

OCASC Assembly Meeting Agenda

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17 November 2016

Meeting Location: Fisher Park Public/Summit Alternative School, Library
250 Holland Avenue, 2nd floor
Meeting Time: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Agenda

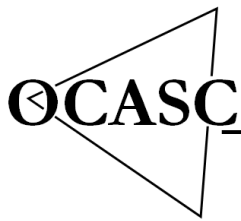
1. Welcome and Approval of Agenda and Minutes7:00 – 7:05
2. From Your Executive7:05 – 7:15
3. Vacant OCASC Committee Positions / Advisory Committees7:15 – 7:25
4. Complaints Resolution Policy – Sue Baker (*see reverse*).....7:25 – 7:40
5. Secondary School Committee to Reconvene (Room 214).....7:40 – 9:00
 - a. Prom Night
 - b. Transgender Students
 - c. Overnight Stays
 - d. SSC Web Site Potential Changes
 - e. Increasing Participation in SSC
6. People for Education, Making Connections Conference Summary7:40 – 8:00
7. Elementary School Program Framework – Dorothy Baker (*see reverse*)8:00 – 8:15
8. *Chalk It Up* (Member Knowledge Exchange)8:15 – 8:45
9. From Your Trustee (Trustees in Attendance) / New Business8:45 – 9:00
10. Adjournment9:00

Looking Ahead

School Council Training Day Longfields-Davidson Heights Secondary School, 149 Berrigan Drive (<i>see reverse</i>)	Saturday, 19 November 2016 8:30am-1:00 p.m.
Advisory Committee on Equity Mezzanine, 133 Greenbank Road	Thursday, 24 November 2016 6:00-8:30 p.m.
Advisory Committee on the Arts Fisher Park Public School, 250 Holland Avenue	Monday, 28 November 2016 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Parent Involvement Committee Trustee's Committee Room, 133 Greenbank Road	Wednesday, 7 December 2016 6:00-8:30 p.m.
Committee of the Whole, Public OCDSB Board Room, 133 Greenbank Road	Tuesday, 13 December 2016 7:30-10:30 p.m.
OCASC Secondary School Council and Assembly Joint Meeting Fisher Park Public School, 250 Holland Avenue	Thursday, 15 December 2016 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Membership Reminder

Each School Council is kindly reminded to provide their 2016-2017 OCASC Membership Form and annual fee (\$35.00, cheques payable to OCASC, waivers are available upon request). Questions can be directed to chair@ocasc.ca.



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Complaints Resolution Policy – [view online](#)

Summary. The Ottawa-Carleton District School Board (OCDSB) has developed a draft, umbrella policy intended to manage complaints the following natures of complaints: academic; administrative; employee; safety of school property, facilities or equipment; and student transportation.

Status. As outlined at the hyperlink, this policy is part way through its public consultation. It will be presented to the Committee of the Whole (COW) for approval on 13 December 2016 and to the Board on 20 December 2016 for final approval/implementation.

OCASC Recommendation. OCASC Representatives should ensure that their respective school councils are aware of this new policy. As a rule of thumb, the "average parent/guardian" approach should apply in that the policy should be easily understood in a single reading and clearly indicate how a parent is to address a complaint, when they should expect an answer and how they can escalate their complaint in the event of an unsatisfactory or untimely response.

How to provide Feedback. The following are some ways you can address your concerns:

- Email OCASC (address below) for inclusion in the OCASC consultation at the COW;
- Speak to or send your Trustee your comments;
- Speak to or send your comments to any Trustee; and/or
- Attend the appropriate COW and provide your feedback in person.

Elementary School Program Framework – [view online](#)

Summary. As a companion to the Secondary School Program Framework, the Elementary School Program Framework (ESPF) will outline the structure of elementary school programs in the School Board and will guide decision making on issues related to elementary programming, including the number of programs offered at each elementary site, and placement of specialized programs.

Status. As outlined at the hyperlink, this policy is part way through its public consultation. It will be presented to the Committee of the Whole (COW) for approval on 13 December 2016 and to the Board on 20 December 2016 for final approval/implementation.

OCASC Recommendation. OCASC Representatives should ensure that their respective school councils are aware of this new framework. As a rule of thumb, the "average parent/guardian" approach should apply in that the policy should be easily understood in a single reading and clearly indicate the potential impacts of this framework on their school.

How to provide Feedback. The following are some ways you can address your concerns:

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School Council Training Day – [view online](#)

Summary. This is a free, half-day training opportunity for the School Councils. A number of workshops have been organized to cover a variety of themes including Physical Health and Well-Being, Learning, Special Education and School Council Training.

Time and Location. Saturday November 19, 2016 – 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.,
Longfields-Davidson Heights Secondary School – 149 Berrigan Drive

Child Care. Free child care is available next door at Berrigan Elementary School but space is limited. Questions should be directed to earlylearning@ocdsb.ca or call at 613-596-8760