

# École Sir William Osler

## Parent Council Meeting Minutes

**Date / Time :** Apr.19, 2022

**Meeting Location:** Virtual Meeting

**Meeting Chair:** Caitlin Buchel (Alisha away tonight)

**Minutes Taken By:** Rebecca Simpson-Litke

(16 participants)

### **Chair Greeting** (Caitlin)

- No video recording of the meeting tonight
- Last meeting's minutes approved (moved by Amy, seconded by Denise, approved unanimously)

### **Treasurer Report** (Amy)

- PAC account is \$2416.98
- Lunch account is \$26,637.12

### **Lunch Program E-registration Update** (Mme Ostermann)

- We can't do Permission Click because school already has an account (PAC can't do a separate account)
- PAC could sign up for another company ("Hot Lunches" website?) to collect lunch program and fun lunch fees – Mme Ostermann will check in with neighbouring schools to see what they're doing

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

- **General Items** – Emergency practice – completed 7 fire, 2 lockdown drills – still have 1 lockdown, 3 hold & secure, 1 evacuation, 3 fire drills to complete
- **Registration** – info is up on website
  - Don't currently have enough N/K registrations for an EA (pass the word!)
  - Could make a poster and reach out to local Montessori schools on Taylor (Denise), Wilton, and Stafford/Grant (Lauren) to see if they have incoming nursery kids
  - Post on the River Heights neighbourhood Facebook page (Denessa)
  - Will put in newsletter to see if current parents who have younger kids could reach out to their own daycares to promote registration
- **COVID** – Before break, masks became optional – most staff are no longer wearing masks unless working closely with kids – helpful for language communication
- **Construction** – still working on canopy over daycare entrance, concrete work (front sidewalks), landscaping, finishing details inside, gym windows
- **Playground** – minor adjustments need to be made to playground design due to future school expansion
- **School Expansion** – plan to go up to grade 8 – plans to double the size of the building in next 4-5 years

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- **Enrolment/Staffing** – teachers and current enrolments (still just a tentative plan):
  - N/K (Saiko) am = 21, pm = 21; Gr 1 (Reid) = 24; Gr 2 (Allegro) = 22; Gr 2/3 (Roziere) = 22 (11/11), Gr 3/4 (Poutes-Manzanares) = 23 (10/13); Gr 4/5 (Farrage) = 24 (12/12); Gr 5/6 (Toews) = 24 (11/13)
  - Will have half time music, phys ed, and literacy support; full time Inclusive Education Research Teacher/Guidance Counsellor

### Teacher Representative (Mme Toews)

- Will talk to grade 6 students for ideas this week and be in touch with parents to put together a Farewell Committee

### Fun Lunch Report (Denessa)

- Last lunch was successful with high participation
- Denessa is willing to do one more for the end of the year – tentatively set for June 16

### Neighbourhood Clean Up (Lauren)

- Saturday, May 14, 10-12 – more info will be sent out
- Will get more garbage gloves from city – need garbage grabbers
- Coffee and timbits will be provided

### Playground Committee Report (Meghan/Lauren)

- Enchanted Forest – Sscope picked up trees over spring break (invoice coming to PAC), Art Zuke picked up trees from families but won't do it next year (hoping to pass it off if anyone is interested)
- Thanks to Avery Jodoin for submitting the first phase two grant application!
- PD Day with Fort Whyte Alive this Friday for staff on how to use the outdoor classroom
- Berms will be completed with sod once snow melts
- Hinterland Nature Coop – for \$3500-5000, they will create winter activity stations in the playground – opportunities for outdoor gym, etc.
- Want to create a backdrop behind the outdoor classroom on chain link fence
  - Artist/parent Alison Foster has volunteered to take kids' drawings of animals, etc. and paint on plywood
  - Need parent volunteers to cut out with jigsaws, donate old outdoor paints, etc.
  - Painting would be end of May/early June
  - Installation will be on evening/weekend in mid-June
  - A blurb will go in the newsletter with list of jobs – signup sheet to follow
  - \$500 needed from PAC for supplies – moved by Brenna, seconded by Denessa – approved unanimously
- Thanks to new playground committee members for their assistance and expertise!

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### Library Follow Up (Mme Ostermann)

- Ended up with just over \$600 for library fundraiser – books have been ordered, including more French language, Indigenous content
- Possible parent committee to write grants for library acquisitions – call will be put in newsletter

### Teacher Appreciation Update (Caitlin)

- Treat sign-up is filled until May 14 – a few more weeks still need to be filled

### Glenlea Fundraiser Update (Denessa)

- Need 4-6 volunteers for plant sorting on Monday, May 16, starting at 12:30 – reminder email will be sent the week before
- Plant order pick-up will be after 3:00

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Terracycle (Caitlyn)

- We can collect writing instruments (highlighters, pens, etc.) and drop off at Staples for free recycling
- Launch collection boxes in April for Earth Month
- Possibly look at other things Terracycle takes as well (snack wrappers? – check with lunch and custodial staff to see what items tend to go in the trash) – plan for the fall

#### Meeting Adjourned (Caitlin) 7:08pm

- next meeting May 17
- executive elections will take place – email will go out asking for nominations