights (an alarming number!)
  - Alisha Bradbury and Avery Jodoin will also draft letters on behalf of the PAC – form letter can be created for parents to sign and send to councillors
  - Alisha has been investigating why speed on Grant is so fast compared to Corydon – parking is allowed, so speed is reduced, signage is clear
  - Will make a request that Wpg police have a regular speed camera near the school and ask for a loading zone sign to make people aware that cars can stop outside the school
  - Mme Ostermann has requested a sign to flash when people are exceeding the speed limit, and request for side-mounted lights

**Teacher Representative** (Mme Kaila Allegro)

**Playground Committee Report** (Lauren/Meghan)

- Construction on berms in outdoor classroom is starting tomorrow! – limestone blocks for seating have been dropped off

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- Looking to provide a proper play structure and outdoor classroom
- If anyone is interested in helping with the Playground Committee in the future, please email Meghan and Lauren – looking to recruit more help with this – call will be put out in the November newsletter

### Artist Mural Grant (Meghan/Caitlin/Rebecca)

- Annie Bergen was chosen as the mural artist because of her experience with this sort of program
- Starting in January, she will discuss with students and an Indigenous elder about ideas for the design of the mural – use the otter and the 7 teachings
- Will be painted on 5 4x8 panels of plywood – can be moved if need be
- Annie starts with youngest kids on background, then texture layer, with oldest students working on finest details at the end – students will learn various artistic techniques and concepts – perspective, brushes, decoupage, etc.
- She will bring materials and smocks for kids – the school will prime, seal, and mount on the wall
- Annie had recommended an elder with the school division, but that person is not available
- Have art funds from the school division – Mme Ostermann will look into whether this could be used for an honorarium for the elder – possibly use an upcoming fundraiser for this?
- Mme Allegro is our Indigenous Education Rep for our school, so could also help brainstorm about this
- 2 days' worth of work for the elder and invite back for a ceremony – Denise has volunteered to bead something for the elder, along with the honorarium

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Fundraising (Lauren/Meghan/Caitlin)

- Glen Lea link has gone out for winter fundraiser (thanks Denessa!)
- Montrose school does an ongoing label fundraiser – could be a good idea for us – Lauren looked into a Canadian label company, but they don't do fundraising – Caitlin will set up an account with Oliver's labels – will be an ongoing fundraiser – a note will go out to parents and put in newsletter
- Playground will do another online 50-50 for the spring
- Purdy's chocolates is asking if we're interested in a fundraiser, but we've already got Glen Lea – can investigate for Valentine's or Easter instead
- For our fundraisers, could we set up an option just to donate, rather than purchase the item, and then offer tax receipts? – there is a donation button on our website for this kind of thing – reminders will go out about this
- Mom's Pantry? Wine raffle with DeNardi? – suggestions for the future?

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### **MAPC Membership (Caitlyn)**

- Manitoba Association of Parent Councils – AGM on Thursday – Caitlin will attend and report back
- MB Excellence in Education Awards – Caitlin will share the info with PAC so we can consider this

### **PAC Sponsored Staff Lunches (Lauren)**

- PAC to organize a lunch for Mme Jocelyne to send her off in October and/or around the holidays
- There's a large card in the school for Mme Jocelyne for staff and kids to sign

**Meeting Adjourned (Caitlin) 7:19pm**