



OCASC September 2016 Meeting Minutes

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133 Greenbank Road
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Date: 29 September 2016
Location: Fisher Park School (Library), 250 Holland Avenue
Time: 7:00pm to 8:30 pm

Attendance

- Total attendance (52); number of school reps attending (36)
- Total schools represented (45)
- **Member schools attending (33)**—total member schools (59): based on 2015–16 or 2016–17 school year—56% member schools attended; we require 33% for quorum
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Adrienne Clarkson ES (ACES): Carrie McConnachie
Agincourt Road PS: Meghan Leitch
Briargreen PS: Donna Owen
Bridlewood Community ES: Andrea Haas
Broadview PS: Holly Tarrison-Gaskin
Canterbury HS: Nadine Clarke
Castlefrank ES: Ralph Quapp
Castor Valley ES: Alka Moorjani
Colonel By SS: Gisell Delgado
Earl of March SS: Donna Garnons-Williams
Elgin Street PS: Malaka Hendala
Elizabeth Park PS: Dale Childs (Vice Chair)
Elmdale PS: Caroline Hatton
Emily Carr MS: Joanne Thompson
Glashan PS: Gerry Nera
Glen Cairn PS: Christine Lindsay
Glen Ogilvie PS: Stephanie Ettinger, Chris Tait
Greenbank MS: Helen Norman (Secretary)
Huntley Centennial PS: Mark Tymowski

Jockvale ES: Joe Allen
John McCrae SS: Ellen Dickson (Treasurer)
Longfields-Davidson Heights SS: Susan Klimchuk
Manordale PS: Cathy Babyak (Membership)
Manotick PS: Sophie Paluck (Comms), Ryan Fullarton
Maple Ridge ES: David May, Cynthia Allen
Mary Honeywell ES: Elizabeth Conabree (Liaison Officer)
Mutchmor PS: Lisa Hamilton
Richmond PS: Fiona Sutherland
South March PS: Christine Moulaison (Liaison Officer)
Stittsville PS: Stephanie Pulleyblank
Vincent Massey PS: Gisell Delgado
WE Gowling PS: Jason Dubois
Woodroffe PS: Danna Campbell

Non-member Schools attending (12)

Alta Vista PS: Nancy Dean	Goulbourn MS: Kiera Delgaty Hilson Avenue
Bells Corners PS: David McCormick	PS: Angela Lefebvre
Cedarview MS/	Knoxdale PS: JP (Jean Paul) Larochette
Chapman Mills PS: Luc Poirier	Riverview AS: Jocelyne Koepke
Churchill Alt PS: Shannon Williams	Stephen Leacock PS: Donna Garnons-Williams
D Aubrey Moodie IS: David McCormick	West Carleton SS-Mark Tymowski

Guests (4)

Secondary School Committee (SSC): Nadine Clarke; Colonel By parent: Danusia Robaszakie;
OCDSB Policy Analyst: Susan Baker; Sir Winston Churchill parent: Margaret Sambol



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1. Welcome and Call to Order (7:04 pm)

Vice chair, Dale Childs, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to meeting.

2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Approved as presented. Motion: Jockvale; Second: South March

3. OCASC AGM and Vacant Chair Position

Dale asked if anyone was interested in the Chair or Vice Chair position, and said that we will make sure the information about the position is on the OCASC website.

The following are the job descriptions for the Chair and Vice-Chair (or Co-chair) positions:

Chair: The Chair administers the affairs of the assembly and ensures that all policies and actions approved by the general membership are implemented. The chair presides over meetings of the Assembly and prepares the agenda for such meetings, with advice from other executive officers and committees. The Chair also represents the views of the Assembly to the Board, the Ministry of Education, the media, and others, as required.

Vice Chair (or Co-Chair): The Vice-Chair (or Co-Chair) fulfills the duties of the Chair when that person is temporarily absent or otherwise unable to perform the duties of the office. The Vice-Chair also performs specific duties assigned by the Chair, or requested by the Executive Committee or the general membership.

4. OCASC Vision for the 2016–17 School Year

- Advocacy—making sure that the membership has all the information that OCASC has access to, and bringing it members attention
- Cueing members to events, discussions
- Educating members so they can bring the information back to their councils
- Not going to present opinions that contradict those of the board, but will pass on knowledge

5. Upcoming Events

- [Secondary Schools Committee](#) (OCASC standing committee)—Thursday, 13 October 2016
- [OCASC](#) (Ottawa Carleton Assembly of School Councils)
 - Thursday, 20 October 2016
 - Thursday, 17 November 2016
- COW (OCDSB Committee of the Whole)—Tuesdays, 4 and 18 October 2016
 - Reviews, reports, school board governance
 - Meetings are open to the public
- [Parent Conference: Bridging Home and School](#)—Saturday, 19 November 2016 (8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) Longfields-Davidson Heights Secondary School
- People for Education Conference—Saturday, 12 November 2016—Rotman School of Management, 105 St. George Street, Toronto
 - There will likely be a couple of extra spots available, send a message to the OCASC chair (chair@ocasc.ca) if you are interested in attending

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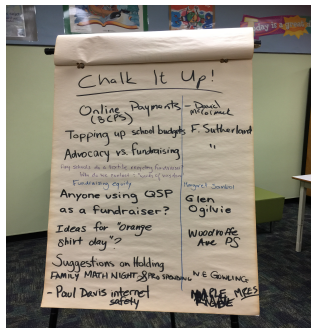
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- The Keynote speaker will be Stuart Shanker
- More information, including the **Agenda** can be found on the People for Education website (<http://www.peopleforeducation.ca/events-workshops/come-to-our-conference/>)

If you need information about OCASC, or if you have a particular interest or want to have something in particular discussed at a meeting, contact us:

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6. Chalk It Up



Q: Bells Corners Public School: Online Payments—Has anything heard anything about the system that the board was going to implement for online payments? Or what do other schools use for online payments?

A:

- Woodroffe—Hot lunches.ca, payments through paypal
 - Alta vista—use for volunteers
 - Bridlewood—still do some manual bookkeeping, can be hard to keep track
 - Mapleridge—can set up schedules for field trips, etc. and there is a tutorial available
- Elgin—gave the administration of pizza back to the school, because it was too complicated for council
- Dale—will talk to the school board
- Castlefrank—schools cash; worried about security issues

Q: Richmond Public School: How do parents top up school budgets? How do councils help with school supplies for teachers, etc.?

A:

- Woodroffe—designate a certain amount and hand it out to parents; we are allowed to raise funds for specific supplies
- Bridlewood—wishlist from the teachers; top up the supply teachers salaries
- Goulbourne—teachers have an extra allowance; regulations will not allow for classroom supplies
- Stittsville—allowance for teachers

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- Jockvale—gave each teacher a budget of \$100, and bought soccer balls
- Mary Honeywell—set aside \$500 as emergency supplies and made backpacks

Q: Richmond Public School: Balance between advocacy and fundraising; what do we do more of?

- A: Broadview—Council playing two roles “build a better Broadview
- Woodroffe—Advocacy: West End Review; PRO grants: joint events
- Mary Honeywell—Used to be advocacy, but since taking on the wish list, more fundraising; very imbalanced
- Agincourt—Accommodation review; didn’t really take a stance (on this review, or on the kindergarten review), but now it’s a very important issue
- Greenbank—with the West End Accommodation Review having such an impact on the school, fundraising will likely take a backseat to advocacy this year
- Elgin Street—There was a full turnover of parent council this year; will be doing lots of events for kids

Q: Broadview: Textile fundraiser—have schools held them and were they successful?

A:

- Woodroffe—[Bag2School](#)
- Paid per pound—Value Village—not terribly effective
- Longfields-Davidson—[Bag2School](#) (Saturday, 15 October 2016) all textiles and electronic recycling

Q: Glen Ogilvie: QSP (magazine) fundraiser

A:

- Adrienne Clarkson—Next killed QPS
- Knoxdale—bad service

Q: Woodroffe: Orange Shirt Day—What do people do?

A:

- Adrienne Clarkson—too late in the process
- Hilson—make sure that the dialogue is very open and sensitive
- Briargreen—just told today; teacher is reading a book about residential schools
- Elmdale—[Resources for Orange Shirt](#) day
- Churchill—Age appropriate; Indigenous theme day

Q: WE Gowling: Math Nights—What do people do?

- Mapleridge: Dr Marion Small talked the parents, and math kits were assembled; Possible resources: [Jump2Math](#) (they even have a [PRO grant template](#)); [The Right Angle](#), Sunil Singh
- Elizabeth Park—used PRO grant to create Math kits
- Mary Honeywell—[Mathletes](#) did a math day; can’t use PRO grant
- Bridlewood—Math night was organized by teachers—[Scientists in School](#) did a family night



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- Mapleridge—Mathletes don't do family math nights in Ottawa, but four scientists will put on a Scientists in School presentation for \$1,000

Mapleridge: Paul Davis will be doing an internet safety workshop at Mapleridge (in Orleans) on Thursday, 6 October 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

Q: Winston Churchill: Fundraising equity— Education foundation; consider giving one percent to Education foundation; left a poster to take back to council

A:

- Stittsville—talking about having a sister school
- Glashan—council gives every year
- Adrienne Clarkson—great idea
- Knoxdale—has a sister school
- Mapleridge—Would be a good thing to bring up at the school council training day; talked about Education foundation; regularly meets with schools to help them help themselves – working with other schools
- Richmond—polarized – in some schools, the sentiment is mixed
- Churchill—milk program helps provide milk to sister school

7. From Your Executive

Dale introduced the executive and Susan Baker, policy analyst from the Board.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31. Motion: Jockvale; Second: Glashan

The Chair thanked everyone for attending.