



OCASC April 2019 Meeting Minutes

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Date: 18 April 2019
Location: Fisher Park School (Library), 250 Holland Avenue
Time: 7:00pm to 9:00 pm

Attendance

- Total attendance (26)
- Number of school reps attending (24)
- Total schools represented (24)

Member schools attending (19): total member schools (39) quorum (33%) = 13

Bayview PS: Rosy Young
Broadview PS: Donna Owen (SEAC)
Castlefrank ES: Ralph Quapp
Cedarview MS: Cindy Johnson
Earl of March SS: Zhong An
Glebe CI : Gerry Nera
Jockvale ES: Phil McKee
John McCrae SS: Lainie Taylor-Ryan
John Young ES: Arron Driscoll
Katimavik ES: Ian Urbach
Maple Ridge ES: Cynthia Allen

Mary Honeywell ES: Martin Nieves
Mutchmor PS: Alexandria Sjoman
Ridgemont HS: Nancy Dean
(Membership)
Roch Carrier ES: Zhong An
Rockcliffe Park PS: Natalie Runoff
South March PS: Christine Moulaison
(Co-chair)
Stittsville PS: Martyn Reid
Woodroffe PS: Maggie Green

Non-member Schools attending (16)

Adrienne Clarkson ES (ACES): John Lymer
Alta Vista PS: Nancy Dean (Membership)
Alta Vista PS: Janice Chamberlain

Bell HS: Priyantha
Knoxdale PS: Alysse Norcross
Lisgar CI: Jason Wu

Guests and non-school reps (1)

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1. Call to order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:07pm and welcomed members and guests.

2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Agenda: Approved as presented. Motion: Cedarview MS; Second: Stittsville PS

March Minutes: Approved as presented. Motion: Mary Honeywell ES; Second: John Young ES

- Add Alexandria Sjomah (Mutchmor PS) to the attendees

3. From Your Executive

- Annual General Meeting (AGM) – Next Month
 - Election of executives for next year. Positions available are: Chair (or Co-Chairs), Secretary, Membership, Treasurer, Communications, Executives at Large, Committee members
 - Role descriptions and nominations information will be posted on ocasc.ca and Facebook
 - Next month's meeting will be split into a regular meeting and the AGM
- PIC (Parent Involvement Committee)
 - Overnight Trips
 - No policy/procedure change by the board. Superintendents and Principals are re-applying policy and procedures that have always existed.
 - Existing Policies and Procedures:
 - [P 029 SCO - Field Trips, Excursion, Educ. Tours and Student Exchange](#)
 - [PR 683 SCO - Field Trips - International](#)
 - [PR 674 SCO - Field Trips - Overnight](#)
 - [PR 673 SCO - Field Trips - Day](#)
 - Considerations:
 - Must be high educational value
 - Low risk, or if not low risk a there is a full risk assessment
 - Time away from school. Principal has to be comfortable with the time away from school (for students and teacher)
 - Equity of access
 - Can escalate to Superintendent if not satisfied with the response from Principal
 - Some international trips are going ahead this year
 - Some Principals are uncomfortable with trips that have traditionally took place (i.e. legacy trips)
 - A March Break ski trip to Europe is an example of trip with low education value
 - Superintendent approves day and overnight trips. The associate director approves international trips.
 - Questions and comments from members:
 - Is there a pattern of trips being cancelled?
 - Students look forward to traditional trips
 - At some schools teachers have been discouraged from organizing trips
 - Seems like policies and procedures are not being applied consistently



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- across schools
- Trips have value for students.
- Sense of fear due to the drowning of a Toronto student in Algonquin Park on a school trip.
- Raise at PIC and COW
 - What is the quantitative criteria that must be met in order for a field trip to be approved?
 - What is the list of criteria to make the trip viable?
 - Would like guidelines to make funding trips equitable (both within a school and across schools in the board)
 - How many trips have been cancelled, not approved or not brought forward? How many legacy trips have been cancelled?
- Ministry Consultation on Class Size. Deadline May 31.
- The Strategic Plan is coming. There will be a consultation.
- Collection of Identity data – board is working on how to do this.
- Representatives from 2 new Community Organizations added to PIC
- Rowan's Law – Consultation from the province. Deadline is April 18. Will impact community sports organizations more than schools (schools already following)
- Looking for information that would be useful to include in the School Council Newsletter email.
 - Would a School Council calendar be useful in the email?
- Extended Day and Childcare committee is looking for parent members – Deadline is April 24.

4. Speaker: MyLifeOnline: Discussion about Social Media

<http://welcometomylifeonline.com/>

Dave and Blake (remote presenters), facilitated by OCASC member JP Grimes

- Suited for grades 4 to 8
- Discount – Take picture of slide from the presentation and provide it when contacting MyLifeOnline.
- Questions and comments from members:
 - More positive and less shocking type of presentation. Pricing is very reasonable
 - What is the curriculum in Ontario for Social Media?
 - Think it was taken out of curriculum. Unsure. They have information, might be dated.
 - Have they thought of expanding it to high school students? Answer: Their focus is on welcoming children to their life on-line. Can refer to colleagues who focus on high school students. Will provide referrals.

5. SEAC Update

- Operational Review
 - Scope will be expanded to more than issues about communications



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- Integration and Support for Special Education Students
 - OCDSB has students with special education needs integrated into the regular classroom. Other students are in specialized classes. There are many specialized classes. For example, Autism, Deaf/Hard hearing, Gifted, Learning Disabilities, BIP etc. Specialized classes are for students with the highest needs.
 - Trustee Evans questions whether integration was the 'right' thing if students are not given the needed supports.
 - SEAC started a discussion on this issue, but it became clear that it requires a larger conversation.
 - Conversation will continue. Email seac@ocasc.ca if you have comments.

6. COW, PIC Update and Arts Advisory Updates

No updates.

7. New Business

- Bell HS School Council – 3D Printing Technology
 - Introduced 3D printers. Huge demand by students to use the resources.
 - The cost of 3D printers is coming down.
 - Printers and material for printers was funded from the school budget.
- Scholastic Book Fair – JP Grimes
 - The Trillium ES school council will put together information about how to run a book fair and it make available.
 - OCASC is working on a Knowledge Library (as a result of Random Hacks of Kindness). This information would be a good fit for thee Knowledge Library.

8. Breakout time: Secondary panel discussion of co-op placements and other issues of interest

Ran out of time.

9. Adjournment at 8:58 pm

Next meeting: Thursday May 16