

# École Sir William Osler

## Parent Council Meeting Minutes

**Date / Time :** May 21, 2024, 6pm

**Meeting Location:** Virtual Meeting – Google Meet

**Meeting Chair:** Caitlin Buchel

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

(12 participants)

### Chair Greeting (Avery)

- Adoption of minutes from April 16, 2024 – moved by Amy, seconded by Lauren, approved

### Treasurer Report (Amy)

- Lunch program account is \$10,386.87, PAC is \$61,569.77 (some needs to be transferred to the playground account)
- Transfer of funds from LP to PAC came with \$6 bank fees

### Principal's Report (Mme Ostermann)

- **Concerns** – Please make sure to contact child's teacher first with any concerns – parents don't need to wait until parent-teacher conferences to address issues – if the protocol could be sent out to parents as a reminder, that would be helpful – can we have an FAQ bulletin board or easel put up? – yes, and there is the division's Code of Conduct that addresses student and staff expectations – currently working on respect, peaceful conflict resolution with the students
- **Construction** – running on schedule, playground info was sent out last week
- **Concert** – Wednesday, June 12, 6pm, Grant Park High School – “Sounds of the Forest”
- **Family Evening in the Park** – Informal get-together for families in SWO Park – Tuesday, June 18, 5-7pm
- **Staffing**
  - **N/K – Saiko (am), Ferraro (pm) (room 9)**
  - **Grade 1 – McGuinnes (room 10)**
  - **Grade 1/2 – Rozière (room 5)**
  - **Grade 2/3 – Allegro (room 4) – off Sep-Dec, but will return in January**
  - **Grade 3/4 – Ferrage (room 2)**
  - **Grade 4/5 – Wood (room 7)**
  - **Grade 4/5 – Anelise (room 3)**
  - **Grade 6 – Toews (room 6)**
  - Music in Library temporarily, Daycare might need to use the gym if their spaces aren't ready

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### NEW BUSINESS

#### Playground Division Meeting

- A group (Caitlin, Scott, Elizabeth, Lauren, Mme O) from SWO met with Brent from the school division and chief construction guy to discuss the lack of playground for the next year, timing of grant funding we have already received, other alternatives that are not as permanent/can be moved around
- Costs \$40,000 to put the play structure up/down
- The division and our school trustee were supportive of working with the province to extend deadlines for spending our grant funding
- **Gaga ball pits** – Brock Corydon school in the division does have one – \$3000-5000 range
  - Lauren will call Brock Corydon to inquire about theirs
  - Caitlin will contact Brent to discuss what we're considering, come up with a plan for the fall
- **Picnic tables** – We had some, but are not sure where they are
  - Mme O will investigate
- **Soccer nets** – Belong to Corydon Community Center – our field didn't work for their program this year, so they have retrieved their nets – Mme O checked with the division to see if they can help cover the cost of new nets – our superintendent will provide moveable nets – unclear who will fund the nets for the permanent soccer field after construction (maybe the Corydon Community Center will come back?)
- **Baseball diamonds** – province is putting these back
- Can we survey the kids to provide feedback about how they are currently finding recess and go back to the division with this information? – have informally surveyed kids, but can do something more formal
- Can we seed the berms? – Greenspace committee to seed and water them
- Can we use the far park? – Supervision is a challenge, but if parents can volunteer, that would help – a schedule is already in place that rotates rooms going to the far park

#### Greenspace Committee (Lauren)

- Thanks to everyone who worked on the grade 6 fence art project
- In addition to the suggestions in the section above, also wondering about temporary basketball nets, stage, mud kitchen
- Generally disappointed in the division for not having other solutions in the interim
- Lauren will follow up with these other ideas, report to Caitlin and Mme O

#### Green Team (Caitlin)

- Mme Ginette and the Green Team have been watering the trees for now, Daycare will take over in the summer
- Mme Ginette has received a grant for rain barrels, will put in downspouts to use these

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- Looking into putting in planters/garden by the outdoor classroom
  - Caitlin contacting Scott and Elizabeth to see what grants we could apply for

### Concert

- Need a few parents to help with 50/50 and staffing the doors – Amy, Caitlin, Lauren will help, need one more
- Dress rehearsal will be in the morning at Grant Park

### Motions

- **Administrative Professionals Appreciation Day** – \$20 was spent on a gift card for Sabrina – moved by Lauren, seconded by Avery, approved
- **Materials for Grade 6 Fence Art** – Approve up to \$200 for these materials – moved by Avery, seconded by Amy, approved
- **Patrols and Student Leadership Group** – Approve up to \$600 for leadership group/patrol appreciation outing to Activate – moved by Avery, seconded by Lauren, approved
- **Staff Year End Appreciation Lunch** – Approve up to \$600 for ESWO and daycare staff appreciation lunch – moved Avery, seconded by Lauren, approved
  - Caitlin will find someone to organize
- **Flowers for Concert** – Approve up to \$50 for appreciation bouquet for Mme Heinrichs – moved by Lauren, seconded by Avery, approved
  - Lauren will pick up bouquet

### AGM – elections for executive positions (Mme Ostermann/Caitlin)

- **Chair** – Caitlin
- **Vice-Chair** – Avery
- **Treasurer** – Amy
- **Secretary** – Rebecca
- Thank you to Caitlin, Avery, Amy, Rebecca for serving in these positions this year and continuing on next year
- Next year we will brainstorm about how to get more attendance and involvement from the parent community in PAC – meetings in different formats? different nights? – discuss informally at the Family Evening in the Park

### Meeting Adjourned (Caitlin) 8:00 pm

- Moved by Amy, seconded by Avery, approved