

## January 14<sup>th</sup> 2023 Hopewell Ave PS School Council Meeting Minutes

**Attendees:** Martina Sherwood, Petra Heitkamp, Aleks Brading, Nicola Calder, Sandra Miller, Claire Kerry, Erik van de Torre, Carlo Zambri, Rebekka Wallace Roy, Meg Fracke, Rebecca Sandiford, Dara Spatz Friedmann, Sarah Matthews, Alex Randall, Patrick Hunter, Helen Mackie.

### **Regrets:**

#### **1. Welcome, Approval of the Agenda, Approval of December minutes**

Carlo moved the minutes and Rebekka seconded the minutes

#### **2. Principal's Report – Martina Sherwood**

Happy New Year!

As shared in our December meeting 2023-2024 registration dates have been released. The information can also be found on the Board's website: [www.ocdsb.ca](http://www.ocdsb.ca).

Kick-off to 2023-2024 Registration	Monday, January 16 to Monday, January 23, 2023
Elementary Student Transfer Application Period	Monday, January 30 to Friday, February 10, 2023
Secondary Student Transfer Application Period	Monday, January 30 to Friday, February 10, 2023
Middle French Immersion Registration Period	Monday, February 6 to Friday, February 10, 2023

At this time, term one report cards are scheduled to be available via School Messenger on Wednesday, February 15th. This Friday, January 20th is a scheduled Report Card writing day and is a PA Day for students.

Our district has received Ministry funding to offer tutoring opportunities for students. We applied to host a tutoring program and have a program up and running Monday to Thursday after school with three tutors on site. The focus is on Math and Literacy.

High school information sessions and preparations for our students moving to grade 9 are in progress. This is an exciting time for our grade 8 students as they begin to think about the transition ahead. Our Intermediate Student Success Teacher, Jenna Neerhof, is supporting our students as they prepare to make the leap into secondary school.

We are planning an information session for Year 2 Kindergarten families to discuss program options. Hopewell is a triple track school – Early French Immersion, English Program and Middle French Immersion are offered at our site. We hope to provide families with greater insight into possible program options for their children.

Kindergarten Information Night will be February 2nd, 2023 at 6:30pm in our library. If anyone has a neighbour who has a young person who may be a candidate, please let them know.

**Question - *Do you want someone from the school council to be present for information night on the 2nd of February.*** Yes, Petra agreed to speak at the meeting and Carlo volunteered to also be involved as he is a current Kindergarten parent.

### **3. VP Report – Sandy Miller**

On 31 January AM

Dr. Eva Olsson - Holocaust survivor will be here as a virtual guest speaker for Gr 6-8 students

- Eva Olsson is a 98 year old survivor of the Holocaust who has dedicated her life to communicating a message of joy, hope and racial acceptance to young people of today's generation.

- The focus of her talk is about the EFFECTS OF BULLYING AND THE IMPORTANCE OF NOT BEING A BYSTANDER TO INJUSTICE.

[www.evaolsson.ca](http://www.evaolsson.ca)

Back to routines after a two week break!

Students are enjoying the snow-covered yard and are still playing soccer (footie), four square-ish and basketball-ish!

Intermediate Band has started up - gr 7, gr 8 and Jazz band

Thanks to Ms Woyiwada for supporting our budding musicians who come into school at 8AM ... with a SMILE!.

HAPShots

You can view them on the weekly communications.

#### **4. Teacher Rep – Meg Fracke**

Extra sunny days are a welcome change. It is good to see the happy faces of students as they come in from outside.

Spirit days

There was a do over for PJ day that was missed due to the snow day PJ day is a crowd favourite.

Valentine's day - wear pink, red, purple or white

Dance for the Junior and Intermediate students on the Thursday before the long weekend.

There has been a review of the rules and expectations of students after the two week winter break.

#### **5. Financial situation - Nicola Calder**

Pizza revenue is low as it hasn't entered the bank account from Fall and Early winter.

Only expenses this month are Pizza expenses and bank charges.

Nicola ran through for each line item, to remind us what we had budgeted for.

Hopewell Ave Public School - 2022/2023				
Financial report for the period ending January 14, 2022				
Opening balance	\$ 11,170.22	End of year - July 31 2022 + \$650 PRO Grant received in September (for last year)		
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Allocation Plan</b>	<b>Profit</b>	<b>Variance Plan A</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Pizza	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 875.00	\$ (19,125.00)	
Mabels labels	\$ 75.00	\$ 54.36	\$ (20.64)	
Ski/Skate Sale	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,677.00	\$ 1,677.00	
Bike Sale	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ (1,500.00)	
Pro Grant	\$ 650.00	\$ -	\$ (650.00)	Amount received for last year, can expect to get more this year
PINV funding	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Each year schools/school councils receive \$500.00 to be spent at their discretion on activities that support and enhance parent involvement
<b>REVENUE SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 23,225.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,606.36</b>	<b>\$ (19,618.64)</b>	
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Allocation Plan</b>	<b>Actual Paid</b>	<b>Variance Plan</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Mulch	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	
Yard fund	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	
Future turf yard funding	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	
<b>YARD SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,500.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 4,500.00</b>	
Kindergarten	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	Kindergarten, Primary, Junior and Intermediate allocation based on class allocations provided by principal in September
Primary	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,350.00	
Junior	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,700.00	
Intermediate	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	
Phys Ed Equipment	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	
Library	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	
Say yes fund curriculum	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	
<b>CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 16,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,000.00</b>	
Wellness - Parent Involvement	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	
Grade 5 - Cross Country Ski Trip	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	
Staff Appreciation Gifts	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	
Staff Year-End Lunch	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	
Grade 8 Graduation Reception	\$ 700.00	\$ -	\$ 700.00	
Bank Charges	\$ 150.00	\$ 18.08	\$ 131.92	
Admin/Supplies	\$ 300.00	\$ 79.03	\$ 220.97	includes potential photocopying, event supplies (e.g. gloves for pizza)
Say yes fund	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	
Philanthropy	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	+ any extra pizza donations
<b>OTHER SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 13,350.00</b>	<b>\$ 97.11</b>	<b>\$ 13,252.89</b>	
<b>EXPENDITURE SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$33,850.00</b>	<b>\$8,097.11</b>	<b>\$25,752.89</b>	
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$ 545.22</b>	<b>\$ 6,679.47</b>		

<b>Bank Reconciliation Statement</b>		
	<b>Actual</b>	
Chequing (Dec 12 2022)	\$	6,686.88
<b>Savings</b>		
Uncashed cheques	\$	47.41
Petty cash	\$	40.00
<b>Total</b>	\$	<b>6,679.47</b>
<b>Less</b>		
Outstanding cheques	\$	-
<b>Total</b>	\$	<b>-</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>6,679.47</u></b>
<b>Check against Financial Report</b>		
Balance from Financial Report	\$	6,679.47

## 6. Committees and events

### 1. Pizza day/ Lunch program: orders - Sarah Matthews

902 slices of Pizza have been ordered for the new term (that is an extra 13 Pizzas) .  
The new term starts on Feb 3rd.

226 Subways purchased. - no one ordered gluten free  
BIP and students that need financial help will get Subway lunches as well as pizza. New term starts on Jan 30th.

Lots of volunteer parents and back ups for both Pizza and Subway days.

There will be an extra "Pizza Day" on June 23rd to make up for the missed Pizza day on December 23rd, due to the snow day. We will need to remind parents that some people who might not have ordered pizza in Term 1 might not get pizza on that extra day as it relates to term 1.

Sarah raised that they might need to add an additional Pepperoni pizza to the order for the community Pizza, as this year they did ask the students what they wanted and they wanted pepperoni over cheese.

Petra said a big "Thank you" to Sarah and Aleks B for negotiating with providers and managing the volunteers and Thank you to Yanka, for getting everything on School Cash online, it is much appreciated.

Nutrition of lunches - bringing in some of the parents who are interested in this topic so they can brainstorm what we can offer in terms of "healthy lunches" for the next school year.

## **2. Nakkertok ski trip: proposed date and plans - Rebecca Sandiford**

Rebecca has coached at Nakkertok in the past 6 years. Great winter sport and accessible to all. Rebecca is able to organise coaches and activities, as there are lots of volunteers. However the big issue is that Nakkertok no longer has the equipment that was once used for beginners. Calling around there are not places that are able to provide enough in bulk, might have 10 pairs of kids but not enough for all grade 5s on one day.

Need to find out what kids actually need. It will be a significant task to arrange equipment. Kids who weigh under 100lb, the equipment is harder to find for them.

Transport requirements - Need to work out how many Kids can fit on a Bus, for Grade 5 it is two kids per seat - possibly 48 per Bus? But does equipment also fit so there might be less kids per bus?

Not able to send kids on a trip that requires a waiver for rental equipment - but there might be a work around on risk would need to connect with the Board to confirm.

There are 100 Grade 5 kids which will have a range of skills, another option of snow shoeing might be possible as getting snow shoes is more achievable. Some issues regarding snow shoeing and equity.

Lots of logistics, really need to have a single point of rental.

Sarah suggested the City of Ottawa as a rental point? e.g. Mooneys Bay is an option.

Rebecca Wallace-Roy has found that Kichi Sibi has rental options through "skis for schools"- looks like it has the infrastructure to rent to. Could even ski there?

Discussion on date: could be any week day - there are some major race weekends, so Thursday and Friday leading up would not be ideal. Suggestion for the week after family day weekend.

Might be able to split it over several days and that might help with the gear sharing.

Question: if we can expand to Grade 6 and 7 but seeing as there are many issues just organising for Grade 5, it might be best to just keep it to Grade 5.

### **3. Yard plans: dates Spring clean (Date/plan) - Katie Breen**

Katie is not here to discuss.

Yard clean up will probably be the same weekend as the bike sale. Likely to be around April 30th.

***Josie asked what were the thoughts on Fencing off the garden between kindergarten yard and primary yard - had Martina heard anything?*** - Martina had looked out that section at Recess and kids do trample over that section a lot and the Chief Custodian couldn't think of something that would safely keep the kids off that section.

***Question: Which grades use that area?*** - mainly Grade 1-3 and also Kindergarten but also the outdoor classroom is in that area too and that is used by all grades.

Need to consider what to actually do to that area, so we don't have to keep pulling out invasive species. Some landscaping, mulch? More consideration needed? Josie asked to bring this information to the yard committee and to get the ball rolling for the spring yard clean up.

Rebekka agreed that the bike sale would be something that the school council would do this spring.

#### **4. Kids Clothes Swap (Date) - Claire Kerry**

Not done anything yet - but will aim to have spoken with Meredith before the next council meeting.

#### **5. Traffic update - Erik-Jan van der Torre and ArielAnn Lyons**

Erik, from the Old Ottawa South Traffic and Safety committee spoke regarding some of the issues that are facing the community.

The additional crossing guard at Belmont is no longer there but the committee is still advocating for that guard to become a more permanent guard.

Bank and Sunnyside intersection has two guards but even with two crossing guards there are many issues. Not able to have red light cameras added because there is not enough speeding on Bank street as the street is so congested. Speed radar controls are only added if the area is a community safety zone.

Designation to a community safety zone has proved problematic to have to participate in certain traffic programmes eg a walking school bus, but seeing as the vast majority of students use active transportation. Committee has been working with the council office to see what can be done, as it turns out the school might not have to participate in the walking school bus programme. But the area around Hopewell will never qualify at the moment as there is not enough speeding even though people are still vulnerable to traffic movements.

City is starting review some of the criteria for this, when this happens we might be able to do something

Traffic and safety committee has renewed priorities and these will be discussed at the OSCA AGM. Will be looking at Bank street, with the new Bank street bridge segregated cycle lanes, hopefully Billings Bridge will get similar treatment, as a segregated bike lane is to be built from South Keys to Billings Bridge. The committee needs to start looking at how Bank street in Old Ottawa South can be improved. What will happen when more cyclists come through the active transportation corridor?

City does have a fixation on speed - we do have a sympathetic counsellor who is keen to implement ideas. The city will only look at the intersection when there are incidents and there aren't that many major incidents. Suggestion that Parents who want to write



a letter to councillors and the copy in Old Ottawa South Community Association to say what a problem the intersection can be.

Show of hands to everyone - agreed that the action should be a letter written by school council. Alex Randall agreed to write the letter.

Thank you to Erik for his work on this.

A note for future meeting that we need to rally Grade 7 reps

## **7. Representatives**

### **1. Grade reps - Carlo/ Sarah/ Alex/ Daphne**

Positive feedback from parents Carlos has spoken to.

Alex - Will try to send these in a week before in the future.

1. Google Classroom - now that "coming out of covid" how are we meant to be using google classroom for some classes there aren't enough - There is a PPM (law) that all educators must maintain a learning management platform, if we have to move to a virtual situation we are ready, some teachers use google classroom a bit more. As a parent you are free to reach out to teachers as to how your teacher plans to use the learning management platform.
2. Some interest in seeing more stuff in backpacks instead of emails.
3. Agendas - it has never come home? What are they for? - Reach out to the teacher as it is a good communication tool when used.
4. Is there a Math club?
5. Article in the Citizen About an issue what is going on at Pinecrest - that parent had reported about her kid being pushed around going to and from the bathroom. In March we will look at "Tiers of intervention" and what it looks like in our board. Don't want the perception that "nothing is being done" Policy is always to call home and to bring parents in need to encourage the parents to call Sandy and Martina if they feel that something is being overlooked.

### **2. OCASC - Daphne Dumbrille**

Not present.

### **3. Wellness - Rebekka Roy**

Friday Feb 10th Hopewell Parents Coffee time - 2nd Friday of every month - Parent Council Room #225

Invite experts on issues eg sleep

Focus is about parents coming together to discuss issues relevant to them.

Going to be the word of month to get news out about the event not printing postcards etc.

Need to be mindful that the space is used by teachers so we will be sharing the space.

There is money in the budget for coffee.

### **8. Answer any pre-submitted questions (5min)**

None

### **9. Varia (5min)**

Trustees strategic planning - in person meeting was cancelled last Thursday, but there are several online meetings as well as feedback forms. Please leave ideas that need to be in the strategic plan for OCDSB.

### **10. Closing and set next meeting 7 March 2023 (5min)**