



OCASC November 2016 Meeting Minutes

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Date: 17 November 2016
Location: Fisher Park School (Library), 250 Holland Avenue
Time: 7:00pm to 9:00 pm

Attendance

- Total attendance (52); number of school reps attending (40)
- Total schools represented (47)
- **Member schools attending (25)**

Adrienne Clarkson (ACES): Carrie McConnachie
Agincourt Road PS: Meghan Leitch
Canterbury HS: Liane Jelly, Nadine Clarke
Castlefrank ES: Ralph Quapp
Castor Valley ES: Alka Moorjani
Colonel By SS: Danusia Robaszewski, Gisell Delgado
Earl of March SS: Catherine Roberts
Elizabeth Park PS: Dale Childs (Co-Chair)
Emily Carr MS: Rob Cosh
Fallingbrook Community ES: Darlene Glover
Huntley Centennial PS: Mark Tymowski
JH Putman PS: Gina Bies
John McCrae SS-Elizabeth Conabree
John Young ES-Amanda Jette Knoc

Katimavik ES: Ian Urbach
Leslie Park PS: Dave Wright
Manordale PS: Cathy Babyak (Membership)
Maple Ridge ES: Cynthia Allen
Mary Honeywell ES: Elizabeth Conabree (Liaison Officer)
Pleasant Park PS: John Marshall
Sir Robert Borden HS: Maria Schnarr
Sir Winston Churchill PS: Margaret Sambol
Summerside: Oswald(Wally) Peters
Vincent Massey PS: Gisell Delgado
West Carleton SS: Mark Tymowski

Non-member Schools attending (19 schools attending; 20 representatives)

Bayview PS: Bonnie Oakes Charron
Bell HS: Susanne Bowen, Priyantha Wijewelra
Chapman Mills PS: Nita Tandon
Elgin Street PS: Malaka Hendela (Co-chair)
Elmdale PS: Caroline Hatton
First Avenue Public School: Dana Somayaji
Glashan PS: Gerry Nera
Glen Cairn PS: Christine Lindsay

Goulbourn MS: Kiera Delgaty
Greenbank MS: Helen Norman (Secretary)
Jack Donohue PS: Lindsay Kemp
Knoxdale PS: J.P. Larochette
Lisgar CI: John Higgins (SSC chair)
Longfields: Davidson Heights-Susan Klimchuk
Manotick PS: Sophie Paluck (Communication)
Merivale HS: Lorrie Vidalin
South Carleton HS: Kiera Delgaty
Steve MacLean PS: Rebecca Montanaro
Woodroffe PS: Danna Campbell

Guests (5)

Dorothy Baker (OCDSB Principal of Leadership Development), Nadine Clarke and John Higgins (Secondary School Committee), Bobby Chawla (Bell HS parent)
Susan Baker (OCDSB Policy Analyst)



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1. Welcome and Call to Order (7:11 pm)

Co-chair, Dale Childs, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to meeting. He also introduced Malaka Hendela as the new co-chair.

2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Approved with an amendment and with discussion about the secondary school committee points. Minutes posted? John said that they are still looking for a scribe.

Approved as presented (name changed). Motion: John Young; Second: West Carleton

3. From your Executive

Co-chair, Dale talked about the breakdown of responsibilities: Dale administration, Malaka “up and out”

Malaka: Wants to make sure that the consultations happen in a timely fashion, and that information is easy to find. Wants to liaise with the board and pass on perspective of OCASC members.

Q: Mary Honeywell: Happy to hear that consultations will be happening

Q: Manotick: Joined OCASC to get best practices for school councils

A:

- Dale will take the lead on best practices
- Malaka: Wanting to make sure that the policies and regulations for councils are easy to find and to understand
- West Carleton: The school council/parent conference important
- Goulbourn: School council section (<http://www.ocdsb.ca/par/sc/Pages/default.aspx>) on the OCDSB, and on other boards' websites (e.g. Best practices for School Councils, <http://www.ottawacspa.ca/school-councils/best-practices.html>, on the Ottawa Catholic School Board website)

4. Vacant OCASC Committee Positions / Advisory Committees

Dale called for volunteers for committees

- Asked committees: Heard back from ACE and they would like an OCASC rep. Amanda Jette Knoc (John Young ES) will be the rep
- Will ask again at the next meeting

5. Susan Baker—Complaint Resolution Policy

Reviewed the Complaint Resolution Policy consultation plan

Asked for feedback

Q: Mary Honeywell: What if a parent has a complaint about the school councils? Could something be added to the policy about complaints? If you have a problem with council, who do you ask?

A: Start with principals, after that move it up. Will take the feedback to the Board

Glashan: At First Avenue, there were guidelines and bylaws

Goulbourn: Need the bylaws in the constitution. There should be a section about school councils in the policies.



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6. Elementary School Program Framework—Dorothy Baker

- Secondary school framework—program consistency across the board (7 to 12 or 9 to 12)
- Equitable access across the board
- Feedback—talk to Dorothy email or the survey
- Will go back to the committee of the whole in January and back to the board at the end
- If you have at least 1½ class per grade, better for learning
- With English/French kindergarten, several options for second language learning—full report is on the website

Q: Manotick: How important will it be to keep small schools in small communities?

A: Five year accommodation reviews—every situation is going to be unique—secondary school reviews

Q: Elgin: Good to see flexibility, but if this doesn't fit, how are things going to change? Doesn't include what will happen in future consultations

A: Any changes to programs will be reviewed in consultation with the framework

Q: Leslie Park: Western Review Accommodation—if you don't fit, how do you make plans for future? Moving the French programs to small schools could help

A: If funds are being used to be constantly changing frameworks, the funds are diverted from learning—the framework could change

Q: Mapleridge: With all the accommodation reviews, why are we building new schools and closing others?

A: Keeping kids as close to home is one of the parts of the framework...building the new schools is only possible when there is a proven need. Money given to building the schools can take away from programming

Q: First Avenue: What is the difference between this framework and what was there before?

A: K to 8 and K to 6, dual track and triple tracks—program choice is driving it—reference to a class and a half

Q: Greenbank: How does the framework take into account the changes in programs and environments?

Elgin: Where does the framework show the flexibility of the accommodation reviews?

What is your ask for parent councils?

A:

- Take this back to the school councils
- If you see a direct connection between the framework and accommodation reviews, make sure to give feedback
- Please make sure that the councils parents are informed:
<mailto:elementaryprogramframework@ocdsb.ca>



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7. Chalk It Up

Q: Mapleridge: Jump2Math: Has anyone else had this organization at their school?
100 families?

A: Mary Honeywell: Mathletes does day programs

Q: Mary Honeywell: (Community use of schools) C.U.S. forms: Is it done through councils or through principals?

A:

- Manotick: principal
- Knoxdale: principal
- Summerside: if you don't book it through the principal, the insurance won't cover it
- Dale: anyone can get C.U.S. form—no additional cost
- Susan Baker: there will be a session on insurance at the Parent and Council Training Day

Q: Castor Valley

1. Technology for literacy: revamping library: Raz-kids (<https://www.raz-kids.com>) apps, e-readers, etc.?

Mapleridge: Does the school board have e-books to add to e-readers?

[Secretary's Note: I asked about this at the Parent and Council Training Day, and I was told that the Board has an arrangement with the Ottawa Library to borrow books for school e-readers)

A: Elmdale: Osmo (<https://www.playosmo.com/en/schools/>)

2. Study habits and time management

A: PRO workshops on study skills

- Adrienne Clarkson: son given a form for reading assignment—teacher asked him to block off certain times
- Glen Cairn: Suggested talking to Shannon Smith, Principal, to find out what they did and how they were teaching study skills

8. SEAC report (First Avenue)

Looking for feedback on the consultations—bring ideas to executive

9. From Your Executive

Dale gave a “looking ahead” review.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50. Motion: Glashan; Second: Elmdale
The Chair thanked everyone for attending and for the discussions.