



OCASC October 2022 Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, October 20, 2022
Location: Virtual (Zoom)
Time: 7:00-9:00pm

Attendance

- Total attendance (31)
- Number of school reps attending (26)
- Total school represented (28)

Member schools attending (23): total member schools (27)

Bayview PS: Sarah Mitchell	Manor Park PS: Sean Schuck
Broadview PS: Meaghan Cunningham	Maple Ridge ES: Cynthia Allen
Castlefrank: Nicole Sturgeon	Mary Honeywell ES: Meaghan Allen (Membership)
Chapman Mills PS: Mourad Graidia (SEAC)	Mutchmor PS: Laurissa Watson
Connaught PS: Brian Chow	Ridgemont HS: Nancy Dean (Communications, AAC, PIC)
Elgin Street PS: Anne Cole	Sir Wilfrid Laurier SS: Cynthia Allen
Elmdale: Kristin Honshorst	Stittsville PS: Sean Maraj
Forest Valley: Susan Neal	Trillium ES: Ana-Livia Rodriguez
Glen Oglivie: Amanda-Lyn Smith	Vimy Ridge PS: Intiaz Rahim
Hopewell Ave PS: Daphne Dumbrille	Woodroffe Ave PS: Lisa Vandermeer
Jack Donahue: Elena Pushkareva	
Katimavik ES: Ralph Quapp, and Heather Cardamore	
Lisgar CI: Milana Karaganis, Donna Yau, and Islam Hajras	

Non-member schools attending (5)

Earl of March SS: Tom Holloway (COW)	Sir Robert Borden: Sharon Creasey
Farley Mowat PS: Divya Yashwanth	South March: Christine Moulaison (Co-Chair, PIC)
Glebe CI: Lisa Greaves (Treasurer)	

1. Call to order

The Communications Officer called the meeting to order at 7:07pm. Co-Chair Moulaison welcomed members, stated the land acknowledgement, and stated appreciation for change of location.

2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Agenda: Approved with an addition re: School Budgets. Motion: Forest Valley, Second: Manor Park

September Minutes: Approved as presented. Motion: Glebe CI Second: Mary Honeywell ES



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3. Information items / Updates from committees

- a. Executive update and information
 - Co-Chair Moulaison gave an introduction to what OCASC is.

- b. Committee of the Whole (COW) -Tom Holloway
 - Meeting took place on Tuesday, October 11, 2022
 - Looking for a finance person to join their audit committee
 - No changes with COVID-19 Protocols
 - No delegations
 - Looking to make a committee for policy review. Exec. Giroux proposed three options: informal committee; special committee; and COW Policy committee. No decision was made at this time, but gathered information/opinions from Board members. No specific policies were stated.
 - Advisory Committee for Equity (ACE) spoke: wanted to reflect in the minutes from a meeting in June that a trustee's behaviour was inappropriate and aggressive
 - Strategic Planning update -see details in the minutes of COW (go to the OCDSB's calendar)
 - There has been a push back on de-streaming
 - Bringing extracurricular sports back
 - Occasional teachers don't feel included and reluctant to become engaged
 - Traffic around schools is a concern
 - Traffic around schools is a concern for a lot of OCASC members
 - Thanks went around the table as this was their last meeting as the Board as it is (election on October 24)

- c. [Parent Involvement Committee \(PIC\)](#) -Nancy Dean
 - Meeting took place on Wednesday, October 19, 2022
 - New PIC chair email - pic.chair@ocdsb.ca
 - Mental Health Strategy Committee at OCDSB is looking for members [OCDSB_Mental_Health_Strategy.pdf](#)
 - Parent Conference Sat. Nov. 5th 8:30 am - 1:00 pm at Ridgemont High School. Key note speaker Dr. Michael Cheng, a child and family psychiatrist, followed by three sessions. Community Marketplace with booths from different organizations or departments. Registration is open <https://www.ocdsb.ca/cms/One.aspx?portalId=55478&pageId=38826906>
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- d. [Special Education Advisory Committee \(SEAC\)](#) -Mourad Graidia
 - Meeting took place on Monday, October 10, 2022
 - Discussions around OSTA's issues with driver shortages and delays, particularly with special needs students



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- Online Learning Support Services (LSS) resources:
 - Teachers got access on October 17
 - Not sure when parents will have access
- Making progress with equipment and software availability, but students are on a waiting list due to lack of licenses. Access is assessed case by case.

e. [Arts Advisory Committee \(AAC\)](#) -Nancy Dean

- Next meeting is Nov. 7th, contact artsadvisoryocdsb@gmail.com
- Looking for School Council Arts Reps to be on the committee
 - [Arts Representative](#)

4. OCASC appointment of representation at OCDSB committees

- Co-Chair Moulaison decided that OCASC members wait until the next meeting when the Board elections are over before a decision is made for PIC, Calendar and Extended Day Program (EDP) representatives

5. School Budgets

- A member brought up that their school is running a deficit right now.
- Last year, the school had 11 EAs, now they can only afford 4.
- Member would like to know:
 - How can a school get a deficit?
 - How can I bring this up to the attention of the Board?
- After much discussion, OCASC members decided that they would like to have a representative from the board to provide clarity on school budgets
 - Co-chair Moulaison stated she would try her best to get someone in for the next meeting.

6. Breakout room topic ideas for next meeting:

- a. Secondary schools: much discussion around vaping and drugs in the schools bathrooms. Secondary school members will discuss further at the next meeting.
- b. The Communications Officer asked members what are councils looking at, or discussing at their meetings, and to write those details in the chat:
 - Are schools meeting in person or virtual?
 - How do we go hybrid?
 - Vimy Ridge, Trillium and Elmdale have held hybrid meeting
 - Election concerns
 - Fundraising in full swing: movie nights, spirit wear, chapters night, popcorn, tulip bulbs, pizza
 - Halloween Dance
 - De-streaming
 - Ways to engage more with the greater school community
 - Inviting the new trustee to a school council meeting
 - Traffic issues -drop off, pick up, and pedestrian safety



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- Lunch programs
- Overcrowding
- Designing outdoor space (incorporating outdoor stage area)
- Investigating playground options
- Bussing/OSTA
- Gender inclusivity
- OCDSB sports
- School building improvements/new school building
- Screen time (how much is appropriate)

7. Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm