

OCASC Assembly Meeting Minutes

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Date: December 13, 2012
Location: Fisher Park School, 250 Holland Avenue, Library
Time: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Member Schools (22)

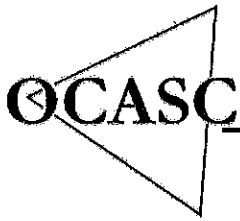
Adrienne Clarkson ES (ACES) - Carrie Eaton (Co-Chair) Marti Falcone (Liaison Officer, PIC)
Barrhaven PS - Ellen Dickson
Berrigan ES - Susani Klimchuk (Co-chair)
Bridlewood Community ES- Andrea Haas
Canterbury HS- Osnat Fellus (Secretary)
Cedarview MS - Ellen Dickson
Devonshire Com PS- Jennifer Block
Fallingbrook Community ES- Bev Naylor (SEAC)
First Avenue Public School - Chari Marple
Glen Cairn PS - Paul Warner
Hawthorne PS - Louise Crawford
Hilson Avenue PS - Mona Pare
Huntley Centennial PS - Mark Tymowski
Jockvale ES- Christina Mennie
Knoxdale PS-Geoff Pearce
Longfields-Davidson Heights SS Ravinder Minhas
Manordale PS -Cathy Babyak (Membership)
Rideau HS-Chris Ellis
Roch Carrier ES Shannon Walker
South March PS-Chris Bridgen (Communication Officer)
Steve MacLean PS - Jared Langdon,
Woodroffe PS - Tara Finlay

Non-Member Schools (3)

Broadview PS Bobby Chawla (Liaison Officer)
Lakeview PS Tracy Neufeld (Liaison Officer)
Rockcliffe Park PS - Joel Berger (Liaison Officer)

Guests and Other People in Attendance

Nadine Clarke (Secondary School Committee), Katherine Stauble (Arts Advisory Committee), Trevor Host (Steve MacLean PS)



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Meeting called to order: 7:04 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Approved.

Approval of Minutes

Attendees take a few moments to go over the minutes.

Suggested modifications: Under Nomination and Election of Committee Representatives and Recording Secretary, the second bullet should read SEAC.

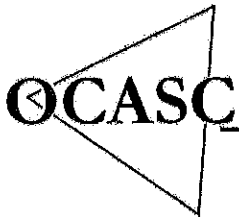
Chalk It Up

1) SEAC (Kevin McPherson):

- o SEAC will be presenting free information sessions on IEPs (the morning session) and IPRCs (the afternoon session). The information will be posted on the website.
- o Where: Rideau High School Library
- o When: Saturday January 19, 2013 at 9am to 11:30am (IEP) and at 1pm to 3:30pm (IPRC).
- o It's noted that SEAC is an official committee with the Board of Education.

2) Arts Advisory Committee (Kathrine Stauble):

- o The OCDSB Advisory Committee on the Arts (ACA) will be presenting free presentation sessions on the value and the importance of arts education called *The Amazing ACA Arts Show*.
- o The presentations may be provided to school councils, trustees' zone meetings, and other gatherings of parents and educators and take up to 40 minutes.
- o The presentation will include practical ideas for learning strategies and for improving student engagement.
- o More information can be found at www.acaottawa.ca
- o The website includes resources such as the *Artists in the School Program*.
- o ACA can also provide practical ideas for parents to help teachers to prepare a dance program.



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3) Online Pizza Ordering (Trevor Holt, Steve McLean PS):

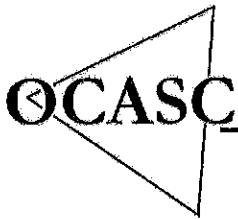
- o Steve McLean has turned the pizza fundraiser to an online service. If other schools are interested to in making the transition, they are invited to contact Trevor Holt at web@smpscouncil.org
- o There is no mechanism that supports the use of the service by families who do not have Internet access. Families can still pay by cheque if they do not or cannot use Internet.
- o There is a small percentage for fee in addition to a fee to joining the service.
- o The money received through the system goes directly to the school account.
- o Once the account is activated, there is no need to have an administrator for it.
- o Part of the annual fee goes toward the Webmaster's support but the website is basically self-managed.
- o Customized service can be set up. Once the school okays the details, it can launch the website through the school website. This is a separate website that people get to through the school's website.
- o The idea is to set up individual accounts for each school and extend them to include additional services.
- o The website will facilitate keeping of records and producing reports.

4) Safe and Active Routes to School (Christina Mennie, Jockvale ES):

- o There are some schools that have this program. Any information as to what activities are carried in the program will be much appreciated.
- o Tara Finlay, Woodroffe: There is an organization that comes in to assess the needs of the community. Following such assessment at Woodroffe PS, some changes were introduced at the school. Tara will email Christina the information.
- o Tracy Neufeld, Lakeview PS: The original program is through the CCPN. One of their three priorities is the safe and active routes to school. Healthy-schools 2020 has been in place for a while now. www.ccpn.ca has more information.

5) Fundraising with McDonald and Wendy's (Christina Mennie, Jockvale ES):

- o Any information about other schools' experiences with fundraising will be much appreciated as Jockvale ES is looking for alternatives to fundraising through fast-food businesses.
- o Paul Warner, Glen Cairn PS: Glen Cairn works with Chapters. We do it in conjunction with a program that runs in schools, such as music, we sing outside the store.
- o Other local business can be: Home Hardware and Boston Pizza.



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Chair's Report - Carrie Eaton

- The Chair thanks Susan Klimchuk and everyone else who have stepped up to fill the responsibilities during her absence.
- The Chair notes that the Trades and Technology Committee and the Alternative School Advisory Committee both need a representative. In addition, she notes, that OCASC needs to nominate alternates for two other positions.
- The Chair announces that OCASC has a new policy analyst, Alison Buchanan, as the former policy analyst, Paula Marble, moved back East.
- At a PIC meeting last night, the associate director reported the notable amount of support from parent volunteers during this difficult time.
- As for Bill 115, we can anticipate a one-day walk out. Information will be available online.

PIC Report - Marti Falcone

- PIC meets about six times a year. There are a variety of people on this committee the purpose of which is to support, encourage, and boost parental involvement.
 - Branding for PIC was a major point.
 - Parents are stepping up and this is a great opportunity to capitalize on the Labour Dispute. It was suggested that to increase PIC's visibility, a letter should be written and sent to parents. Privacy issues preclude the sending of the letter through an email.
- CHEO partnership with the Board: The speaker series stopped because of the Labour Dispute.
- Early Learning Advisory Committee is an interim parent-run committee that is looking into full-day learning focusing on structuring criteria. OCASC members are encouraged to stay tuned to a call that will solicit other parents' involvement. Woodroffe is supposed to have a full-day kindergarten two years from now. If a school provides this service, the care would go up to age 12. Fallingbrook
 - Bev Naylor, Fallingbrook Community ES, notes that at their school it goes until age 10 and up to grade 4.
 - Chris Bridgen, South March PS, notes that third parties have the final decision in terms of age.
- People for Education Conference (P4E) is an education think tank for Ontario. Because most Boards do not have an OCASC type of parent involvement, attendees were interested in what OCASC does.

Next OCASC Meeting: Thursday, January. 17, 7-9pm, Fisher Park School (250 Holland Avenue)

Adjournment: 8:35pm

Acronyms used

- OCASC = Ottawa Carleton Assembly of School Councils
- PIC = Parent Involvement Committee
- ECE = Early Childhood Educator