

# École Sir William Osler

## Parent Council Meeting Minutes

**Date / Time :** September 20, 2022, 6pm

**Meeting Location:** Virtual Meeting

**Meeting Chair:** Caitlin Buchel

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

(14 participants)

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

- Thanks to this year's exec members: Amy Campbell (Treasurer), Rebecca Simpson-Litke (Secretary), Avery Jodoin (Vice-Chair), Caitlin Buchel (Chair)
- Will review last meeting's minutes and approve next meeting

### **Treasurer and Lunch Program Report** (Amy)

- PAC account is \$2,789.28 (some deposit/payment activity in June)
- Lunch Program is \$20,244.06 (but cheques yet to be deposited, so this is not up-to-date)

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

- **Priorities for this year:**
  - 1) Rebuilding French oral language post-Covid- language acquisition
  - 2) Literacy skills (reading and writing) in both languages
  - 3) Numeracy – math vision statement put together by staff
  - 4) Indigenous perspectives / Truth and Reconciliation – Stephanie doing lunch and learns to support growth of staff knowledge
  - 5) Sustainable development goals (spearheaded by Mme Reid) – UN goal #12 is this year's focus – responsible consumption and production – help stop food waste (litter-less lunches), composting, enviro-kids club, monthly assemblies combining Indigenous perspectives and sustainability, raised veggie garden has been purchased but not yet built, clean-up days throughout the year, watch water consumption in the school
- **PAC feedback needed?** – In-keeping with our sustainable development goals, might we do a January toy/clothing swap to minimize sending things to landfills? – use as fundraiser? – or tie in with Winter Bazaar? – help from parents?
- **Drop-off/Pickup** – 8:10-20 drop off and 3:00 pickup – volunteers and parents are now welcome in building, but doors automatically lock with the buzzer – go to daycare door and get buzzed in
- **Drills** – 1/10 fire drills completed – 1 evacuation drill scheduled for Thursday (@ Brock Corydon School) – 3 lockdown, 1 hold and secure drill still to be completed
- **Terry Fox Run** – September 28, 10:15am – parents welcome to come run – grades 4-6 will do full block, 1-3 will run inside the fence field, N/K will have their own route – online donation forms are coming soon
- **Orange Shirt Day** – September 29 – assembly, possibly outside in the outdoor classroom – no school on September 30 for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

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- **Covid** – all restrictions are now gone, although masks are still welcome – if child is sick, please keep them at home until symptoms improve (no fever) – if they test positive, they can return once symptoms subside, but if they return within 5 days of the positive test, they must wear a mask
- **Construction** – teachers happy to be back in classes – a few touch-ups yet to do – portable classroom permit was not granted by the city, but there are still plans for a school expansion – open house this winter with division and school community to discuss the expansion – may begin as early as next summer – including gym/music room, daycare, 2-story with 7 classrooms, expand to grade 8
- **Enrolment/Staffing** – went down a little from predictions, but still good numbers – if parents have concerns about staffing, they can report to the director – unfortunately, there are strict guidelines from the division about how EAs are assigned based on enrolment

### Teacher Representative (Mme Sara)

- Volunteers are welcome again! – Respect in School 1.5 hour program is mandatory for all volunteers – link will be provided
- Accessibility for Manitobans Act short video is also included
- If helping with sports, the Respect in Sport program (2.5 hours) must also be completed
- Send Mme Sara an email if you have questions

### Playground Committee Report (Lauren/Meghan)

- Berms and log bridge are at the south end of the field, but not meeting expectations – construction company is coming to fix it
- Hinterland Nature Collective will come to help us spruce up winter activities – hoping to create a curling rink on hard top or field – they would flood it, but maintenance would be done by our community (sign-up sheet can be made for snow clearing) – snow carving stations set up, etc.

### Peak of the Market Fundraiser (Lauren)

- Send out reminder email this week – deadline for orders is Sunday, September 25
- Delivery of veggies – Thursday, October 6 in morning – pickup 3-6pm – older students will help organize orders – may also need a couple of parent volunteers
- Need to hit \$800 minimum to proceed with fundraiser

### Reimbursement for Picnic Planning Volunteers (Caitlin)

- Approve an additional \$100 for the picnic expenses (DJ, freezies, games, craft supplies, ice, etc.) from last spring to reimburse volunteers? – Moved by Caitlin, seconded by Amy, motion passed

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### **Fundraisers for 2022/23** (Caitlin)

- Glenlea fundraiser delivery date is May 15, 8:45am
- We have some good yearly fundraisers, but have also thought about introducing new ones – wine raffle? 50/50? Jets tickets donated from Playgrounds R Us?

### **SWO/KIDS Inc Appreciation Plan** (Caitlin)

- Volunteers to help create a plan for recognizing our staff throughout the year?
- Reach out to Caitlin or PAC email if interested – will try to make a plan for October meeting

### **Committees for 2022/23** (Caitlin)

- Playground committee – plans for next phase of playground is on hold while the expansion plans are being finalized – Lauren and Meghan will let us know when they need more volunteers
- Community Picnic Planning Committee? – would need to recruit some volunteers if we want to use this as a fundraiser
- New committees can also be formed if parents want to organize something they are passionate about!

### **Meeting Adjourned** (Caitlin) 7:11 pm

- next meeting is October 18