

**Osgoode Public School
Parent Council Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2009**

Attendance: Joanne Wells Donna Brennan Laurie Lefebvre
 Maureen Silva Leann Petrie Brent Currie
 Natalie Currie Jamie Hodges Nicole Gilmore
 Doug Simmons

Regrets: Nicole McKerracher Penny MacDonald Deborah Kerr

Welcome 7:35

Attendance circulated. Welcome to everyone. Review and acceptance of September minutes. Jaime Hodges passed motion to accept meeting minutes from September meeting. Maureen Silva seconded the motion.

ELECTIONS

- 2 nomination forms were received
- Informal process for constitution
- 10-20 parents as elected members
- Whoever is a voting member can vote at meetings

2009/2010 Committee Voting Members

- Joanne Wells
- Donna Brennan
- Laurie Lefebvre
- Maureen Silva
- Leann Petrie
- Brent Currie
- Natalie Currie
- Jamie Hodges
- Nicole Gilmore
- Doug Simmons
- Nicole McKerracher
- Penny MacDonald
- Deborah Kerr

Positions

Co-Chairs – Brent Currie & Natalie Currie
Vice Chair – Maureen Silva
Treasurer – Natalie Currie
Secretary – Donna Brennan
Fundraising Coordinator* – Leann Petrie

*Note – Fundraising Coordinator position does not do all fundraising events. They keep track of all the different fundraising events.

Action items for new positions

- We need to transfer signing authority for banking
- We need to call Kerri Rossiter regarding insurance to cover out of school events
- Jaime Hodges offered to be back up signing authority.

REPORTS

Treasurer Report – Natalie Currie

- Penny confirmed that the silent auction raised a total of \$875
- Christmas catalogues were due back Oct 13 at a quick glance we raised \$1,300 so far but more will trickle in.
- Balance of \$2,724
- Nicole did not receive \$900 from last month’s wish list.

Principal Report – Nicole Gilmore

Upcoming Dates:

Friday, Oct 30	Character/Halloween Assembly – 12:30pm
Wednesday, Nov 4	Photo retakes
Friday, Nov 13	PD Day
Monday, Nov 16	PD Day
Monday, Nov 30	Report cards go home
Thursday, Dec 3	Evening Interviews
Friday, Dec 4	PD Day – AM interviews

Important dates for the 2009 – 2010 school year:

Friday, November 13th PD Day (Ministry Day)

Wish List

- 8 foot ladder for use by Mr. Luc \$100
- Office bookcases for parent resource library \$400
- Library bags (\$2.50 x 170 students) \$425
- Class set of whiteboards (\$5.50 x 20) \$110

Bus subsidy for field trips? One per class?

Funds for teachers (equivalent to 10 teachers)

Maureen .5 Kim .5

Debbie .5 Marlene .5

Stephanie Julie Allyson Maxine

Erin Tamara Gil Stacy

Discussions on Wish List Above

Wish list

- Ladder for Luc. Nicole to speak to Luc. Revisit next month if we have not heard from the Board. We all agreed it is a very important health and safety issue.
- Leann Petrie put forth that we do the library bags. Provide each student with their first bag. If they lose it then they have to pay for another one.
- Approved Mrs. Sills white boards. If she requires another set, Nicole has agreed to pay for it out of her own budget.
- Agreed to cover 1 bus per field trip per class. Start with 1 for now. We hope to provide 2nd but we will revisit in January.

Teacher Report – Maureen Silva

- Scheduled teacher not present so Maureen Silva provided an update
- It's been very busy with the EQAO. Our school did amazing.

Nicole Gilmore shared the results of the EQAO from May.

	Osgoode Public	Board	Province
Grade 3 – Reading	78%	63%	61%
Grade 3 – Writing	94%	69%	68%
Grade 3 – Math	83%	69%	70%
Grade 6 – Reading	82%	73%	69%
Grade 6 – Writing	71%	70%	67%
Grade 6 – Math	75%	65%	63%

Hot Lunch Program – Leann Petrie

- Going good. We've switched the hot lunch day to Wednesday (instead of Fridays)
- Forms have gone home
- This is Leann's last year on the committee, so before the end of the year Leann will set up dates for the person who takes this over next year.
- If someone wants to start taking over the hot lunch program part way through this year then they can work alongside Leann to see what is involved.

Milk Program – Natalie Currie

- Today was the first day
- We are now recycling the milk cartons
- Natalie has now arranged a standing order with the milk company. If the company does not hear from Natalie for some reason they will still go ahead and send the amount of milk as indicated on the standing order.

Website- Brent Currie

- It's been a quiet month
- No pictures received yet from Karen Granville from the assembly or the Metcalfe Fair.
- **Action Item** - Brent needs to know who are the kids that can **NOT** be photographed/published in pictures. How many kids are there in this situation and who are they so their pictures don't accidentally get put up on the website.

FUNDRAISING

Cookie Dough

- Determined that Donna Brennan and Debbie ? have agreed to help with this fundraising event
- Natalie passed some information from last year to Donna
- In the past we have done cookie dough with English Bay as well as MacMillan.
- There was a discussion and several people indicated that MacMillan's was better as it offered a larger variety than just cookie dough and therefore we've generated more profits from them in the past.

Labels – Anne Duquette

- Label Fundraiser is going out to students Oct 14

Senators Hockey Tickets – Doug Simmons

- Doug has received 4 front row seats for an upcoming Sens game. Game is in January against St. Louis. These are tickets that you can't buy!!! A \$640 value.
- This is a great opportunity to make a big profit for the school with minimal effort
- Doug is going to try and get a Metro family 4 pack of tickets. The cost of this is about \$100
- Doug is going to also try to get a real kid's hockey jersey for cost price. This should be about \$70. Doug will even try to get one of the players to sign the jersey.
- We'd like to make a big hype about this and have a hockey theme raffle with an opportunity to win one of three prizes.
 - 1st prize – 4 front row tickets mentioned above
 - 2nd prize – Signed hockey jersey
 - 3rd prize – Metro family 4 pack of tickets
- Doug is going to take this fundraising event on and get back to us with details on costs of tickets, start date, draw date, etc.
- **Action Item** – We need to talk to Pam about our permit license
- Brent made a motion for a float of \$200 for 2nd and 3rd prize as listed above. Jamie second the motion.
- To motivate the students to sell tickets, it was discussed that we should get a prize for the student that sells the most tickets.

Movie Night – October 30 – Leann Petrie

- Leann is running this event
- Movie is Ice Age
- Nicole has reserved the gym for October 30
- Doug will get the projector
- Raffle prized – Nicole has several prizes with a Halloween theme. Natalie also has some prizes from the Christmas Catalogue
- Doug will be the MC during intermission
- Nicole will run the raffle table if she is back in time
- Working the door – Laurie and Jamie. Doors open at 6:30 so they should arrive around 6:15
- Jamie will create the flyer to send home
- Need volunteers to help clean up after event
- **Action Item** - Nicole to ask Luc if council can have a copy of the key for the black sound box. We will then keep this key in the milk room.

Popcorn Treat – Natalie Currie

- This event allows students to purchase popcorn for .50 a bag
- Leann & Natalie will run this event on Mondays
- We will hold off starting on this.

Personalized Note Pads – Jamie Hodges

- Jamie has a call into a company that sells personalized note pads
- She will provide us with more details at next meeting.

Spring Fling

- We will present details of Spring Fling to Lions Club in hopes to receive a donation?

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Idea Jar for Teachers for Funding Ideas

- Council wants to hear all ideas from the teacher. We don't want the ideas filtered. If we don't agree on an idea we will simply reject the request.
- **Action Item** – Nicole Gilmore will set up the idea jar

Standing Order – Grade 1 French Immersion next year 2010/2011

- Last year the Board did not provide enough money to set up the new SK FI class and so at the end of the school year last year we had a surprise request to help out.
- So we want to be prepared for the new Grand 1 FI class next year. They will need French books, decorations for walls, classroom library, French games, etc.
- Leann Petrie made motion for council to set up a standing order and put aside \$50 per month for the Grade 1 FI class next year. Doug Simmons seconded the motion.

GRANT – PARENT REACHING OUT

- Due date for proposal is this Thursday, October 15
- \$1,000 grant
- Idea put forward by Natalie and Brent is to set up a Parent Resource Centre
 - Purchase several books on various topics (ie behavior issues, bullying, dealing with Autism, etc)
 - Parent could sign a book out from the Parent Resource Centre through the office
- Nicole also suggested that we have a speaker at the school and invite parents to attend. She suggested Dr. Maggie Mamen as she is a wonderful speaker. She has given talks on such topics as parent power, pampered child, etc.
- Nicole is to find out cost of having this speaker.

- The \$1,000 grant could cover the cost of the speaker, refreshments at the event, and books for the Parent Resource Center.
- **Action** - Natalie & Brent to finalize the grant proposal and submit it for review prior to the deadline.
- Doug Simmons motioned that this was a great idea for the grant proposal. Jamie Hodges seconded the motion.

Next meeting will be November 10, 2009 @ 7:30pm

Meeting adjourned 9:25