

**Osgoode Public School
Parent Council Meeting Minutes
October 11th, 2011**

Attendance: Natalie Hilborn Donna Brennan Kristin Strackerjan
 Nicole Gilmore Natalie Currie Brent Currie
 Anne Duquette Debby Van Zijl Stephanie Robert
 Lynne Whitehead Jamie Hodges Nicole McKerracher

Regrets:

Welcome 7:10

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

Update on Action Items from Previous Meetings

ACTION ITEM	UPDATE
Music Magazines that Debbie Gallagher provided info on. Nicole to send information on the magazine and website to the teachers to see if they are interested.	Not done. Nicole to call Debbie Gallagher to resend magazine information and she will share info with teachers.
Nat H and Nat C to close quilt account	To be done in November
School Signage – Luc to find out about Board sign – when we will receive it and where the Board wants to place this sign	Not done.

Nat C passed motion to accept meeting minutes from the September meeting, Nicole M seconded the motion.

REPORTS

Treasurer Report – Natalie Hilborn

- Amount in bank = \$13,412.87
- Non spendable money = \$10,621.48
- Total left over = \$2,791.39
- Total in Quilt Account = \$52.57
- **TOTAL TO SPEND = \$2,738.82**

Principal Report – Nicole Gilmore

October 2011



Principal report for School Council

Important dates

Wed. Oct. 5 th	Cross-country meet - Mooney's Bay
Oct. 10 th to 14 th	Fire Prevention Week
Wed. Oct. 12 th	Fire Safety Presentation to grades 1 & 2 - Firefighters - 9 am - gym
Thurs. Oct. 13 th & Fri. Oct. 14 th	Principals' Leadership Conference
Wed. Oct. 19 th	Hot potato lunch
Fri. Oct. 21 st	PD day
Wed. Oct. 26 th	Extreme Pita lunch
Fri. Oct. 28 th	Appreciation Assembly 12:30 pm
Mon. Oct. 31 st	Black and Orange Spirit Day Hallowe'en
Wed. Nov. 2 nd	Photo retake day Pizza hot lunch

Events update:

- School cross-country team did the school proud on October 5th. They were supervised by Miss Anderson and Mrs. Crewe plus parent volunteers.
- The soccer team is now practicing with Mlle Farrell and Miss Anderson. Details of the tournament will be decided tomorrow. Students now try out for school teams and are selected based on sportsmanship, dedication, respect, showing up for all practices, not just ability.

- Metcalfe Fair trip went well. We were able to have one bus paid for by the Fair.
- Hallowe'en: Class celebrations are being planned for the afternoon. The kindergarten classes will parade through the school both in the morning and the afternoon. Students will be reminded that there are to be no weapons or masks, only face painting.
- New staff - LRT position on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Friday mornings.
- Supplies - The school board has asked principals to keep track of those who contribute supplies and pay for the agenda. We reported and will receive extra funding based on supplies provided by parents.
- Student teachers - Mrs. Guthrie and Ms. Lowe will have a supply teacher from Ottawa U. from Oct. 31st until Nov. 25th
- Principal Profile - should be reviewed before the spring.
- Stock room - has been cleaned. The long table has been replaced by a smaller one, creating much needed space. The laminator is now on a computer desk on wheels, making that equipment easier to handle. The televisions and DVD/VCR units were all checked and will now be stored in classrooms, again creating much needed space in the stock room. We are being very vigilant about the safety factor.
- Ministry of Labour - inspector could come into the school at any time and inspect the building. All staff is receiving instructions on matters of health and safety - eg. Nothing hanging from ceiling, boxes not hanging over edge of shelf, no long extension cords, etc.
- Community Walk forms going home today - to cover any walks to arena, post office, etc.

Wish List

- Proposal: Our giant, antique televisions on carts are slowly breaking down. It would be more efficient and practical to replace them by a flat screen tv attached to the wall with a DVD player under it.
- French books to support Character Education qualities
- French books for reading comprehension (book room and / or library)
- 3 listening centres for EFI classes \$818.52
- 3 long folding tables (Walmart or Costco) \$50 x 3

- Guided reading kit for grade 2 EFT \$1,050.00

- JK/SK needs 60 (tax & shipping)
- set of no-spill glue pots \$15.99
- Paint brushes and pots \$24.99
- Goo spreaders \$5.99

Discussion of Principal's Report & Wish List

- Nicole Gilmore will be retiring at the end of this year. We will be very sad to see her go
- Council will need to review the Principal Profile and make any changes by March Break
- **Action – Nat & Brent to circulate the old principal's profile to Council to review and update.**
- **Action – Brent to compare costs at different stores for flat screen TVs and DVDs for the classrooms**
- **Action – Anne as fundraising prime to create list of fundraising events for 2011/12 school year and include what these events made last year**
- **Action – Nicole to book Knight School for this year**
- **All in favour of giving \$210 total for 3 folding tables and JK/SK needs as listed above.**
- **All in favour of covering costs for scientist in the classroom again this year for all classes and 1 bus per class for field trips. These amounts to be accounted for in non-spendables.**

Teacher's Report – Stephanie Robert

- Just wanted to bring to Council's attention that teachers had a discussion about the waste from the packaging generated by the hot lunch program. If council could keep this in mind for next year.
- Debbie Kinny is organizing Scientist in the Classroom again this year. We need to put down a \$25 deposit for each class. There are 12 classes. The cost is \$169 for each ½ day workshop. If council can support this program it would be greatly appreciated.
- This school year we are having "colour houses". The kids have been put into coloured groups. Each month the teams will do an activity together. The colour team with the most points each month will win a surprise

Hot Lunch Program – Jamie Hodges

- Starts Oct 18
- Ozzie’s food is up to the new standards
- At the moment the participation rate is a little less than last year but we always have a few last minute submissions.

Milk Program – Fiona

- Fiona is trying to get a non-dairy milk option
- The money has been collected and is in
- No problems

Website- Brent Currie

- 400 visitors since school started
- Kerri Rossiter’s son is volunteering to help Brent with the website
- Newsletters are trickling in from teachers
- **Action – Brent to do workshop for teachers on website on the upcoming PD days on Oct 21.**
- **Action - Laurie asked to have permanent link to put to Osgood Village. Brent to add this**
- **Action – Brent to also post a link to OY-A**
- Mabel Labels info is still on website just down a little further

ELECTIONS – 2011/2012 SCHOOL YEAR

After discussion and reading nominations, the positions

- Co-Chairs – Brent & Natalie Currie
- Vice Chair – Nicole McKerracher
- Secretary – Donna Brennan
- Treasurer – Kristin Strackerjan
- Fundraising Goddess – Anne Duquette

Voting Members

Brent Currie

Natalie Currie

Donna Brennan

Anne Duquette

Jamie Hodges

Nicole McKerracher

Kristin Strackerjan

Lynne Whitehead

FUNDRAISING

Silent Auction at Welcome BBQ – Lynne

- We raised approximately \$700
- Way to go Lynne in organizing this event in 1 week and raising that much!

Christmas Catalogues - Nat

- Christmas Catalogues are due back Oct 14

E-waste Fundraiser - Anne

- Event is a go ahead for Saturday, Nov 5. Anne is running this event
- Will happen in the Foodland parking lot from 9am – 3pm
- We will receive \$185 per ton of e-waste. Each bin holds 2-3 tons.
- Need volunteers to help out – direct traffic, etc. If anyone knows of high school kids that can help out let Anne know
- Anne has applied for a promotion grant for advertising
- Lynne will help Anne with advertising contacts, etc.
- Anne to also contact Doug regarding radio advertising
- **Action – Brent to put E-waste fundraiser on website**
- **Action – Nicole M to post at O-YA**
- **Action – Anne to create posters and put up around Osgoode and surrounding areas**
- It was suggested to put on the poster if you can't make the event to leave your items on your curb and we can have someone drive around and pick up items

Movie Night

- 1st Movie night of the school year will be Smurfs on Dec 2
- **Action – Nicole to book the gym**
- Nicole has enough prizes for this movie night
- Will discuss and determine roles at the next council meeting

MacMillans – Donna

- Flyers have arrived. Everyone agreed to offer this fundraiser again this year
- Flyers will go out Oct 24 and will be due back Nov 7
- Order will go in on Nov 21 and items will be delivered to the school on Dec 5

Christmas Shopping - Anne

- Will be held in the gym on December 20
- Set up will be on Dec 19
- **Action – Anne to start applying for donations**

Additional Ideas for Fundraising Events

- **Dance-a-thon**
 - Need to determine best time to hold this event
 - To do in lieu of Chocolate fundraiser

- **Popcorn**
 - Idea is to promote family time – ie movie nights at home
 - Sell big bags for \$2 on Fridays (bi-weekly or monthly)
 - **Action – Jamie to look further into this**

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

School Signage

- If anyone sees a sign they like take pictures and forward to everyone
- **Action – Luc is finding out about Board sign and when we will receive it and where exactly the Board wants to place this sign and whether the fence will need to be removed.**

Teacher’s Breakfast

- Looking at date of Friday, Nov 25
- **Action – Nicole will run date by teachers to make sure ok**

Next meeting will be November 15, 2011 at 7:00 pm

Meeting adjourned 9:01pm