



OCASC January 2019 Meeting Minutes

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Date: 17 January 2019
Location: Fisher Park School (Library), 250 Holland Avenue
Time: 7:00pm to 9:00 pm

Attendance

- Total attendance (35)
- Number of school reps attending (33)
- Total schools represented (31)

Member schools attending (21): total member schools (27) quorum (33%) = 9

Bayview PS: Rosy Young
Bell HS: David McCormak
Broadview PS: Donna Owen (SEAC)
Castlefrank ES: Ralph Quapp
Chapman Mills PS: Mital Kumar Patel
Farley Mowat PS: Marc Feliciano
Glebe CI: Gerry Nera
John McCrae SS: Lainie Taylor-Ryan
John Young ES: Aaron Driscoll
John Young ES: Dwayne Routliffe
Katimavik ES: Ian Urbach

Lady Evelyn Atl. PS: Graig Haplic
Manor Park PS: Safina Dewshi
Maple Ridge ES: Cynthia Allen
Mary Honeywell ES: Martin Nieves
Mutchmor PS: Alexandria Sjoman
Severn Avenue PS: Mark Warriner
South March PS: Christine Moulasin
(Co-Chair)
Stittsville PS: Martin Ried
Stonecrest ES: Patricia McKeage
Vincent Massey PS: Cheryl Kitoury

Non-member Schools attending (12)

Adrienne Clarkson ES: John Lymer
Alta Vista PS: Nancy Dean (Membership)
Elgin Street PS: Malaka Hendela
Co-Chair)
Emily Carr MS: Robert Hawgood
Glashan PS: Lisa Greaves (Treasurer)
Jockvale ES: Phil McKee

Knoxdale PS: Alysse Norcross
Lisgar CI: Jennifer Reynolds
Longfields-Davidson Heights SS:
Aliaa Daleroury
Sir Wilfrid Laurier SS: Terri-Lynn Kennedy
Trillium ES: JP Grimes
Vimy Ridge: Amber Lavelle

Guests and non-school reps (2)

Guest Speaker: Rob Campbell
Guest Speaker: Engy Masieh, OCSD Policy Analyst



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1. Call to order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm and welcomed members and guests.

2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Agenda: Approved as presented. Motion: John Young; Second: Adrienne Clarkson
November Minutes: Approved as presented. Motion: Vimy Ridge; Second: Glebe CI

3. From Your Executive

- January PIC
 - Discussed thoughts gathered from Strategic Plan ThoughtExchange. Approximately 10.5K thoughts. They were organized into themes.
 - About 40 people attended including some non-PIC members from the other committees/community. Broke into groups for the discussion. Each group discussed a theme.
 - Looking for common themes that feed into goals for next strategic plan
 - School Environment was a theme that had more comments than other themes
 - OCASC members participated in this group
 - Aggressive behavior and violence in schools were big issues. Most violence incidents against teachers are at elementary
 - Other themes that had a lot of comments were Equity and Inclusion, and Instructional Quality.
 - A similar session with principals is planned for January.
 - Strategic Plan timelines are similar to Budget. Have requested to see alignment between Strategic Plan and Budget.
- Provincial Education Consultation
 - Province has said it is going to take a year to process the feedback. Results expected in Winter 2019/2020.

4. Roundtable Discussion

- OCASC members participated in considerable discussion on the **Health and Physical Education curriculum changes**. During the discussion the following motions were put forward. They will be voted on by the OCASC membership at the February OCASC meeting. OCASC members should discuss these motions with their School Councils. The motions were distributed shortly after the meeting via email.

1. Notice of Motion: Request that OCASC reps ask PIC to write to the Minister of Education and state the following:

- a year is an excessive delay for a response to the 2018 Consultation: Education in Ontario; and
- the modern Health and Physical Education curriculum, as was taught in 2015, should be reinstated; or school boards should be given the option to reinstate the curriculum, for the interim period before the consultation response.



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2. Notice of Motion: Request that OCASC reps ask PIC to relay concerns, to the Board and the Ministry, about the practice of reporting teachers who answer students' questions around physical health and wellness. This practice creates a climate of distrust that is not conducive to open and equitable discussions amongst teachers, staff, and students.

3. Notice of Motion: Request that OCASC ask PIC to clarify whether School Councils can engage parents and offer programming, during school hours, on the subjects from the 2018 Consultation: Education in Ontario.

- Some schools have asked if they can spend School Council funds on presentations to supplement curriculum. It has been raised informally with senior board staff and some Trustees. The answer is not clear.
 - There is nothing stopping School Councils from going ahead with this
 - Concern that may principals may not support it
- Some parents have bought books to supplement school libraries on these topics
- Some principals have told School Councils that the curriculum has changed, but school staff will answer questions from students, and discuss situations that arise in the classroom.
- Presentations on Mental Health and Bullying, Math nights, Scientist in the School, etc. funded by School Councils have been welcomed in schools.
- Resources are available in the community to present on the new Health Curriculum. Planned Parenthood is an example.
- Equity issue – Higher SES schools will have money to spend. Could be addressed by groups of schools working together.
- Many School Council events are attended by the same group of parents
- Budget – Could be brought up in budget discussions. Could ask for budget to supplement curriculum.
- Concerns that some School Councils are small and views of School Council members may not represent the school community.
- A School Council presentation is optional and parents can choose to attend or not (with or without their children).
- The motions request PIC to take action because PIC is the legislated committee.
- Need permission from principal to have event at the school.
- Insurance – If principal has given permission for the event and the event is taking place at the school then it is covered by board's insurance. Some events can't be covered – skiing, bike rallies, bouncy castles, etc.
- Question about whether an OCDSB staff member must be present at School Council events. OCDSB staff member Halcion Joseph-Clost can answer this question.
- Request for a presentation on Risk Management at a future OCASC meeting.
- School Council can fund presentations that are held during school time. Has been done for other topics – e.g, Math
- LGBTQ clubs – Board has been clear that these clubs will continue
- PIC has supported speaker series, pamphlets. Health Curriculum could be a topic.



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- Maybe a subset of OCASC representatives should form a public action committee.

5. SEAC Update

- Budget - Local Priorities Funding expires at the 2018/2019 school year. It funds 87.7 FTE positions (50.5 are Special Education)

6. COW and PIC Update

- Facilities Renewal Program and School Condition Improvement 2018-2019 Project Plan
- EDP fees staying the same for next school year for EDP programs run by the board
- Planning for new Fernbank elementary school is starting. Potential boundary changes. Province has not committed funds for the Fernbank school. Some Kanata School Councils will be approached for members to form a working group.
 - If council members participate in the working group they should ask for Terms of Reference and clarity of reporting, when the working group starts.
- Accommodation Reviews
 - Board had a multi-year plan for accommodation reviews. It was frozen by the province.
 - Trustee Penny reported on OBPSA discussions with the Minister. The Minister is looking at what to do about Accommodation Review process.

7. Arts Advisory Committee Update

- Looking for an Arts representative on each School Council.
- Looking for new members of Arts of Advisory Committee. There are a diverse group of individuals on the committee.
- Potential opportunities for OCASC member to participate in the Arts Advisory Committee.

8. New Business

- Promoting Equity and Inclusion in OCDSB Libraries – Statement on January 16th the OCDSB: https://ocdsb.ca/news/promoting_equity_and_inclusion_in_ocdsb_libraries
- My Life Online – Offering to do presentation for OCASC. They offer presentations on social media aimed at Grades 4-8.
- Ski Trips – Snowhawks has run ski trips for several schools
- Bell Corners – Looking for information on school greening.
- Secondary Schools
 - Requesting that meeting ends at 8:30pm, so they can meet to discuss topics that are specific to secondary schools.
 - Have prepared a list of discussion topics for future meeting.
 - Some would like to see these topics on the main agenda.

9. Adjournment at 9:15pm

Next meeting: February 21, 2019