



OCASC March 2017 Meeting Minutes

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133 Greenbank Road
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Date: 23 March 2017
Location: Fisher Park School (Library), 250 Holland Avenue
Time: 7:00pm to 9:00 pm

Attendance

- Total attendance (33)
- Total schools represented (31)
- **Member schools attending (23)**

Agincourt Road PS: Meghan Leitch
Briargreen PS: Donna Owen
Castlefrank ES: Ralph Quapp
Chapman Mills PS: Luc Poirier
Elgin Street PS: Malaka Hendela (Co-chair)
Elizabeth Park PS: Dale Childs (Co-Chair)
Fallingbrook Community ES: Nanao Kachis
Glebe CI: Carol Malatesta
Goulbourn MS: Kiera Delgaty
Greenbank MS: Helen Norman (Secretary)
Jockvale ES: Joe Allan
John McCrae SS: Elizabeth Conabree
Knoxdale PS : J.P. (Jean Paul) Larochette

Leslie Park PS: Carmen Parsons, Dave Wright
Longfields-Davidson Heights SS: Susan Klimchuk
Manordale PS: Cathy Babyak (Membership)
Mary Honeywell ES: Elizabeth Conabree (Liaison Officer)
Rockcliffe Park PS: David Mackie
Sir Robert Borden HS: Maria Schnar
South Carleton HS: Kiera Delgaty
South March PS: Christine Moulaison (Liaison Officer)
Woodroffe PS: Danna Campbell

Non-member Schools attending (6 schools attending; 6 representatives)

Bell HS: Susanne Bowen
First Avenue Public School: Mary O'Connor
Lisgar CI: Phillip Rennison
Mutchmor PS: Lisa Hamilton

Nepean HS: Shawn Tallon
Steve MacLean PS: Anke Adams
Viscount Alexander PS: Phillip Rennison
Woodroffe HS: Karen Walker

Guests and non-school reps (1)

Susan Baker, OCDSB Policy Analyst



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1. Welcome and Call to Order (7:05)

Dale called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to meeting.

2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Agenda: Approved as presented. Motion: South March; Second: Rockliffe

Minutes: Approved as presented. Motion: Rockliffe; Second: Chapman Mills

3. From your Executive

Dale brought up the accommodation reviews and said that we are going to discuss the impact of the changes.

- Not here to debate the decisions, but here to look at what the issues will be.
- School closures and councils are going to be closing and merging.
- Fund sharing
- Challenges and opportunities
- What can we do when we are moving forward to change the process

4. Committee Reports

SEAC (<http://ocasc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/SEAC-February-2017-Meeting.pdf>)

5. Eastern Secondary Review

- Many community reps came, many debates
- The debates are all up on YouTube
- Programs will be changing schools and boundaries will be changing
- Grant Alternative will be moving to Regina Public School
- Will learn more about this at the next meeting – A representative will be coming to the next meeting
- What stories make the biggest impressions?
 - A lot of the kids who came out did a great job
 - People did surveys and sent things ahead of time
 - Don't be antagonistic
 - Regina was slated to be closed, but became an alternative
 - Changes were made as a result of the consultations
- How many changes were not made? Delays are made
- The original recommendations were mostly made
- Trustees have deal with the domino effects
- First consultations have to be done differently
- COWs are difficult to get to: YouTube videos helped
- Timing – the time between the decision being made and the changes being made
- Parents planning and neighbourhoods – how will it work?
- Steve MacLean got an extension
- COW and COW Budget don't happen at the same time
- Transportation costs - Malaka will be bringing it up at the next COW



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- Decisions about staffing being deferred
- What was the overall reasoning? Cost effectiveness
- How are spaces being used? A school with few students could be very well used by community members.
- Funding comes from different places
- Why are schools be maintained if they are not being used as schools?
- Transition committees – set up between schools – how do parent councils set up a place on the committee?
- Bell High School chair of council got a formal document

6. Leslie Park Treasurer Report

- The treasurer shared their experience
 - LP Presentation Online
<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1s8cl4hySnu8WHo40FZhR35nZo2BIPzv7mgfU44AUS0s/present#slide=id.p>
 - LP Financial Investigation Report May 2016
<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B3mcUkhYApgaU3Y4VUhjanR5YUE>
 - LP Recommendations to OCDSB regarding Financial Investigation Aug 2016
<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B3mcUkhYApgaMHZURHNabnVtSDA>
 - LP List of Outstanding OCDSB Action items from LP and JES February Council Meetings
<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B3mcUkhYApgaQW1SSIRDZWhUZjA>
- Goulbourn member talked often with the Chief Financial Officer – where was he in all of this?
- What is the money being used for? Was never assigned to particular expense.
- Now have a communication plan and a newsletter – told people through the newsletter
- Council can be told that you can't communicate with parents directly
- Leslie Park couldn't give Jockvale a head's up
- Website has to be updated by the Principal
- Where was the discussion about the insurance?
- Cash handling thresholds – Mary Honeywell – put in rules and regulations – dual counting – policies on the OCDSB website
- Principals vary in how they deal with the policies and procedures
- Financial documents on the Board site under training
- Ideas for moving forward

7. Chalk It Up

Q: Fundschrift – Who uses and why?

A:

- Heavy administrative load that reducing the money – payoffs are very slight – lot of work – some money goes to parents to encourage – variety of cards and usefulness very broad
- Mary Honeywell – do it all online – not a lot of work – but doesn't make a lot of money – gift cards

Q: Briargreen – School renovation – how do children deal with renovations

A:



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- Mutchmoor – the construction was very disruptive to the school and very bad for the children's health
- Didn't go to the media
- Should the children be present, or can they move out during the renovation?
- LD – smoking by construction workers on school property
- Steve MacLean – school staggered the recesses
- Christine – Portables, lost part of the yard, let the kids (safely) watch the construction
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Q: Jockvale – How to get a bus driver removed from a route?

A:

- Goulbourn – parents phoned OSTA rep
- Mutchmoor – had a safety monitor ride the bus until the end of the year
- Contact the Ombudsman

Q: Greenbank - melding councils

A:

- Earl of March
- Keep very close records
- Malaka bringing issues to PIC and COW
- Bring it up at the next meeting
- Board financial policies

8. Adjournment

Dale brought up the AGM (see information on the website at <http://ocasc.ca/events/ocasc-general-assembly-meeting-and-agm/>). The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Motion: Fallingbrook; Second: Longfields

Dale thanked everyone for attending and for the discussions.

Next meeting: 20 April 2017