

# Osgoode Public School Parent Council Minutes September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009

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**Attendance:** Nicole Gilmore      Deborah Kerr      Stephanie Robert  
Donna Brennan      Leann Petrie      Laurie Lefebvre  
Penny Macdonald      Anne Duquette      Nicole McKerrecher  
Brent Currie      Natalie Currie      Jaime Hodges  
Doug Simmons      Maureen Silva      Joanne Wells  
\*\*SPECIAL appearance by Pam Lantos

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Welcome/Meeting began @ 7:40 p.m.

Attendance circulated. There was a brief review of minutes from our last council meeting in June. Motion made to accept by Pam...2<sup>nd</sup> by Doug. Minutes accepted.

Review of agenda. Additional items to be added at end of meeting as needed

## Reports (In order of discussion)

### 1. Treasurer – Pam Lantos

Spread Sheet was circulated noting that there is a balance of \$2,724.95 to begin this year. Silent auction \$\$ from “Meet the Teacher” event is coming in. Penny will report a tally of how we did @ our next council next meeting.

### 2. Principals Report – Nicole Gilmore

## UPCOMING DATES:

Wed. Sept. 30 <sup>th</sup>	Community of Character Assembly – Cooperation – 8:30 am
Thurs. Oct. 1 <sup>st</sup>	School Photos – Lifetouch
Fri. Oct. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Metcalfe Fair – 2 buses – gr. 1 to 6
Fri. Oct. 9 <sup>th</sup>	PD day
Fri. Oct. 30 <sup>th</sup>	Character / Halloween Assembly – 12:30 pm
Wed. Nov. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Photo retakes
Fri. Nov. 13 <sup>th</sup>	PD day
Mon. Nov. 16 <sup>th</sup>	PD day
Mon. Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup>	Report cards go home
Thurs. Dec. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Evening interviews
Fri. Dec. 4 <sup>th</sup>	PD day - AM interviews

## Important dates for the 2009-2010 school year:

Friday October 9 <sup>th</sup>	PD day (Ministry Day)
Monday October 12 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving
Friday November 13 <sup>th</sup>	PD Day (Ministry Day)
Monday November 16 <sup>th</sup>	PD Day (Report Card writing day)
Friday December 4 <sup>th</sup>	PD Day (Parent/Teacher interviews)



- We have two new epipen JK/SK students. This school remains a peanut free school.
- There will be a teacher coming to the school for 1.5 days a month to provide teachers with an additional 40 minutes of prep time. His name is Rob Hamm and he will teach gym.
- Our school has been equipped with a brand new alarm system to include flashing lights during a fire drill.
- During recesses and when out of the school, teachers are now using new telus phones with walkie talkie ability. These are being used board wide.
- Student teachers:
  - **Maxine** will have a student teacher named Benjamin McNeil from Sept 8-11 (observation), Oct. 12-23, and Nov. 16-Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>
  - **Tamara** will have a student named Keriann Burke from Feb. 8-26 and Mar 2-27.
  - **Julie** will welcome Kelly Schultz as an on-site teacher before Christmas, then in **Erin's** in January.
- EFI room is well stocked with brand new resources, toys, games, carpet. Thank you to council for funds to buy the cubbies.
- Pavement games were painted in July. Thank you to council for financial support to make this possible. There is a book of games to go with the markings. Students need to be taught how to play some of the new games.

**Wish List**

French large picture books (EFI)	\$300
Classroom library for EFI classroom	\$300
'Accessories' for recess games (bean bag checkers, balls, basketball)	\$300

3. Teachers Report – Stephanie Robert

Introduction of...and update from one of our new EFI teachers @ OPS. Request that the large picture books on Nicole's list would really be appreciated. (The board provided French books for the library...but nothing for specific classrooms). Stephanie also presented a fundraising idea using customized children's artwork on cards. We pushed this to later in our meeting for discussion during additional fundraising conversations

\*\*Motion by Leann for council to fund Nicole's request for \$900 to purchase the 3 items requested in her wish-list. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ann...motion carried & passed by council.

\*\*Leann also suggested that a "Wish Box" be made for on-going teacher's requests thru the year. Those suggestions would be brought to council by Nicole during regular meetings. Nicole agreed to check this out on her side and follow up at our next meeting. Somewhere during our discussion about the wish-box...a comment was also made about having environmentally friendly cloth bags for library books similar to what Kars school was doing. Nicole will also check this out for our next meeting...with the potential of adding our school logos??

4. Website – Brent

Not a lot new happening with our web-site...Brent is hoping to do a face lift on the site although that hasn't started yet. Newsletters from teachers are being submitted for posting and we're hopeful to see more input from our teachers on a regular basis. If there is ANYONE available to help with maintaining and working on our website this year...it would be welcomed and appreciated.

5. Grants for 2009-10 School Year – Nicole McKerrecher

October 20<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for the "Parents Reaching out for School" program. Getting parents more involved is the objective for this grant that's worth \$1,000. The Ministry will provide each school with details and specific criteria. (The focus MUST be on parents for this program). As soon as a specific directive comes out...Nicole will send back a note to council so we can come up with a list of potential ideas for making this application asap.

6. Council Positions/October Elections – Brent Currie

NEXT month, our October council meeting will include elections for CHAIR...TREASURER... and SECRETARY. (SORRY...but Doug has no interest in this secretary position ☺ ) Please note that ALL positions on council are open for change IF required or requested by council members. The Election term is for one year. Brent also proposed that for our next meeting, a notice be send to all students having a detail of all council positions that are available. Brent and Natalie will help prepare this note.

7. FUNDRAISING Plan for 2009-10 -- Natalie

This was a lengthy discussion with a number of potential ideas thrown out to the group. We decided to focus on the MAIN things first...and then we can fill in holes thru the year as necessary...and/or substitute anything along the way realizing we may run upon some new ideas. ALSO...in the spirit of fundraising and community involvement...we agreed to individually put our thoughts together for the next council meeting-----for ideas on how we might be able to work with OVCA. (Not limited to Christmas in The Village...possibly for Medieval Festival in the spring?? )

Fundraising Ideas Agreed to...

- i. LABELS...Ann will take on this project ASAP to go out right away
- ii. CHRISTMAS CATALOGUE...this will go out in early October
- iii. MOVIE NIGHT...our first movie night will happen on Friday October 30<sup>th</sup> when we will show "ICE AGE 3"
- iv. COOKIE DOUGH...targeted for early/mid November so we have the product in everyone's hands before Christmas
- v. HOCKEY TICKETS...draw to happen in December for a game in January
- vi. CUSTOM CARDS...February for this new fundraiser

vii. CHOCOLATES...March will be the date for this annual fundraiser

viii. SPRING FLING...May with an exact date TBA

\*\*We will also keep our eyes open for any appropriate movie releases coming up where they would be a good fit to have another movie night.

#### 8. Council Newsletter

Jaime Hodges has offered to co-ordinate a regular newsletter for council this year. Please stay tuned for details as she gets going with this in the next while.

#### 9. Thank you lunch/meeting for Teachers -- Nicole

After discussing a number of possibilities it looks like this will be tough to make this happen formally. An idea was presented by Brent where we bring "Pot-Luck H'Orderves" to our November council meeting...and invite all teachers to attend. This is to be put on the agenda for our October council meeting and formalized at that time.

#### 10. Milk & Hot Lunch Program – Natalie and Leann

Milk and Hot-Lunch programs will be fast tracked and sent out to students before our October meeting. Natalie will start doing milk orders...sending out letters to our parents beginning approx. October 1<sup>st</sup>. Leann will start working to do the footwork for Hot-Lunches right after the Metcalfe Fair and PD day in September. (With a tentative start date of October 16<sup>th</sup> for the first hot-lunch day)

#### 11. Council Meetings moving forward

It was decided to have our regular council meetings on the following dates for the 2009-10 school year.

- Tuesday October 13<sup>th</sup>
- Tuesday November 10<sup>th</sup>
- December...we will NOT be having a regular council meeting
- Tuesday January 12<sup>th</sup>
- Tuesday February 9<sup>th</sup>
- March...we will NOT be having a regular council meeting
- Tuesday April 13<sup>th</sup>
- Tuesday May 11<sup>th</sup>
- Tuesday June 8<sup>th</sup>

REMINDER...the next meeting will be Tuesday October 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm.  
ELECTION NIGHT

Meeting adjourned 9:25 p.m.