

**Osgoode Public School  
Parent Council Meeting Minutes  
April 13, 2010**

**Attendance:** Laurie Lefebvre      Maureen Silva      Brent Currie  
                   Natalie Currie      Nicole McKerracher      Penny Macdonald  
                   Julie Lowe      Jamie Hodges      Leann Petrie  
                   Nicole Gilmore      Doug Simmons      Donna Brennan

**Regrets:**      Joanne Wells      Deborah Kerr

Welcome 7:40

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

**Update on Action Items from February Meeting**

<b>ACTION ITEM</b>	<b>UPDATE</b>
Need to have hot lunch schedule back on website	DONE
Leann to look for a canopy at Walmart	<b>There are Canopies at Costco for \$199 and comes with a carrying bag. Action - Nicole to buy canopy from Costco</b>
Nicole to continue looking on-line for banners	<b>Working with Sam Group on the school logo. Once logo completed Nicole will find banner</b>
Nicole to ask Karen to clarify the type of speakers and for Karen to call Brent regarding speakers	<b>Nicole will email Doug on when to contact Karen so they can further discuss speaker requirements</b>
Jamie to speak to Kelly regarding helping with Lunch Program next year	DONE - Jamie did speak with Kelly and she will be helping
Penny to take on fridge proposal. Research fridges, space, power supply, and write a proposal. Then present to Lions Club and Legion	<b>Penny still working on proposal for fridge. Need Jamie's husband to check if electricity is sufficient for commercial fridge.</b>
Nicole to provide Brent with a paragraph for the front page of the website	DONE & posted
Nicole to call and see if we can book the gym for July 9 for the medieval festival movie night. There may be logistical issues with doing this in the	DONE – Booked under school council umbrella so now insurance needed. Canteen profits will go to

summer. May be insurance coverage issues.	committee
Special Grant - Nicole to look for a speaker for parenting event	<b>Nicole to send a note to other principals to see if any other school also received the grant and would like to pool together with OPS to get a speaker and hold event together</b>
Nicole to send a note for donations for VCR/DVD combinations	<b>Nicole to look at Costco/Walmart for VCR/DVD combo machines and spend up to \$150 which was approved at April's meeting.</b>  <b>Motion to approve \$150 passed by Leann and seconded by Maureen</b>

Discussion resulting from review of Action Items:

- **Action – Doug Simmons to be the technical lead and assess requirements for VCR, etc in Library. Linda is in on Tuesdays & Thursdays**
- Doug saw Digital transfer machine at Costco. You bring your tapes there and they transfer them for you onto DVD.
- **Action – Nicole to check prices at Costco of using this machine so we can transfer old VHS videos to DVD.**
- **Action – Doug to check with an alternative contact on the cost of transferring VHS to DVD.**

Natalie passed motion to accept meeting minutes from February meeting, Nicole M. seconded the motion.

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## REPORTS

### Treasurer Report – Natalie Currie

- Amount in bank = \$9,351.75
- Non spendable money = \$7,880.58
- Total left over = \$1,471.17
- Total in Quilt Account = \$965.81
- **TOTAL TO SPEND = \$2,436.98**

## Principal Report – Nicole Gilmore



### **Important dates**

Thurs. April 15 <sup>th</sup>	STAGE (Alice in Wonderland) 7pm
Fri. April 16 <sup>th</sup>	STAGE production 7 pm
Thurs. April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Earth day movie for junior students
Fri. April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Dance workshop with Julia Gutsik - grade 5/6 and 6
Mon. April 26 <sup>th</sup>	IPRC letters go home
Thurs. April 29 <sup>th</sup>	Cupcake day
	Scientists in the Classroom Stephanie SK - all day
Fri. April 30 <sup>th</sup>	Responsibility Assembly PM
	Scientists in the Classroom - AM - JK
	PM - JK/SK
May 3 <sup>rd</sup> to 7 <sup>th</sup>	Education Week
Thurs. May 6 <sup>th</sup>	Choral Music Festival
Fri. May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Fling

### **Events update:**

- School organization for 2010-2011 - surplus teachers:  
Erin Meek, Stacy Budel & Maureen Silva
- Grades JK, JK/SK, 1/2 , 3, 4, 5/6 English
- Grades EFI SK - am and pm, 2 grade 1 classes
- .5 Learning Support Teacher + .5 Learning Resource Teacher
- Discussion with students and staff regarding changing our mascot  
from Oswald the dinosaur to possibly having the coyote as mascot -  
contest for naming the new mascot being considered

- New clothing line being offered for order with new logo (Sam Group) in May/June
- New blinds in library, staff room and kindergarten classroom (from board budget)
- Readathon success - reading goal met - Culmination assemblies: 2 police officers from the Canine Unit with several of their dogs did an educational and entertaining presentation in the morning. The afternoon assembly featured Bella the skunk held by the 'giant skunk' followed by the presentation of prizes and awards



Canine unit



Bella the skunk



prize winners

- Principals/Vice Principals came up with fun ideas for the enjoyment of the whole school - gum chewing day, circus spirit day, long afternoon recess, movie day, no homework, etc.
- Money raised: \$2,100
- Very successful ski trip for grade 6 students
- Grade 6 graduation - Tuesday June 22<sup>nd</sup> - PM - ceremony followed by reception with cake and lemonade - pool party to follow after dismissal
- No PD for reporting in April - reporting went smoothly either by telephone interview or formal interview as needed
- Spring photos should be back soon - very competent photographer
- Dental screening completed on Tuesday April 13<sup>th</sup>
- Public Speaking completed on Monday April 12<sup>th</sup> - no area finals this year
- Umbrella canopies seen at Costco for \$199
- Many prizes were purchased for the next movie nights - Easter clearance of stuffed toys and craft kits
- Fraser Institute rated Osgoode PS at a 9.2 / 10 for our EQAO scores  
We are ranked third in EQAO scores in the entire board.
- 2010-2011 school calendar - passed by board and sent to ministry  
proposed start date: Tuesday Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> .  
last day of school: Thurs. June 30<sup>th</sup>

## Wish List

1. Sports medals for M. LaRoche
  - \*premier with school logo 100 for \$428.92
  - \*bright plated with school logo 100 for \$570.80
  - \*premier no logo 100 for \$398.00 + shipping
2. Umbrella canopy \$200 + tax
3. DVD/VCR combo - 3 x \$100 (library + 2 carts) \$300
4. Paws for Reading prizes (remainder of previous request) \$125
5. Popcorn profits share with library?
6. Set up for 2 grade 1 EFI classes (board allocation not yet known)

## Discussion on Wish List Above

- **Action – Jamie to check on pricing of sports medals**
- **Action – Penny to also call her contacts regarding pricing for medals**
- Therefore \$428.92 or lower for medals
- Umbrella canopy was approved previously
- DVD/VCR Combos discussed at start of the meeting and committee approved \$150
- Paw for Reading Prizes - \$125 approved
- Popcorn profits to be shared with library can be done. **Action – Natalie to figure out the amount.**
- Butterflies for Mrs Sills approved for \$57.50
- Beautification of front of school – items for Luc – approved for \$40.95
- **Action – Penny to speak with Luc regarding the best flowers to put in front of school.**
- Bikes for JK/SK - \$79.98 approved
- Car Kit for grade 6 - \$300 approved

**Doug passed motion to accept above wish list items, Nicole M seconded the motion.**

## Teacher's Report – Julie Lowe

- A big thank you to the committee for all our support

## **Hot Lunch Program – Leann Petrie**

- Looking for suggestions from teachers. We owe them a hot lunch that was cancelled earlier in the year due to a snow day.
- Decided the best solution would be to send notices to the teachers to give to the specific kids.

## **Milk Program – Natalie Currie**

- Penny still researching a new fridge for school.
- **Action – Jamie’s husband Brent to check fridge for electrical requirements**

## **Website- Brent Currie**

- There should be a monthly update on website.
- **Action – when Nicole is creating monthly newsletter, send a summary to Brent for the website.**
- Nicole M. suggested to look at Weebly for web design as it is free and easy to use

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## **FUNDRAISING**

### **Movie Night**

- Done for the year. There was no movie night on April 9

### **Chocolate Fundraiser**

- Most of the money has been collected only about 20 outstanding

**Action – Leann to prepare a schedule for next meeting of fundraising events for 2010-2011 year.**

### **Spring Fling – May 14**

- The bouncy tent and obstacle course are booked
- We have two sponsors. Andy from Foodland and Cyril Cook
- Leann is keeping master list of tasks and who is volunteering at the different stations
- **Action – Nicole to get float money and buy tickets**
- **Action – Jamie to lend pools for the duck pond station**
- **Action – Jamie to sign up on Giant Tiger website to obtain prizes**
- If anyone can find other volunteers have them contact Leann and she will find them a job to help with.

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## **ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

### **Grant**

- We need to identify a list of parenting books to be purchased with Grant money
- **Action – Nicole to start a running list of appropriate books**

### **New Students coming to the school in Fall 2010**

- Invite new parents to upcoming events (Spring Fling, Grant money event, etc)
- **Action – Nicole to send list and addresses of new students that will start in Sept 2011**
- **Action – Penny to mail out the invites**

### **End of Year Picnic**

- Will be held on Thursday June 24 form 11:20 – 12:20
- **Action – Nicole to make invitation for picnic**

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Next meeting will be May 11, 2010 @ 7:30pm

Meeting adjourned 9:30pm