

OCASC Assembly Meeting Minutes

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Date: May 17, 2012
Location: Fisher Park School, 250 Holland Avenue, Library
Time: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Carrie Eaton - Adrienne Clarkson ES	David Bird – Jack Donohue PS
Marti Falcone - Adrienne Clarkson ES	Cindy Frazer – Jockvale ES
Ellen Dickson - Barrhaven PS	Nicola Hemstock - John McCrae SS
Tracey Brown – Bell HS	Xiao Huang – John McCrae SS
Susan Klimchuk - Berrigan ES	Cathy Babyak - Manordale PS
Andrea Haas - Bridlewood Community ES	Anne Teutsch - Merivale HS
Angelina Munaretto - Broadview PS	Aaron Daley - North Gower-Marlborough PS
Ellen Lamarre - Canterbury HS	Chris Ellis – Queen Mary PS
Leslie Chen - Castor Valley ES	Chris Ellis – Rideau HS
Ellen Dickson - Cedarview MS	Jocelyne Koepke – Riverview AS
Romaine Derhak - Clifford Bowey PS	Joel Berger - Rockcliffe Park PS
Craig Tiberi - Dunlop PS	Chris Bridgen - South March PS
John Higgins - Elgin Street PS	Enang Akan – Stephen Leacock PS
Megan Richardson - Elmdale PS	Jared Langdon - Steve MacLean PS
Elizabeth McCudden – Forest Valley ES	Tara Finlay - Woodroffe PS
Lillian Thomsen – Glebe CI	Paula Marble - OCDSB
Paul Warner - Glen Cairn PS	Nadine Clarke - Secondary School Committee
Bobby Chawla - Hilson Avenue PS	
Tracey Brown – Hutley Centennial PS	

Total Attendance = 36

Acronyms used in notes:

- OCASC = Ottawa Carleton Assembly of School Councils
- SSC = OCASC secondary Schools Committee
- CCEE = Community Council on Ethnocultural Equity
- SEAC = Special Education Advisory Committee
- PIC = Parent Involvement Committee
- IEP = Individual Education Plan
- SIP = School Improvement Plan
- IPRC = Individual Placement and Review Committee
- EQAO = Education Quality Assurance Office
- EDC = Educational Development Charges

Meeting called to order: 7:08 p.m.

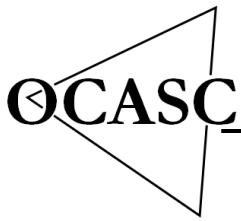
Approval of Agenda

- Add 10 minute recess between monthly meeting and AGM for cake

Approval of Minutes

- Clifford Bowey – spelling to be corrected
- Otherwise correct as is

Chalk It Up:



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Liz Burgess, Broadview PS - EDC

- For every new residential build an EDC charge is levied by City and given to Board for use towards purchase of land
- EDC was, in past also used for capital expenses, but no longer; now only for land
- Last year capital funding was approximately \$10 million, this year it is more like \$6 million
- Message to Board is that OCDSB needs to get creative with its capital funding requirements
- Want to have regulations changed so that money can be used for capital expenses, also want to increase the amount collected
- Who collects the money?
 - A – City collects it for Board
- Does the amount vary depending on where in the city you are?
 - A – no, but co-terminus boards have different levies
- Amount in the pot for OCDSB between \$4 and \$6 million

Chris Bridgen, South March – Fundraising Guidelines

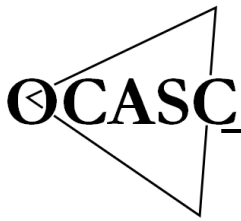
- The Ministry has new fundraising guidelines
- OCDSB will be creating a fundraising policy of its own
- Fundraising cannot be used for educational materials
- Last chance to spend money on educational materials will be this spring
- Does change include Smart Boards?
 - A - Audio visual materials are permitted
- Many schools use their money for educational items all the time. What is the rationale for the change?
 - A – OCDSB has put aside \$1.5 million to offset the items that used to be purchased by school council
 - Example scenario – widening gap between have and have not schools
- Education is not funded well – need to convince the public that more money needs to be spent on education
- Examples –
 - Library materials - okay
 - drumming group – okay
 - Science presentation – okay
 - Pay for supply teacher – no
 - Paying for bussing – okay
 - Paying for field trips – okay
- New guidelines are on the Ministry website and linked to from the OCASC website

David, Jack Donohue - Paypal

- Would like to talk to schools who are using Paypal to find out more about it
- Woodroffe Avenue and Steve MacLean have experience to share

Enang Akan, Stephen Leacock – Air Conditioning in Portables and Ice Machines

- Air conditioning units have been purchased for portables
- Units don't seem to work; wondering what experiences other people have had
- Comment - ductless air conditioners might be the way to go
- Comment – number of people in room affect the air conditioning needs



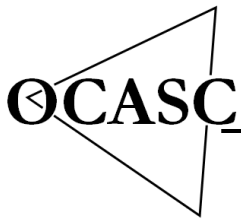
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- Any portables used for day care are required to have air conditioning
- Ice machines- do any other schools have ice machines?
 - No responses!

Chair's Report

- Paula Marble – on changes to committee structure for OCDSB
 - OCASC sits on most OCDSB committees now
 - Will be sending info package out with weekly info e-mail
 - Feedback form with specific questions will be included
- Overview on consultation on changes to committee structure was sent out in OCASC newflash
- Proposal is that some of the standing committees would be merged into a regular Committee of the Whole meeting
 - All trustees would be on the committee
 - It is hoped that this would avoid items going from one committee on up to Board
 - Uncertain how stakeholder groups would be included in this proposed model
- OCASC has written a draft letter to OCDSB with comments on:
 - Stakeholder participation
 - Meeting agendas – in particular timing In Camera sessions
- North Gower - disappointed that Board doesn't use OCASC more for consultations – would be nice to make it clear to Board that OCASC wants to work with them
 - A – working with Board on improving consultation; hoping that new format will help us move in the right direction
- Paula Marble – all consultations are mentioned in weekly e-mail
- Canterbury – letter is clear and tone is good;
 - In three of the four points there is no detailed request as to what is desired
 - Would be better if we could tell them exactly what we want
- Rideau – not optimistic that changes will lead to solutions; believe issues will still be there
 - Consultation – not sure why the rush; why not wait for another half year
 - Board responsibility around a new structure is not addressed
 - Would like letter to recommend that they put a hold on it and have broader consultation
- Broadview – would be nice to work together as OCASC on such tasks
- Glebe – should say that it is important that we have OCASC representation on whatever committees they do have
 - Would be nice to fix the timing of the distribution of the meetings
- SSC – letter is in response to the consultation on committee structure
- Rockcliffe – suggest that paragraph 2 has a weak thesis – need to say we are talking about long range agenda
 - Paragraph number 4 – minimum consultation turn-around time is 6 to 10 weeks
- Broadview – need to have a sentence in each paragraph to say exactly what we are asking for
- Rideau – propose we add a sentence saying it is imperative that stakeholder groups have representation at the Committee of the Whole meetings
- Glebe – suggest we want to be at the table or have further consultation on another option
- Merivale – how about asking to work with them on how to come up with a better option
- South March – if we take committee participation off the table
- Summary



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- Emphasize long term agendas
- 6 to 10 weeks for consultation
- Additions to stakeholder involvement – be on committee or have further consultation on other options

Other item's on Chair's Report

- Check into changes happening at your school with respect to before and after school care

From Your Executive

Full Day Learning – Marti Falcone

- Not all third party care givers have not signed agreement with schools
- Board is allowing third party care givers to stagger their start, to allow them to grow
- This may affect whether your school has care or not
- Ministry does not require 100% French in French Immersion, so OCDSB can do 50/50

Budget – Chris Bridgen

- Met last week, introduction of the budget
- Draft only came out day of meeting
- \$ 6.2 million shortfall with proposed budget – will need to use reserves to cover it
- Transportation will use up some of the extra
- First consultation is next Tuesday, May 12
- Not cutting any programmes; adding programmes with this budget
- Link to budget info is on OCDSB website

PIC – Anne Teutsch

- Had a meeting on May 16
- New committee was invited and officially takes over on June 1
- Election of new chair will take place at September meeting; there is no June meeting

Next OCASC Meeting:

- Secondary Schools – Thursday, June 14, 7:30 to 9:30, Fisher Park School, 250 Holland Avenue
- OCASC Assembly – no June meeting; next meeting in September

Adjournment: 8:20 p.m.