

# OCASC Assembly Meeting Minutes

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**Date:** November 15, 2012  
**Location:** OCDSB Boardroom, 131 Greenbank Road  
**Time:** 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

## **Attendance:**

Adrienne Clarkson ES  
Barrhaven PS  
Bell HS  
Berrigan ES  
Bridlewood Comm ES  
Broadview PS  
Broadview PS  
Canterbury HS  
Canterbury HS  
Castlefrank ES  
Castor Valley ES  
Cedarview MS  
Colonel By SS  
Connaught PS  
Devonshire Comm PS  
Elmdale PS  
Emily Carr MS  
Fallingbrook Comm ES  
Farley Mowat PS  
First Ave PS  
Glebe CI  
Glen Ogilvie PS  
Huntley Centennial PS  
Jack Donohue PS  
Jockvale ES  
John McCrae SS  
Katimavik ES  
Knoxdale PS  
Lady Evelyn Alt PS  
Lakeview PS  
Longfields-Davidson SS  
Manordale PS  
Maple Ridge ES  
Meadowlands PS

Marti Falcone  
Ellen Dickson  
Mike Beavington  
Susan Klimchuk  
Andrea Haas  
Angelina Munaretto  
Bobby Chawla  
Osnat Fellus  
Nadine Clarke  
Josh Kemp  
Alka Moorjani  
Ellen Dickson  
Joanna Rzewuski  
Viki Holan  
Kristi Taylor  
Megan Richardson  
Robert Hawgood  
Bev Naylor  
Tarek Gergawi  
Chari Marple  
Lillian Thomsen  
Kate Unrau  
Mark Tymowski  
David Bird  
Wendy Hovdestad  
Nicola Hemstock  
Marcia Goodfellow  
Geoff Pearce  
Kim Petersen  
Tracy Neufeld  
John Rivenell  
Cathy Babyak  
Kim Glass  
Patricia Lieu

Rideau HS  
Riverview AS  
Roberta Bondar PS  
Roch Carrier ES  
Sir Guy Carleton  
South Carleton HS  
South March PS  
Steve MacLean PS  
Stittsville PS  
Trillium ES  
Westwind  
Woodroffe PS

Chris Ellis  
Jocelyne Koepke  
Kelly Dubinsky  
Shannon Walker  
Lisa Stevenson  
Sue Carswell  
Chris Bridgen  
Jared Langdon  
Coreen Tyers  
JP Grimes  
Sharon Carruthers Joseph  
Tara Finlay

## **Guests:**

Neil Yorke-Slader  
  
Diane Pernari-Hergert  
  
Nadine

Superintendent of  
Instruction  
Manager, Communications  
& Information Services  
Secondary School  
Committee

## **Totals:**

Total Schools Represented:	47
Total School Representatives:	50
Total Guests:	3
Total attendance:	53

Mutchmor PS  
North Gower-Marlborough PS  
Pleasant Park PS

Milana Karaganis  
Aaron Daley  
Cecilia Lee



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**Meeting called to order:** 7:10 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda:** Approved.

**Approval of Minutes:** Approved.

**Initial comments from the chair:**

- Parent appreciation reception that was supposed to be held this evening will be held at a later date due to the need for focus on the labour relations issue.
- In addition, cameras from CBC and journalists with Carleton University are also here observing the meeting tonight.

**Chalk It Up:**

Please note that the sound quality of the recording for Chalk It Up was nearly unintelligible.

- **Woodroffe Public School – Tara Findlay**
  - Q – What kind of programs can we spend money on as parent council?
  - A – Will need to look at the policies.
  - A – Ability to fund equipment for extra-curricular like snowshoes if there is a teacher interested.
- **Katimavik -**
  - Replacement of laminator.
- **Emily Carr Public School**
  - Parent outreach evening ... working with
- **Trillium ES – JP Grimes**
  - **Q – Parents to sign up for hot lunches.**
  - **Find use of current system to be not working well, looking for suggestions/examples of other systems that work well.**
  - **A – Broadview experience shared?**

**Presentation: Neil Yorke-Slader, (Superintendent of Instruction)**

- As of Monday, November 12, several bargaining units (secondary teachers, custodians, education assistants and office staff) have been in legal strike position.
- Expect elementary teachers to be in a similar position by late November, early December (17 days after Ministry's "No Board" report).
- Current impact examples – secondary teachers not filling 'on calls' for supervisory situations (gym, library, cafeteria) and not inputting marks as of Monday November 12; elementary teachers are not attending staff meetings, not undertaking general duty (yard, cafeteria supervision).



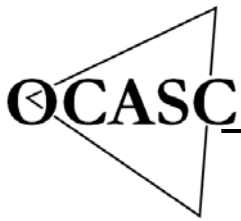
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- Results – Principals and VPs filling gaps, parent volunteers, former Principals & VPs, allocation of central Principals to needs. Necessitates increased communication between Superintendent of Instruction and Principals.
- Board of Trustees approved a couple of motions this week: 1) allow Director of Education to close a school for a short period of time (for example, related to a safety issue); 2) plea to both parties to return to bargaining.
- Secondary School Report Cards – some schools have already distributed report cards while others have the marks in hard copy, but they are not inputted into system. Deadlines – Ontario Universities only need demographics at this point; Ontario Colleges will pull marks by November 26. Priority – all report cards for Grade 12 students will be electronically entered by Friday November 23. For Grades 9-11 that did not have marks entered electronically by Friday November 9, report cards will not be issued at this time.

## Comments from the floor

- Q – What will be impact of the custodians going on strike?
  - A – There are various levels of strike action. Currently have work to rule where employees are only doing the terms of their contracts (eg. No working on lunch break). In cases of real emergencies, staff will respond.
- Q – Impact on Identification Placement and Review Committee (IPRC) process and Individual Education Plan (IEP)?
  - A - IEPs were delivered to teachers at end of September – therefore not a lot of review.
  - A - Not a lot of IPRC meetings given current phase of annual cycle but will call one if needed.
- Q – Has there been any reported conflict related to volunteers filling in for teachers at some of the extra-curricular activities?
  - A – No reported conflict.
- Q – Related to the issue of ongoing teacher stress, is there currently greater absenteeism and therefore use of substitute teachers?
  - A – No official data. Have needed to hire more substitute teachers to fill in for 'on call' gaps.
- Q – What are the circumstances related to school closures?
  - A – Principal must feel that there is a safety issue and this decision is not linked to financial savings. Intent is to close for only a short period of a day or two and then reopen. No schools closed to date.
  - A – Examples - further withdrawal of custodial services; young students do not have adequate supervision.
  - A – At this time, do not know what services could be withdrawn if teachers move to the withdrawal of services action.
  - A – Teachers will not be paid if there is a school closure.
  - A - OCDSB's primary responsibility is to keep schools open.
  - A – Depending on custodial situation, 3<sup>rd</sup> party day-cares could remain open.
- Q – Will suspensions and expulsion rates be monitored?
  - A – There is currently less supervision at HS level so potential exists and is being monitored.
- Q – **QUESTION RELATED TO MARKS**
  - A – Teachers continue to monitor, assess and evaluate students.
- Q – **QUESTION related to lock out?**
  - A – Government has this as a tool but key consideration will be whether the goal of this action produces the desired result.
- Q – How are talks with Ministry going?



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- A – This is principally a provincial issue. OCDSB has offered to meet with any Federation or bargaining unit and Superintendents are communicating together frequently.
- Q – Could you comment on the situation with a number secondary schools possibly not being able to maintain extracurricular activities, as they may be dependent on volunteers, and given that this is a key part of post-secondary applications?
  - A – Teachers may still have a choice on extra-curricular activities and field trips.

## **Motion**

- **As proposed by** Chris Ellis, motion unanimously passed for OCASC Chair to send a letter to MPPs and Federation expressing concern over the current labour situation in schools and harm that is being done to children and a strong recommendation that negotiations recommence.

## **Chair's Report**

- OCASC Membership fees are due - \$35.
- Let Cathy Babyak, membership secretary know if you are not receiving OCASC emails or reminders.

## **Nomination and election of Committee representatives and Recording Secretary**

- As of the December 13 meeting, Osnat Fellus (Canterbury HS representative) will take over for Angelina as Recording Secretary.
- OCASC Committee Reps are elected for four years (although viewed as one year renewals) starting in June 2013.
- Seeking reps for
  - Budget (Chris Ellis)
  - Calendar
  - Equity
  - Trades & Technology
  - Committee of the Arts
  - Special Education
  - Alternative School Advisory Committee

## **From Your Executive**

*Notice of motion for electronic voting in constitution and recap of council workshop and people for education conference deferred to next meeting due to time constraints.*

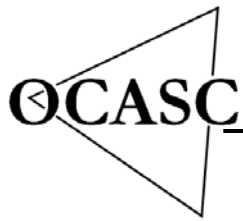
## **Next OCASC Meeting:**

- Thursday December 13, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Fisher Park School, 250 Holland Avenue

## **Adjournment:** 9:15 p.m.

## **Acronyms used in notes:**

- OCASC = Ottawa Carleton Assembly of School Councils
- OCDSB = Ottawa Carleton District School Board



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