

# BPS School Council 2019-2020

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December 2, 2019

## **Attendance:**

Trent Taniguchi  
Amanda Campbell  
Tracy Radbourne  
Laura Bloom

Margaret Ferrall  
Krystal Wass  
Stefanie Farovitch  
Kathy Nikkel

Kristen Heckman  
Nick Sunderland  
Korrina Lindgren

## **Start: 6:32 pm**

November agenda approved  
October minutes approved

## **Principal/Vice Principal Report**

### **LABOUR UPDATE** (quoted from OCDSB website)

On November 28th, the OSSTF announced that if an agreement is not reached, all members will hold a one-day province-wide walkout on Wednesday, December 4th.

If this takes place, it may be necessary for the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board to close all elementary and secondary schools to students across the district. This could include our regular school day activities, Extended Day program, third-party daycare providers, and the community use of schools.

In the event of a walkout, it may be difficult for schools to provide adequate supervision of students; ensure proper resources and supports for students with special needs; and maintain custodial and maintenance services. As a result, the Board will need to consider whether to close elementary and secondary schools in response to OSSTF strike action.

We remain hopeful that a settlement will be reached at the central bargaining tables. However, bargaining settlements can be last minute. As a result, confirmation of strike action may not be known until Wednesday morning.

Parents are encouraged to have contingency plans in place for Wednesday, December 4th in the event there is a strike. The OCDSB will continue to send updates to parents as soon as information becomes available.

The Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) and the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF) are in a legal strike position. Both unions began strike action in the form of a "work to rule" or "partial withdrawal of service" on November 26th, 2019.

### **SPIRIT ASSEMBLY**

Our first spirit assembly took place today. We revealed our new school mural during the assembly and members of our SCC shared the significance of the images. The mural will be mounted onto the wall in the front foyer.

SCC did a great job at the assembly sharing their videos and live acts. We also had some great club acts (dance club, ukulele and guitar club). It was a great celebration of our school culture and spirit.

### **PJ DRIVE**

WE Club is hosting a Pyjama Drive. **The PJ Drive will run until Thursday, Dec 12th.** This drive is being done in conjunction with CAS and their Holiday Gift Program. PJ's are being collected for children of all ages...babies, youth and teens. Last year, We Club collected 146 pairs of pajamas! Thank you for your continued support.

### **STUDENT SURVEY**

The Ottawa-Carleton District School Board (OCDSB) has a strong commitment to improving equity of access and opportunity for all students. We recognize the need for data to better understand our students and how they are being served.

The OCDSB will be conducting a student survey between November 26th and December 13th, 2019. The survey will collect data for all students from Kindergarten to Grade 12. The survey includes 2 types of questions:

- Demographic questions about things such as race, gender identity, ethnicity, language, and sexual orientation; and
- Perceptual questions about student's sense of safety, belonging, engagement, and wellbeing.

The survey is voluntary and confidential. The survey will be completed by parents of students in Kindergarten through Grade 6 (one survey per child). Students in grades 7-12 will complete the survey during class time. The survey will take about 20 minutes to complete. Participants will be sent an email with a direct link to the survey and will complete it electronically. A paper copy is available upon request.

Participation is voluntary. Parents of students in grades 7 to 12 who do NOT want their child to participate must complete and submit this form by November 15, 2019. Parents of students in K-6 who do NOT want to participate may just refrain from completing the survey.

The survey data will be used to identify trends which could help to answer questions about:

- Achievement Gaps – whether certain groups of students achieve at the same rate;
- Suspension and Expulsion Rates – whether certain groups of students are suspended or expelled at a higher rate;
- Streaming – whether certain groups of students are over or under-represented in particular programs or streams (e.g., academic versus applied courses; English with Core French versus Elementary French Immersion);
- Sense of Belonging - whether certain groups of students feel more engaged/disengaged at school;
- Feeling Safe at School – whether certain groups of students feel more or less safe at school.

More information about the survey is available in our Q&A document. If you have other questions or are looking for additional information please visit the [OCDSB website](#) and/or individual school websites or contact the Research Lead and OCDSB contact for this project - Sait Atas at [valuingvoices@ocdsb.ca](mailto:valuingvoices@ocdsb.ca) or at 613-596-8211 ext. 8571.

### **IMMUNIZATIONS**

\*Please ensure that your child's Immunization Records are up to date to avoid suspensions.

More information can be found here:

<http://www.parentinginottawa.ca/en/immunizations.aspx>

### **ANAPHYLACTIC STUDENTS AND STAFF**

This is a reminder that we have students and staff in our school who have life-threatening food allergies. These foods and smells, even in trace amounts, can cause a severe anaphylactic reaction. Our school is a nut-free school so we are asking families to please refrain from sending nuts or anything containing nuts to school. If there are other allergies in your child's classroom, your child's teacher or administration will inform you. Your cooperation in ensuring that our students and staff are safe is very much appreciated.

### **UPCOMING DATES**

December 11 - Popcorn Day

December 20- Holiday Spirit Day

### **Teachers Report**

- Bordenball: Tier 2 boys and girls (Grades 3, 4,5 ) competed at Kars tournament last week. They represented the school very well, showed great sportsmanship and had a blast.
- Intramurals are also being run and 206 students are involved.
- Tier 1 Boys and Girls (Grade 6) tournaments are December 17 and 18.
- We Club is hosting 2nd annual PJ drive. We are trying to beat last year's 146. Raising for families selected by CAS (Holiday Gift program) . Also we will be selling candy-grams (candy canes) the last week before the holidays. Money will go to our WE village pillar: Health/Sierra Leone.
- Mme Renee and MMe Damianakos organizing Hour of Code again for the school;. Will take place next week during Computer Science Education Week (Dec 9-15).

### Wish List

Item	Description/ Rationale	Teacher/Class Requesting	Amount \$\$\$
Uottawa Adventures in Engineering and Science	Animal dissection workshop for Grade 6s	Horsford	210.00
Bus for Camp Opemikon	End of year trip	Grade 6 team	1200.00 (300 per bus, 2 buses, round trip)
Picnic Table	Kinder yard. Somewhere for the children to sit, rest, use for learning and play	Kinder team	School board has to install / anchor to ground
Sand toys for Kinder yard for next spring	To replenish broken toys/add more shovels--would like to find durable longer	Kinder Team	???TBD

	lasting shovels etc...		
2x Bus for Bill Mason	All grade 4 students & 1 grade 5 class	Howard (contact for field trip) May/June	TBD (roughly \$300 each bus so \$600 total)
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Scientists in School	To complement Science curriculum	Grade 2/3 King Grade 3 EFI (MacMillan)	<b>190</b> <b>190</b>
Badminton Shuttles	12	<b>Carlton White T-800 Shuttles - Dozen</b>	1 X 22.44
Baseball Bases	1	Throwdown Base Set Orange	1 X 22.46
Whiffle Scoops	12	Rainbow Scoop set 6 and 6	2 sets of 6 \$48.50 x 2 = 97
Score Boards	2	Table Top Scoreboards	2 x 50.88 = 101.72 + tax and delivery
Badminton Goggles	24	<b>Deluxe Elementary Eyeguard</b>	24 x 11.97 = 287.28 + tax and delivery
Bean Bags	36	Rainbow Beanbag Set of 12	3 x 18.50 = 55.50 + tax and delivery
Tennis Balls	30	Polybagged by the dozen	3 x 9.97 = 30 + tax and delivery
Chickens	4	<b>20" Rubber Chicken</b>	4 x 16.23 = 64.92 + tax and delivery
OSMO - Genius Kits (STE(a)M learning tools for ipads) x 4 (or 5 ASD)	Kinder (& prob ASD) Teams would love these kits to add to their centres in their learning environments - multiple uses for literacy, math, arts, coding, all Apps are free, just need basic tools from this kit - students can work	<b>Kinder Team</b>	ON SALE NOW - \$60 off each! \$69.99 x 5 = \$349.95

	<p>independently or together to solve problems and play</p> <p><a href="https://www.amazon.ca/Osmo-Genius-Tablet-Amazon-Exclusive/dp/B07CQ9YSJ2/ref=sr_1_2_sspa?keywords=OSMO&amp;qid=1575237538&amp;smid=A3DWYIK6Y9EEQB&amp;sr=8-2-spons&amp;psc=1&amp;spLa=ZW5jcnlwdGVkUXVhbGlmaWVyPUFTWE1LNjVITEpENEYmZW5jcnlwdGVkSWQ9QTA2ODc0ODgzRUQ1NFA0QjRES0JFJmVuY3J5cHRIZEFkSWQ9QTA4OTE0NTAyVDZMNDBLR1hTU1pJndpZGdldE5hbWU9c3BfYXRmJmFjdGlvbj1jbGlja1JlZGlyZWN0JmRvTm90TG9nQ2xpY2s9dHJ1ZQ==">https://www.amazon.ca/Osmo-Genius-Tablet-Amazon-Exclusive/dp/B07CQ9YSJ2/ref=sr_1_2_sspa?keywords=OSMO&amp;qid=1575237538&amp;smid=A3DWYIK6Y9EEQB&amp;sr=8-2-spons&amp;psc=1&amp;spLa=ZW5jcnlwdGVkUXVhbGlmaWVyPUFTWE1LNjVITEpENEYmZW5jcnlwdGVkSWQ9QTA2ODc0ODgzRUQ1NFA0QjRES0JFJmVuY3J5cHRIZEFkSWQ9QTA4OTE0NTAyVDZMNDBLR1hTU1pJndpZGdldE5hbWU9c3BfYXRmJmFjdGlvbj1jbGlja1JlZGlyZWN0JmRvTm90TG9nQ2xpY2s9dHJ1ZQ==</a></p>		
Reflex Math Membership	Great resources for students to master basic math facts. Increase their fact fluency and confidence.	Neale	<p>\$35 USD x 25 students in my class = \$875</p> <p>Or a school membership is \$3295 USD</p>

- October Minutes posted on website. November minutes aren't posted yet.
- <https://ocasc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Draft-Minutes-OCASC-October-2019-updated-Oct-251.pdf>
- PIC (Parent Involvement Committee)- The PRO grant is cancelled but they were given \$40,000. OCDSB needs to distribute the funds- needs to be spent by June. There is a thought exchange survey that will help to determine where the funds go.

### Communications

- Lisa will continue to send out communications as necessary

### Treasurer's Report

- Current balance is \$ (\$1000 is to maintain account)
- We recently received cheques from Mabel's Labels for \$
- \$21,463.48 balance to date
- \$500 PIP Grant
- \$12,627.25 lunch program
- \$500 outstanding cheques
- \$6800 available funds
- We purchased 4 tables for the school to replace the ones that were broken (\$262.11)

### Lunch Program

- Running smoothly
- IF the school is closed on Wednesday for the OSSTF work action, our Boston Pizza lunch will be cancelled for that day, and will be rescheduled for another day.
- Snow days- if the buses are cancelled, the lunch program will be postponed until another day within the same week if possible, or early the next week.
- Returned cheques- we end up eating the cost of NSF cheques, so we will be making a statement with our next lunch session that parents will be responsible for paying the NSF fees
- Refunds- we will not be providing refunds once the orders have been submitted. Once your order is made, your choice stands for the rest of the term and can not be modified.

### Fundraising

- **School clothing** orders through Entripy Shops are trickling in. We have sold \$2491.09 so far. After the first \$1000 sold, our school receives a rebate of 10% from each order. Our current profit to date is \$149.11 and will continue to rise as orders are placed.
- **Indigo Fundraiser** on November 25th went very well. We made approximately \$370 from our in-store event and we are currently at \$140 for our online fundraiser for a total so far of \$510.
- We will keep the Indigo link for the online fundraiser active, and will keep promoting it for another few weeks in case parents want to purchase gift cards for the holidays. We can also re-open this at any point during the school year.

- **Little Caesars** pickup went smoothly. Profit was \$936.
- Making your school council a charity- we get a tax break if we write receipts. Laura will review the document.
- Trivia Night- Nick knows someone who does Trivia Nights for a living. Would cost \$100 to get the questions. Nick will look into the logistics of licensing and hosting.
- Bottle Drive- door to door discouraged from the school board. Can we sit at the door of the Beer Store to collect donations? We will revisit closer to the spring.
- Online auction- donations from the community, 2 week period, set a minimum amount for items and collect bids online.
- Still waiting to hear more information about the bed sheets fundraiser
- We are not doing a dance-a-thon
- We will be doing Value Village fundraiser in conjunction with Earth Day

### **Movie Nights**

- We had a quiet but successful movie night watching Toy Story 4
- Profit of \$259.46

### **End of Year BBQ**

- Inflatables- scale back from last year (last year's cost \$3329.75)
- Inflatable company owes us credit for a game for this year since they were short one last year.
- This year we are looking at obstacle course, toddler course, slide, bucket splash (free) but we will put it out in an email once we look more closely at the prices and the details.
- How do we want to run the food this year? Is there a vendor that can come and cook/serve?
- We will revisit next month

### **Round Table Discussion**

- Laura has looked closely at the constitution. Tia and Laura went to the school council information session. We need to create and maintain a constitution for our council. Laura has incorporated in items she learned from the info sessions.
- We need to establish our members (Members at Large). This year, parents who came for the first meetings are our Members at Large and the Executives are the ones who hold a position. Our voting members are Executive, Members at Large, not school staff.
- Laura will email out the constitution 2 weeks prior to our January meeting for us to review and vote on in January. We need a 2/3 vote in order to pass the constitution.
- Voting is one of the items that we need to look at closely. If you miss 3 meetings in a row with no valid excuse, you will no longer be a voting member for the remainder of the school year.
- September- people need to commit to coming to the meetings

**Meeting adjourned: 8:06 pm**



**FOR DISCUSSION AT NEXT MEETING**

- Updating school council charter
- BBQ
- Fundraising committee/plan
- Movie night
- Babysitting

**Next Meeting: Monday, January 6th, 2019 at 6:30pm.**