



OCASC April 21, 2022 DRAFT Meeting Notes

Agenda

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Approval of agenda and [Minutes from March 24, 2022](#)
3. Information items / Updates from committees
 - a. Committee of the Whole (COW)
 - b. Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)
 - c. Special Advisory Committee (SEAC)
 - d. Arts Advisory Committee (AAC)
4. Discussion and new business items
5. Breakout rooms/roundtable
6. Adjournment

ATTENDANCE

Bayview PS - Sarah Mitchell
Castlefrank ES- Crystal Blais
Chapman Mills PS - Mourad Graidia
Elmdale - Caroline Hatton
Emily Carr M.S. - David Manias
Kim Loenhardt
LDHSS Lisa Brennan
Maple Ridge - Amanda Hope
Mary Honeywell ES - Meaghan Allen
Mutchmor - Laurissa Watson
OCASC Co-Chair - Christine Moulaison

Glebe CI - Lisa Greaves
Glen Ogilvie - Amanda-Lyn Smith
Goulbourn MS- Zhong An
Henry Larsen- Melody Currie
Katimavik ES - Ralph Quapp
Ridgemont HS - Nancy Dean
Rockcliffe Park PS - Hart Shouldice
Severn Ave PS - Nadya Kushnerenko
South Carleton HS - Michelle Sabourin
Vimy Ridge PS -Intiaz Rahim

MEETING NOTES

Agenda approved

Motion to approve minutes by Rockcliff Park – Hart S. Seconded by by Emily Carr – David M. CARRIED



TO BRING BACK TO COUNCILS FOR INPUT:

- **Parent Reaching Out Grant:** There may be time to still get a speaker please contact sharan.samagh@ocdsb.ca
- Meet the ASD team – (SEAC Special Education Advisory Committee meeting). Support for Autism Spectrum disorder. See SEAC report below
- Last Arts Advisory Committee Meeting May 9th. Guest speaker is Advisory Council on Equity and we will discuss Equity in the and through the Arts. All welcome. See below
- OCASC Membership form completed to become a rep member. FREE 2021-2022 Membership FORM <https://forms.gle/8SNdTcRA9TMxyJYG8>

INFORMATION ITEMS AND UPDATES

COW – Committee Of the Whole (Christine Moulaison & Tom Holloway)

- **COW - Tuesday, April 12, 2022 Agenda**
<https://pub-ocdsb.escribemeetings.com/Meeting.aspx?Id=a4bef1d8-f563-4c1b-8103-d266bd50be44&Agenda=Agenda&lang=English>
- Main discussion item was Mask Mandate motion brought to board which was passed. Trustees voting YES strongly adhered to Ottawa Public Health's recommendation that schools go back to masking by Vera Etches. 8 in favour, 3 against and 1 abstention.

PIC - Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) OCDSB - Christine M.

PIC Webpage: <https://ocdsb.ca/cms/one.aspx?portalId=55478&pageId=167239>

School Council Support / Information:

https://ocdsb.ca/our_schools/school_council/supporting_school_councils

- PIC April 13th Agenda : <https://pub-ocdsb.escribemeetings.com/Meeting.aspx?Id=4ff8654e-1db7-4e4c-b501-e64b3b073b39&Agenda=Agenda&lang=English>
- **PIC Budget** presented
 - The \$150 000 allotted in 2020 for parent engagement had not been used since it's allotment and discovered that funds were not carried to next school year but into the general budget. This year the same will occur and it was asked if it can be rolled over. Due to budget process this is not standard procedure and will not be carried forward. PIC looking for ways to use these funds. If you have any suggestions for activities or initiatives, please forward to PIC or Christine.



- PRO Grant – Is rolled out and there is still time to get access if you school is interested.
https://ocdsb.ca/our_schools/school_council/supporting_school_councils/news_and_updates/2022_pro_grant_parent_information_sessions

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SEAC (Special Education Advisory Committee) – Mourad G.

- Meeting April 6 2022. Replay and agenda documents via link
 - <https://pub-ocdsb.escribemeetings.com/Meeting.aspx?Id=7c46f702-f51c-4f92-b844-c351e0e33f47&Agenda=Agenda&lang=English>
- Presentation from ASD – Autism Spectrum Disorder. Explained program and structure of the ASD team which consists of ABA coordinator, Psychologists. Speech therapist, and board certified
 - To get supports:
 - Caregiver need to request through school
 - Followed by a assessment
 - Then support plan created in collaboration with caregivers.

AAC – Arts Advisory Committee

- Recruited 7 new School Councils Arts Rep and forming a subcommittee for councils to support arts in their school
- Covid Updates – most restrictions are lifted but based on capacity at each school not all arts experiences are available, it depends on school capacity.
- Presentation to the Board on Tues April 26th
- Next meeting May 9th – With Advisory Council on Equity as guest. We are looking to discuss Equity in the arts. All welcome. Register in advance for this meeting: https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcod-qtqDltEtKs_D9F6dwsDSG7C1ny2tGt . After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

DISCUSSION and NEW BUSINESS

PRO Grants Discussion

- Elmdale is doing the virtual Scientists in the Classroom for 30 families.
- Melody – registration was difficult, last year was easier
 - Would like more communication, just the one email with lacking details needed to organize effectively
 - Looking to connect with science in the schools
- Katimavik - Ralph
 - Got the first email, turse but to the point
 - Not much uptake to champion to do own thing and so did speaker



- Discussing the kit distribution – think can have a box at the school parents can p.u. Need to consider and work around the no parents at the school yet which difficult to coordinate things.
 - Promotion is through newsletter and email
 - Paired with Castle Frank and open it up if do not have enough uptake
 - Would have really liked more time to choose. Felt really limited with time and those that made the decision, just too few making the choice
 - Why does this have to be for each school but instead be open to all? Because it's virtual could be more open to have choice other than that the council choice. As caregiver interested in other topics that was chosen by council.
- South March (Paul Davis) and Jack Donohue (Parents 4 Diversity) also partnered and are sharing open spots. Registration timing was issue.
- Sarah – is doing COUNCIL choice
 - Polled parents based on last year's topics way in advance but disappointed with options this year. School already does SIS, Timing is not great as school is younger grades and evening is too late. Felt it was largely geared to older and that not much offering for them. Most Kinder do not use tech same way. Nothing for mindfulness and families.
 - Partnering with other school is being investigated
 - Registration was difficult, received a simple confirmation only and then toolkit but not clear ie. as to how the funds will be handled.
 - Turn around felt really rushed
 - Would like more support with own choice option
- Vimy Ridge – Math Guru and teamed up another school
- What about not doing PRO?
 - Earl of March – not because of timing. No opportunity to really consult.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn 9:00 pm