

Ottawa Carleton Assembly of school Councils

Meeting of December 11, 2008

Met in the library of Fisher Park School

Representatives in attendance from these schools:

North Gower/Malborough PS

Rideau Valley MS

Castlefrank

Glen Cairn

Jack Donohue

Stephen Leacock

Barrhaven PS

Berrigan ES

Merivale HS

D. Roy Kennedy PS

Woodroffe PS

Woodroffe HS

Adrienne Clarkson

Churchill Alternative PS

Lisgar CVI

Nepean HS

Glebe CVI

Mutchmor PS

Canterbury HS

Rockcliffe PS

Glen Ogilvie PS

Agincourt Road PS

D. Aubrey Moodie

Meadowlands

- Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm by chair Anne Teutsch
- Approval of agenda - approved
- Corrections to minutes of November 20, 2008.
 - Misspelling of name of Canterbury HS representative – should read “Diane Beckett”
 - Susan Klimchuk pointed out that the education report summary was inaccurate – should read “Trustees defeated a motion to undertake consultations on this topic at this time but they will consult in the spring of 2009. The board will think about goals/values underlying transfer decisions as part of an effort to get a new policy for 2010-2011.”

Chalk It Up

Heart and Stoke Foundation Fundraising and Awareness Campaign

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- There are 2 fundraising initiatives brought to us by the Heart and Stroke Foundation: Jump Rope for Heart, and Hoops for Heart. The Heart and Stroke Foundation would like to have as many schools as possible participate in these events to raise awareness of the increasing number of inactive children and its impact on the future health of adults. Contact Dawn Montgomery for more information about how your school can participate.

Secondary Gifted Reviews and Summer Learning Program

Beth Doubt ocasc.seac@ocasc.ca

- Summer Learning Program is a program designed to keep developmentally delayed students in school for one month of summer holidays to minimize the break in their learning. This program is recommended to be retained for summer 2009.
- Secondary Gifted Review was to address the location of gifted classes for high school students, however this review is now to be delayed for a year due to the area review underway which includes Gloucester HS. The results of that review would have impacted the pending review of Secondary Gifted sites.
- French Immersion Gifted placements face overcrowding at First Ave PS and Hopewell PS – there will be a consultation on moving these sites to Fisher Park in January 2009.

Treasurer's report

- We have \$3200 in our mutual fund and bank account.
- We have ~ 40% paid up memberships – a suggestion was made that we look at moving to electronic payment to avoid delays waiting for cheques to be written to OCASC reps by school councils.

New Committee Reps

- Advisory Committee on the Arts – Lillian Thomsen, alt. Trina Whitehurst, alt. Janet Forest
- Budget Committee – Madeline Stewart-Dmaj, alt. Kate Preston Thomas
- Business Services – Lillian Thomsen, alt. Carrie Eaton
- CAYARAC (Children and Youth at Risk Advisory Committee) – Donna Blackburn
- CCEE (Committee on Ethnocultural Equity) Emeka Ndukwe
Calendar Committee- Nadine Clarke
- Chairs Committee – Anne Teutsch, alt. Carrie Eaton
- Education Committee – Susan Klimchuk
- Human Resources Committee – John Tucker
- Parental Involvement Committee – Anne Teutsch
- Special Education Advisory Committee- Beth Doubt, alt. Joan Hill Keast
- Secondary Schools – Anne Teutsch, alt. Nadine Clarke
- Trades and Technology Steering Committee – Anne Teutsch, alt. Nadine Clarke

Calendar Committee

- 2 options were shared for consideration
- 1st: School would start August 31, 2009 and end June 25 with the last day for students June 24, 2010
- 2nd: School would start September 1, 2009 and end June 28 with the last day for students June 25, 2010
- these options will be available on OCASC's website.

Chairs Committee

- Changing dates for SEAC (Special Education Advisory Committee) and Education Committee meetings in response to concerns from stakeholders that due to time constraints of the agenda package delivery deadlines they were not fully able to participate. Changing the dates of these meetings is a pilot project running from January to June.

Education Committee

- The Education Committee meeting was rescheduled to Monday December 15, 2008, and will meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month starting in January 2009.

Parental Involvement Committee

- The new Diversity and Equity Coordinator for the OCDSB spoke at the last meeting and Anne would like her to speak at a future OCASC meeting.

SEAC (Special Education Advisory Committee) report

- 2nd Spec Ed Corner will be at the next OCASC meeting Jan 15th – the first meeting discussed gifted accessibility and accessibility for the handicapped in the OCDSB.
- SEAC watched a video on the **CODE** (Council of Ontario Directors of Education) projects implementation of literacy and numeracy at Centennial School
- SEAC task force outlined how/why/what questions for superintendent relating to the special education plan 2007/2008 and proposed system class changes 2009-2010
- The night of consultation for the changes in system classes cancelled was rescheduled for Tuesday December 16 at the Gloucester Public Library

- SEAC had 2 motions this month one is moving forward regarding criteria for system class placements the other regarding **SEA** (special equipment amount) funding/process was deferred pending more information from board staff.

From the Chair

- Anne prepared a questionnaire looking for feedback regarding priorities for the assembly – this questionnaire will also be available on OCASC’s website
- OCASC’s website has a calendar feature – if your school has events they would like posted please forward them to Anne at ocasc.chair@ocasc.ca
- Check out the Hot Lunch Forum – it was a big point of discussion at the last meeting so add the details of the service your school uses in the form for all to see.
- Principal/Vice principal Competition – every year the OCDSB has competition to hire new principals/vice principals. They will hold mock school council meetings as part of the competition in February. People who are interested should contact Anne ocasc.chair@ocasc.ca and have the flexibility to devote 3 or 4 full days (8am-4pm) in February 2009.
- January OCASC meeting will feature OCDSB’s Chief Financial Officer Michael Clark to give us a “Budget 101” talk
- Last April or May OCASC had a motion to write a letter to the board offering its collaborative help to improve the quality of information the OCDSB receives from school councils/parent on their priorities for spending money. 4 people from OCASC have prepared a formal letter to offer to work with the board on this process.
- Secondary Schools Committee will meet on January 8, 2009 and will have a guest speaker from the Ottawa Police Services talking about the **SRO’s** (School Resource Officer) role with schools. All schools have a liaison officer assigned to them by the Ottawa Police.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM. Refreshments were served.