

**Osgoode Public School  
Parent Council Meeting Minutes  
November 10, 2009**

**Attendance:** Laurie Lefebvre      Marlene Cameron      Maureen Silva  
                   Nicole Gilmore      Penny Macdonald      Brent Currie  
                   Natalie Currie      Jamie Hodges      Leann Petrie  
                   Donna Brennan      Jennifer AndrewsWest

**Regrets:**      Joanne Wells      Deborah Kerr      Doug Simmons  
                   Nicole McKerracher

Welcome 7:35

Attendance circulated. Welcome to everyone. Review and acceptance of November minutes and action items.

**Update on Action Items from November Meeting**

<b>ACTION ITEM</b>	<b>UPDATE</b>
Doug to talk to Pam about our permit license	DONE
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.	Being Done. Luc is just deciding where to store key.
Need to have hot lunch schedule back on website	<b>Action – Leann to email hot lunch list to Brent for posting on website</b>
Leann and Doug to find dates of upcoming movies for movie night	<b>Action – to be done by email</b>
Spring Fling – Nicole to confirm if there is any issues with May 14 date	DONE – Nicole has booked the date of May 14

Jamie Hodges passed motion to accept meeting minutes from November meeting.  
 Natalie Currie seconded the motion.

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## REPORTS

### Treasurer Report – Natalie Currie

- Amount in bank = \$11,205.56
- Expenses due = \$5,731.94
- TOTAL TO SPEND = \$5,473.62
- Profits from Recent Fundraising Activities:
  - Catalogue profit = \$2,014.63
  - Loveable Labels = \$126.26
  - Donations = \$120.00
  - Christmas Shopping = \$251.55
  - Cookie Dough = \$1,317.50
  - Sens Raffle = \$2,363.45

### Principal Report – Nicole Gilmore



### Important dates

Tues. Jan 26 <sup>th</sup>	Kindergarten info night 6:30 to 7:30pm
Wed. Jan. 27 <sup>th</sup>	Metcalf PS presentation to grade 6
Thurs. Jan. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Cupcake Day
Fri. Jan. 29 <sup>th</sup>	Optimism assembly 8:30 am
Feb. 1 <sup>st</sup> to 5 <sup>th</sup>	Kindergarten registration
Thurs. Feb. 4 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup>	Skating – gr. 1 to 6
Wed. Feb. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Launch of Read-a-thon
Thurs. Feb. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Grad photos
Fri. Feb. 12 <sup>th</sup>	PD day
Mon. Feb. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Family Day
Feb. 16 to 26 <sup>th</sup>	Elementary Transfer Period
Fri. Feb. 19 <sup>th</sup> PM	Olympic Play Day
Feb. 22 to 26 <sup>th</sup>	MFI registration
Tues. Feb. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Toonie Tuesday (United Way)
Thurs. Feb. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Cupcake Day
Thurs. March 5 <sup>th</sup>	SK classes – Skating - PM

### Events update:

- United Way Toonie Tuesday is scheduled Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Money collected will remain at school in a fund for special needs (eg. Glasses for family having financial challenges, field trip costs as needed, etc.)
- A new school logo has been designed by a graphic designer at The Sam Group. Once a design has been fine tuned, parents will be given the opportunity to buy sports clothing for their children. This will be provided more as a service than a money making project.
- All day kindergarten – OPS was not selected as one of the schools for full day JK/SK in Sept. 2010. The entire process will take 5 years, at which time all schools will offer only the full day kindergarten program.
- Cupcake days are back by popular demand. Letters to bakers went home during the second week of January. Each volunteer only had to bake once. \$839 was collected.
- Change for Haiti – spearheaded by Erin Meek and her class – students are being made aware of the great needs in Haiti and are being asked to be compassionate and caring by contributing loose change.
- Safe drop off in front of school: Luc calls the city to remind them that the snow should be removed to allow for a safe drop off area. They are quite willing to accommodate.
- Canadian Tire money (\$37) was spent during Christmas holidays. Two kits of lego type blocks were purchased for indoor recess use.
- School population now at 170 – two new students from England started after Christmas and two grade 4 students returned from Kars MFI program.
- Kindergarten information night for OPS will be held on Tuesday Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 7:30 in the library. Kindergarten registration – Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>
- 5<sup>th</sup> annual Read-a-thon to be launched on Wed. Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> –
- **‘PAWS FOR READING’** theme - ultimate culmination motivator still not determined... Kalli Dakos, children’s author of humorous poetry, will launch the readathon for the third year. Whole group presentation at 10 am followed by writing workshop in the afternoon.
- New puppy, Gracie, will assume Paddington’s duties as ‘Reading Buddy’ for primary students
- 2010-2011 will be the last year that Late French Immersion is an available program. Information night at Castor Valley will be held on January 27<sup>th</sup>
- Winter Play Day – Olympic Theme planned for Friday Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon
- Mrs. Middaugh has returned and has been given teaching duties in Math, Science and Social Studies with students in grades 3, 4 and 5. We will remain over-staffed to the end of June.

## Wish List

1. Telephoto lens for camera (Henry's quote)	\$373
2. OPS yearbook subsidy (difference between cost and sale price)	\$200
3. Scholastic Clubs Online (French books for library)	\$125
4. Kindergarten request for crazy carpets and sleds	\$50
5. Kalli Dakos presentation + writing workshop	\$550
6. Bus for grade 6 ski trip	\$325
7. Early Settlers books (gr. 3) 15 x \$33	\$495
8. Early Settlers teacher guide	\$125
9. Winter play day hot chocolate and snack	\$50
10. CD player for Ms. Lowe's class	\$70

### **Additional items added at meeting:**

11. Canopy with school logo for sporting events	\$200
12. School Banner	\$100

## Discussion on Wish List Above

- Telephoto lens for camera is helpful for track meets
- Some parents on council have crazy carpets they will donate to Kindergarten classes
- **Action Item – Leann to look for a canopy at Walmart**
- Banners – Sam's Group does not do outdoor heavy banners.
- **Action Item – Nicole G to continue looking on-line and when she sees one for a good price she will buy it. She did see some smaller ones around \$72**
- Nicole bought ball sets for each classroom. She will only hand them out in the Spring and will have a discussion with the kids about responsibility and taking care of the balls.
- Karen Grenville had requested alternate speakers for the gym. She said to let it go for now.
- **Action Item – Nicole G to ask Karen to clarify exactly what type of speakers and for Karen to call Brent regarding the speakers.**
- Council decided that we should encourage parents of Grade 3 students to consult with Mr. Laroche regarding French immersion. We should put this in the newsletter or send home a special letter.

Jamie Hodges passed motion to approve principal's wish list items as listed above (items #1 – 12). Leanne Petrie seconded the motion.

## Teacher Report – Marlene Cameron

- Having a party for the green team
- Green team is very responsible and wonderful
- Party is end of March.
- Parent Council encouraged Marlene to make a suggestion to Council if she required funds for the party or other items for green team
- Council had a discussion regarding utensils for the classrooms for when kids forget theirs.
- **Action item – Nicole G will look into utensils**

## Hot Lunch Program – Leann Petrie

- New form went out
- Positive feedback on having hot lunch days on Wednesday
- No one has contacted Leann to take over the hot lunch program next year
- It is Leann's last year
- We'll need to book vendors for next year in June. Need direction on who's going to take this over
- Nicole G mentioned that the rules on food in the schools are changing again (ie low sugar, etc.) We may only be allowed to have 10 days in the school year where we can provide foods with less nutritional value
- It was mentioned when looking at vendors for next year's lunch program that we keep in mind the packaging that the food comes in. Ensuring it is recyclable
- **Action Item - Jamie will speak to Kelly regarding the Lunch Program for next year.**
- Kelly showed interest in coming to the schools on Wednesdays and helping out. Jamie would be willing to collect money but is not always able to go to the school each week.
- We will follow up this discussion at next Council meeting.
- Leann is looking for helpers for hot dog lunch. Penny has offered to help with the hot dogs.

## **Milk Program – Natalie Currie**

- The fridge is an issue
- We are looking for a commercial fridge
- If we go to a Lions club or legion meeting we can present our case for funding for a fridge
- **Action Item – Penny will take this proposal on. She will research fridges, space, power supply and will write a proposal. She will then present at Lions club and/or Legion**
- Contact at Lions is Renee Devenny
- **Action Item – Jamie to find a contact at the Legion**

## **Website- Brent Currie**

- Redesign is under way
- The new format will better present the information and is nicer on the eye
- For the classroom information – the flow is coming in from teachers
- Lots of pictures for the JK classes
- Leann suggested having a competition among the teachers to get pictures and information on their web pages. Perhaps put a bar graph in the teacher's room.
- **Action item – Nicole G to provide Brent with a paragraph for the front page of website.**

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## **FUNDRAISING**

### **Chocolate Fundraiser**

- Jamie will take on this fundraiser.
- Will begin 2<sup>nd</sup> week of March (around March 8<sup>th</sup>) and will be finished before Easter

### **Next Movie Night – Leann Petrie**

- Leanne will send out an email out next week to Council regarding choices of movies and dates for the next movie night.

**Medieval Festival – Maureen Silva**

- Festival takes place July 9 – 11
- Education day on the Friday
- They are looking to have a movie night on the Friday in the school gym.
- The committee for the festival has asked if they can do this movie night at the school
- The movie would be free and we could split the canteen profits between the school and the festival committee
- **Action Item – Nicole G to call and see if we can even book the gym for July 9. There may be logistical issues with doing this in the summer. There may be insurance coverage issues.**

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**ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

**Teachers Award**

- Natalie has cards to nominate teachers
- Does anyone want to write up a letter regarding the teachers awards and how nominations work. Natalie would take care of stapling the letter with the cards.
- The due date for this is Feb 1
- Council decided they would think about this.

**Sports**

- There are no sports items on the website
- **Action item – Nicole G to speak to GL regarding sending information/pictures to Brent for the website**

**Grant**

- Decisions are to be made in January so we should hear back soon as to whether we will be receiving this grant.

**Newsletter**

- Still concerns that when newsletter is on-line, parents may not read it
- Suggested that we have put a code in the on-line newsletter and parents then submit the code to win prizes.

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**Next meeting will be February 9, 2010 @ 7:30pm**

**Meeting adjourned 9:30pm**