

École Sir William Osler

Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Date / Time : Jan.18, 2022

Meeting Location: Virtual Meeting

Meeting Chair: Caitlin Buchel/Alisha Bradbury

Minutes Taken By: Rebecca Simpson-Litke

(15 participants)

Chair Greeting (Caitlin)

- No one opposed the recording of the meeting
- Last meeting's minutes approved

REPORTS

Treasurer & Lunch Program Report (Amy)

- PAC account is \$2008.85 (after staff lunch in December)
- Lunch account is \$28,454.13
- Email address for the lunch program has been changed to Amy's email address

Gift Cards (Caitlin, Denessa, Lauren)

- Approved a \$30 gift card as a thank you to Art Zuke, who picked up our trees for the enchanted forest
- Approved a \$100 gift card for the landscape architect, Matthew Peters
- Caitlin Buchel moved and Kirsten Marquardson seconded these motions, PAC approved unanimously

Lunch Program Changes (Caitlin)

- Is there a way to streamline the milk money and lunch program fee collection? Can we accept e-transfers, permission click, other options? Any ideas are welcome
- Mme Ostermann/Amy/Caitlin will check with Sabrina about permission click and check out what would be involved in e-transfers

Fun Lunch? (Caitlin)

- Caitlin has checked out HealthyHunger.ca to see if this might help streamline fun lunches as well – payment can be collected electronically this way (we've been a few dollars short the past few lunches)
- Denessa will ask Boston Pizza on Taylor if they would be willing to be added to Healthy Hunger (report back in February)
- March before Spring Break is a good possible time for the next one

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Principal's Report (Mme Ostermann)

- **General Items**
 - Emergency practice procedures – next fire drill will be done this week – 2 lockdowns, 3 hold and secure, 1 evacuation, 6 fire drills left
 - Polar Bear Club is ongoing
 - Enchanted Forest – thank you to parents who put this together!
 - 2022-23 registration is up on website – open houses will not happen
- **COVID**
 - current enrolment is 168 students – 13 students isolating due to being a close contact
 - none of our kids are considered fully vaccinated yet, so isolation is 10 days from initial contact (10 days starts the following day, can return on the 11th day) – isolation information was sent out for close contacts and positive cases (more documents to follow)
 - one student has been at school this week and tested positive – a couple of staff members had Covid over the break but weren't at school
 - there are 15 students whose families have chosen to keep kids at home because of high numbers in community
 - schools/teachers not required to provide materials for these students, but our teachers have tried to send materials and include kids remotely
 - there was some confusion about mask information initially – medical masks are not a provincial mandate, but because of our spacing, we have decided to keep that as a requirement
 - we are trying to do our best to keep kids 2m apart (we can get 1.8m in smaller classes and 1.5m in larger classes)
 - staggered lunches have been restarted – rooms 1, 2, 3 have recess then lunch, rooms 4, 5, 7 vice versa – ½ stays in room and the other ½ goes to the gym so we can keep 2m apart – if families can bring kids home for lunch, that would be appreciated – for families that have kids on different lunch schedules, one pickup and drop-off is fine and they will just go to their cohort when they return or stay at home for the whole lunch period
 - a reminder that snacks are happening outside now during breaks, so please send snacks that can be eaten outside
 - vaccination clinic is on February 1 (pop-up, so families can come with their child) – 1-3pm for students in the building (e-consent form can be filled out), 3:30-on is for families
 - MB Health and schools are not required to identify cases and contact – schools are reporting on attendance patterns, which will be posted on our website (updated every Friday) – cases and close contacts will be on the website – Mme Ostermann will send an email if there is a case in your child's class

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- daycare guidelines are different – they do have to contact families – contacts within the school do not have to isolate unless symptomatic, but if contact is outside of school, they do have to isolate for 10 days
- **Construction** – ongoing – wrapping up brick on the front – detail work on inside is happening after hours – all tradespeople entering the building are vaccinated and masked
- **Safety Concerns** – no updates regarding our inquiries to city councillors about the crossing on Grant, aside from initial acknowledgement of letters

Teacher Representative (Mme Ferrage)

- Library could use more books in both English and (especially) French
- Dominique has received a \$2000 grant for more French books
- Do we want to do a fundraiser for I Love to Read month to help fund books for the library?
- We can also accept gently used book donations
- The book fair gets us books for the library, but this hasn't been as successful in the last two years because virtual
- Teachers can apply for Indigo book grants – Mme Ostermann can look into it and Clara will provide some background info
- Teachers can coordinate a Scholastic wish list so parents can buy specific books with their orders
- Kids could buy a book for the library and put a sticker saying who donated it
- A letter will be sent out for I Love to Read month with various options for how to get more books to the school – donate money or books (used or new) – Avery will draft a letter and circulate to Lauren, Caitlin, and others for feedback

Playground Committee Report (Lauren)

- Outdoor classroom is now complete! – 3 evergreen and 3 deciduous trees around limestone blocks, seating logs and stumps
- PD staff education day on how to use will be upcoming
- Berms will be completed when snow melts
- Jan.11 – new volunteers meeting – forming subcommittees for new grant writing
- Enchanted forest – thanks to Art Zuke & team, Denessa, Andrew Parkinson, Connie Van Rosmalen, Rod Edwards, Meghan, and Caitlin for helping to set this up on Jan.8-9
- Polar Bear Club – teachers can volunteer to supervise, 2 EAs are required for supervision
- Conquer the Cold workshop – Feb.6, 11-3pm – great source of info for school and daycare staff – Mme Ostermann will send out details

Fundraising (Denessa)

- Glenlea delivery date will be Monday, May 16, 8:45am

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Artist Mural Grant Update (Mme Ostermann, for Meghan)

- Artist was supposed to start on Jan.13 but had to be pushed back due to remote learning
- Project will now start on Jan.25 – 2 weeks long – artist talks to classrooms for design ideas, takes each small group (4-5 kids at a time, starting with youngest) to start painting various elements
- More specific info coming – indoor latex paint will be used (not washable), so kids will need smocks
- Theme will be our otter and outdoor education – we were not able to find an Elder to advise us on the 7 teachings, but that will continue as part of classroom conversations in the school

NEW BUSINESS

Staff Appreciation (Caitlin)

- Can we coordinate treat sign-up sheets again?
- Mme Ostermann will send out messages to class reps on behalf of PAC for treat sign-ups
- Caitlin will follow up with Lauren about sign-up document

Parent Rep Contact Info

- Can we ask Parent Reps for permission to allow PAC to contact them when they sign up in the fall?

Parent Advisory Committee (Kirsten)

- We may have cuts to our program because of people moving out of the area, newly settled teacher/custodian contracts, cap on property taxes
- Budget talks start early this year (in February)
- Parent input is being requested – see link <https://www.winnipegsd.ca/page/12380/wsd-budget>

Meeting Adjourned (Caitlin) 7:34pm

- next meeting is February 15, 6pm