

January 14th Hopewell P.S. School Council Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Daphne Dumbrille , Deborah Gomes-Schultz, Christopher Wereley, Kristy Hannah, Alison Kelly, Cecilia Fritz-Gegesy, Fran Morrison, Mike Waddington, Claire Kerry, Adam Jaques

Regrets: Martina Sherwood, Erik Van de Torre, Heather Barrett, Petra Heitkamp

1. Welcome, Approval of the Agenda, Approval of November 2019 minutes

November minutes were approved by Fran Morrison and seconded by Mike Waddington

2. Principal/VP Report

- Welcome!
- Happy 2020!! Our team was excited to return to school after a restful break.
- Our first day back marked the arrival of our new Vice Principal Christopher Wereley. Mr. Wereley brings a wealth of experience to the role and has enjoyed his start at our wonderful school.

With the retirement of Superintendent, Olga Grigoriev in December, we also welcomed a new Superintendent, Prince Duah. Superintendent Duah comes to us from the Toronto District School Board and looks forward to visiting Hopewell later this month.

- Plans are already underway for the 2020-2021 school year. On Thursday evening we will be holding a kindergarten information night focussed on a general overview of the OCDSB and general information about the Kindergarten in the library.
- 2020-2021 registrations dates are as follows:

Kick-off to 2020-2021 Registration	Monday, January 20 to Monday, January 27, 2020
Elementary Student Transfer Application Period	Monday, February 3 to Tuesday, February 18, 2020
Secondary Student Transfer Application Period	Monday, February 3 to Tuesday, February 18, 2020
Middle French Immersion Registration Period	Monday, February 10 to Tuesday, February 18, 2020

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- In November all grades 3 and 6 educators met and we had a chance to lay some groundwork for targeted math work in all of our grades 3 and 6 classes. We unpacked some EQAO data and determined where gaps were evident and re-viewed our student profiles to see where we could target interventions with best results.
- Centretown Emergency Food Centre expressed their deepest appreciation for all of Hopewell's work to support the December Food Drive. Due to Hopewell's generosity a 3-4 day supply of food monthly can be provided to people in need from their Centre. This initiative would not have taken place without the leadership of our Student Voice Group and teachers, Andrew Wood and Jenna Neerhof.
- Thank you to School Council for the ongoing support. With our "Say Yes" budget line we were able to purchase a class set of headphones for our intermediate team.
- OCDSB families continue to receive updates about the labour situation in our province. Until a settlement is reached, our teachers will not be participating in field trips or extra-curricular activities as of yesterday. OCDSB schools will be closed to students tomorrow due labour action. Decisions around Term One Report Cards are still in progress. Please refer to this email and visit the OCDSB's [Labour Negotiations](#) webpage for more details.

PD (Professional Development) and PA (Professional Activity) days still take place

3. Yard Committee Report & SANDBox Update

Yard Committee

No Yard committee report

SANDBox fundraising update:

\$3000 raised on the Trivia Night held in December

A Dance-a-thon is to be held on Feb 13th - Valentines Beach Party themed.

Discussion held around incentive prizes for students who raise the most money. iPads deemed as too big and controversial prize if parents aren't keen for children to own such an item. Air pods were thought of as a good incentive to engage the intermediate students, along with food vouchers for local eateries that could be used during off property time.

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Also non-monetary prizes were seen as popular e.g. Volleyball party with games against teachers. Other ideas include: Pizza Party (contact Ilia for Panago). Mayfair to donate Cinema Passes.

Current fundraising total stands at \$70,000

Looking for parents to volunteer for the following activities:

- Art project with students for a communication board that show will show fundraising thermometer.
- Volunteer on Dance-a-thon day to escort classes to the hall (if required)

4. Next Movie Night

Date TBC

Possibility to run two movie nights for different age groups, as there were a lot of students at the first movie night of the school year (2019/2020) and will better cater to the interests older and younger children.

5. Treasurer's Report

Revenues for pizza and subway are estimated at \$39,275.94 which is \$9,275.94 above our target of \$30K. Having a deadline for ordering has helped significantly as we can see earlier how much revenue we have made.

Bambora is a much improved payment system compared to the logistic of PayPal.

We raised \$1,653.77 from the Grocery Card fundraiser

Allocated The 2019-20 council donation of \$10k that was agreed upon.

6. Safe & Accepting School Team committee

Save the date: Anchor Psychology Services - Emotional Coaching workshop will be offered to parents on the 23rd April. More details will be made available closer to the date.

Renee Labrosse and Heather Barrett are working together to decide on durable toys for the yard.

7. Division Rep Report

Intermediate Rep raised an issue parents had in December with "Secret Santa Gifting" Being initiated and led by students, or led by teachers, both during and outside of class time. Issues are related to students being left out, as well as religious concerns. It was asked if there is a Secret Santa policy and could something be raised with teachers for next December so that issues are not encountered again. There are policies against

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bullying and inclusion, but something specific to Secret Santa Gifts may need to be addressed.

8. Other Business

Fundraiser approached by Chef Paradise (kitchen store in Old Ottawa South) to sell gift cards for 5% return — It was of general view that this would not be as popular as Grocery cards and would likely not raise many funds.

67 Fundraiser set for February 29th. Tickets to be purchased for \$10 and sold at \$15 . This is the last year that OSEG will provide tickets at such a reduced rate for the school as the current retail value is closer to \$30. The would like to offer all schools and organizations a maximum of a 50% discount.

Next meeting - February 11th 2020