



# OCASC September 2017 Meeting Minutes

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Date: 21 September 2017  
Location: Fisher Park School (Library), 250 Holland Avenue  
Time: 7:00 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

## Attendance

- Total attendance (28); number of school reps attending (23)
- Total schools represented (21)
- **Member schools attending (21)**—total member schools (64): based on 2016–17 school year—33% member schools attended; we require 33% for quorum

Barrhaven PS : Allen Garlow  
Briargreen PS: Donna Owen  
Canterbury HS: Tim Hore, Nadine Clarke  
Castlefrank ES: Ralph Quapp  
Earl of March SS: Catherine Roberts  
Elgin Street PS: Malaka Hendala (Co-Chair)  
First Avenue PS: Dana Somayaji  
Glashan PS: Gerry Nera  
Glebe CI: Gerry Nera  
Huntley Centennial PS: Mark Tymowski  
Jockvale ES: Cindy Frazer  
John McCrae SS: Elizabeth Conabree

John Young ES: Kim Hope  
Knoxdale PS: JP (Jean Paul) Larochette  
Lisgar CI: Andrew Staples  
Manordale PS: Cathy Babyak (Membership)  
Mary Honeywell ES: Elizabeth Conabree (Liaison Officer)  
Sir Robert Borden HS-Dave Wright, Helen Norman (Communications/Secretary)  
South March PS: Christine Moulaison (Co-Chair)  
Stonecrest ES: Patricia McKeage  
West Carleton SS: Mark Tymowski

### Non-member schools attending (3)

A Lorne Cassidy ES: Kathy DeSousa  
Cedarview MS: Cindy Frazer  
Severn Avenue PS: Mark Warriner

### Guests (2)

Trustee Lynn Scott and Mostafizur Khan, Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) chair

## 1. Welcome and Call to Order (7:16 pm)

Co-chair, Malaka Hendala, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to meeting and introduced Mostafizur Khan (Chair of PIC) and Trustee Lynn Scott. Malaka suggested that we might try a different setup (e.g. Setting up the tables in a circle). School accommodation reviews are not happening for the next year, so the Ottawa Carleton District School Board (OCDSB or the Board) will focus on different things in the year ahead

## 2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

- a. Agenda: Approved as presented. Motion: Briargreen ; Second: Castleman
- b. May Assembly Minutes: Carry forward to the next meeting.



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### 3. From your Executive

- Malaka introduced the executive and thanked Cathy (Babyak, last year's Membership Chair) for covering as Membership Chair for this meeting.
- Co-chairs are looking at engaging the membership and getting ideas from the General Assembly
- Ideas for topics and speakers: Healthy food in schools, Parents Reaching Out (PRO) grants

### 4. Website and Social Media Update

- We're going to try to link Facebook, Twitter, and the OCASC website. We are also going to set up an online Chalk it Up (a forum on the Facebook page).
- If you need information about OCASC, or if you have a particular interest or want to have something in particular discussed at a meeting, contact us:
  - Email: [chair@ocasc.ca](mailto:chair@ocasc.ca); [communications@ocasc.ca](mailto:communications@ocasc.ca)
  - Twitter: [@ocasc\\_ca](https://twitter.com/ocasc_ca)
  - Facebook: [www.facebook.com/groups/ocasc/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/ocasc/) (public group)
  - Website: <http://ocasc.ca>

### 5. Secondary School Council (SSC)

- Tim Hore, Canterbury HS, will be temporary SSC chair, until a new chair can be elected
- Whether or not the SSC will leave the General Assembly meeting to topics only related to High School students (or alternative ideas, such as meet on a different evening, discussions over email, or a Facebook discussion group) still needs to be decided.
- Minutes will be taken at SSC meetings

### 6. Meeting Summary – Committee of the Whole

Link to the agenda for 19 September 2017

(<http://ocdsb.ca/cms/One.aspx?portalId=55478&pageId=55498&contextId.9325=57139&parentId.9325=57140&returnTo=57140&objectId.9325=1620643&currentDate=2017-09-19&view=dailylist>)

- First meeting on Tuesday
  - They are looking for people to serve (look on the website for more details)
  - Anyone is welcome and it is free
  - Agenda coming out in October
  - OSTA came in to talk about changes to bell times, which they can change by 10 minutes
- Trustee Scott spoke about school buses:
  - Cost effectiveness of school buses vs. OC Transpo
  - Send questions to Trustee Scott about OSTA
- Castor Valley:
  - It is at 160% capacity
  - Metcalfe, Greeley, Castor Valley, Osgoode are being reviewed, to see what can be done to help

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- The community is receptive because they know it needs to be done
- Quarterly plan was approved - Final review in January
- Kindergarten – figuring out how the 50% 50% split is working
- Reps needed:
  - Another rep for Committee of the Whole
  - PIC reps—ask at parent councils
  - SEAC reps staying
  - Arts rep

### 7. From Your Trustee (Trustee Lynn Scott)

- Thanked members for coming and talked about how OCASC has evolved and how the members need to understand when the parent council's opinions can be useful to the Board.
- Is there a boardroom at the Board office that could be used? Not one that would be convenient.
- Will there be a postmortem about the merging of schools? None planned
- Discussion about the merging of schools

### 8. Chalk It Up

Q: Sir Robert Borden – Quality of food in the cafeteria?

A: Must offer healthy choices (80/20) – Allergy

Q: Computer use – wired and wireless use – exit outcomes for high school digital (suggestion for the parent training)

Q: Bike racks council paid

A: Road blocks to construction

### 9. Additional agenda items

- Please send ideas to the chair
- PIC update – EQAO results will be brought to council meetings, math learning plans
- PROgrant may be changing

### 10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22. Motion: Jockvale; Second: Briargreen  
Malaka thanked everyone for attending.