



## OCASC May 2018 Meeting Minutes

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Date: 17 May 2018  
Location: Fisher Park School (Library), 250 Holland Avenue  
Time: 7:00pm to 8:00 pm

### Attendance

- Total attendance (19)
- Total schools represented (17)
- **Member schools attending (14), Total member schools (33), quorum (11)**

Alta Vista PS: Nancy Dean  
Briargreen PS: Donna Owen  
Castlefrank ES: Ralph Quapp - Rep  
Earl of March SS: Zhong An  
Elgin Street PS: Malaka Hendela  
First Avenue PS: Dana Somayaji  
Glashan PS :Joan Jiang

Jockvale ES: Phil McKee  
Katimavik Elementary School: Ian Urbach  
Longfields-Davidson Heights SS: Michael Nied  
Mutchmor PS: Lisa Greaves  
Severn Avenue PS: Mark Warriner  
South March PS: Christine Moulaison  
Steve MacLean PS: Genevieve Heerte

### Non-member Schools attending (3 schools attending; 3 representatives)

Bell HS: David McCormack  
Glen Cairn PS: Christine Lindsay  
Hopewell Avenue PS: Alex Randall

### Guests and non-school reps (2)

OCDSB - Engy Masieh  
Trustee - Kieth Penny



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## 1. Welcome and Call to Order (7:18)

The meeting to order and everyone was welcomed to the meeting.

## 2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Agenda: Approved as presented. Motion: Jockvale; Second: Earl of March  
Minutes: Fix typo in Attendance on Dana Somayaji's name; Approved as amended.  
Motion: Jockvale; Second: Earl of March

## 3. OCDSB Election Policy

- P.122.GOV (<https://weblink.ocdsb.ca/WebLink/0/edoc/3054208/P%20122%20GOV%20-%20Election%20Activities.pdf>)
- School councils are entities of the board, so the policy applies to school councils and members of school councils. School councils must remain impartial.
- Councils can pass a motion to support a candidate. This is a gray area, seek advice from board staff.
- Read the policy and reach out to the board staff for support.
- If a school council invites a candidate to a council meeting, then they must invite all candidates.
- Individuals can support candidates, but can't support candidates as a member of school council.

## 4. Neil Wilson - Writers Festival

- Writers Festival has been existence for 20 years, 18 years of bringing writers into schools.
- Lots of demand from schools to bring writers to schools.
- Republic of Childhood - a direct response to teachers, parents, librarians and kids themselves who desire a more intensive writing experience, where kids are front and centre in the delivery of books, stories and the writing life.
  - Writers workshop for children
  - Ran at Fisher Park/Summit Alternative
  - Currently running at Banff Ave Community House - After school program
- Happy to work with OCASC to bring in writers and create public forms to talk about:
  - Rights of child
  - Prepare children for a future that is changing dramatically
- Have adopted schools, and continue to adopt schools.
- March Break and Summer camps are coming.
- Age Range - grades 6, 7 and 8 seem to be the most applicable. But also work with elementary school children (e.g. Connaught PS)
- Continuing to apply for grants to expand programming.
- Have relationships with writers.
- 5 week writers workshop (2h/week). The cost is approximately \$2K. The writer and facilitator are paid.



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### 5. PRO Grants

- Can apply for a grant to bring in a speaker. The speaker and/or date don't need to be identified in the PRO application.
- Schools can apply for PRO grants together. This allows schools to access more money.
- Application deadline is June 5, 2018. The systems tend to crash near the deadline, so don't wait until the last minute.
- Keep application simple. Don't have to over explain, and it doesn't have to be detailed.
- Goal is to improve and foster parental engagement. Parental engagement is the most important part. Focus on that part in the PRO application.
- Contact at Ministry is available for questions.
- The Ministry is targeting the following areas:
  - hard to reach parents
  - parents from racialized communities
  - parents from the indigenous community
  - math strategies and post secondary education
  - a list of priority list of schools - selected based on socio-economic factors
- The Ministry would like to see schools partner and apply together. For example feeder schools and high schools.
- OCASC can apply for a PRO regional grant, can't apply for PRO grant.
- OCASC is supporting the PIC application for a PRO grant.
- Do not submit a PRO grant application for a fair and a bouncy castle - doesn't meet criteria.
- If schools want to bring in a writer on a specific topic / discussion, Writers Festival is willing to help connect to a writer that would fit topic.
- Refreshments capped at 20% of PRO grant, advertising is capped at 10%.
- Deadline for spending this year's PRO grant is June 30, 2018. After that unspent funds have to be returned to the board.

### 6. COW Update

- Some schools have been declared surplus and disposition process has started.
- ACE committee representative has been added to COW..
- Update on Eastern Area Accommodation Review - Impact on Student Achievement and Well-Being
- 2018 Capital Priorities List approved by board
- Recommendation for International Decade for People of African Descent
- Infant, Toddler and Preschool Program (ITP)
  - Discussion on expanding program. Expanded programs may be run by the board or a 3rd party provider.
  - ITP is in a deficit position (\$0.5M)
  - EDP (Extended Day Program) is operating at a small surplus (the EDP programs that are run by the board)
  - Board may use surplus from EDP to pay for ITP deficit.
  - Board doesn't have a mandate to deliver to ITP programs, and the current ITP programs are running at a deficit.



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### 7. SEAC

- Update from May meeting posted to Facebook
- Gifted Advisory Review Committee - April/May meeting didn't happen. June meeting has not be scheduled. Jennifer Adams is going to attend.

### 8. PIC

- Changes to Principals/Vice-principals should have been communicated to schools by now.
- Draft PIC submission for PRO grant is available.
  - OCASC supporting the PIC submission
  - Gave feedback that November to too late.
  - Trying to engage with non-engaged parents
- Indigenous Education Advisory Council
  - Consultation process is underway. Next public meeting is Tuesday.
  - Received feedback that more students should be on the council and they should be voting members
  - Raised issue with traditional colonial organization (board meetings, teacher/principal/superintendent hierarchy) being a barrier to parental engagement.

### 9. Adjournment (AGM to follow)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Motion: Glen Cairn; Second: Katimavik

**Next meeting: 27 September 2018**