



# OCASC November 2022 Meeting

## OCASC November 2022 Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, November 17, 2022  
Location: Virtual (Zoom) Time: 7:00-9:00 pm

### Attendance

Total Number 35  
Number of school reps attending 35  
Total Schools represented 34

### Member schools attending

Alta Vista PS: Regan Braund	Hopewell Ave PS: Daphne Dumbrille
Bayview PS: Sarah Mitchell	Jack Donahue: Elena Pushkareva
Bell HS: Vivian Chan	Katimavik ES: Ralph Quapp
Bridlewood Community ES: Denise Nap	Lisgar CI: Milana Karaganis
Broadview PS: Meaghan Cunningham	Longfields SS: Josie Gibbs
Canterbury HS: Deborah Gomes	Manor Park PS: Sean Schuck
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)
Earl of March SS: Tom Holloway (COW)	Severn Ave: Magda Anderchuk
Elgin Street PS: Maleka Hendela(Co-Chair)	Vimy Ridge PS: Intiaz Rahim
Elmdale: Kristin Honshorst	WO Mitchell ES: Suzanne Tubb
Farley Mowat PS: Divya Yashwanth	Woodroffe Ave PS: Lisa Vandermeer
Glashen PS: Kyla	
Glen Oglivie: Amanda-Lyn Smith	

### Non-Member Schools Attending

AY Jackson: Denise Nap  
John Young ES: Dwayne Routliffe  
Jockvale ES: Caitlyn  
Rockcliffe Park ES: Hart Shouldice  
Roch Carrier ES: Paris Akhshi  
Sir Robert Borden: Sharon Creasey  
Donna Owen  
Margo Ratcliffe

#### 1. Call to order

The Communications officer called the meeting to order at 7:10. Nancy Dean welcomed members and stated the land acknowledgement. Live Learn Play

#### 2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Agenda: Approved by Sean Schuk (Manor Park)  
October minutes: Approved by Meaghan Cunningham (Broadview)



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### **3. Information items/ Updates from Committees**

- a. Executive- Co-Chair Makela Hendela
  - Sign- up for newsletter as it is a great way to receive board communications
  - Large turn over of Trustees, only two previous trustees were renewed. New board chair - Lyra Evans, New Vice Chair - Justine Bell
  - Camille has stepped down, so the first role of the board to hire a new executive director for OCDSB
  - First trustee meeting is this Friday Nov 18, 2022 on masking in schools Schedule of trustee meeting is on the OCDSB website and are streamed at [www.ocdsb.ca/calendar](http://www.ocdsb.ca/calendar).
  - More information to come regarding school budgets

#### Committee of the Whole (COW)- Tom Holloway

- No meeting in November due to the election of new board members

#### Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)- Nancy Dean

- Next meeting will be held November 23rd
- See Report on Reaching Out Grant

#### Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)- Mourad Graidia

- Meetings are live streamed for all to listen
- Issues with lack of services for special needs identified
- The OCASC representative raised questions regarding the reduction in Educational Assistants in the schools at the meeting including why the schools are responsible for carrying the burden of the budget deficit to hire more EAs, does the reduction in EAs align with the board policy, and how can the school councils help the schools to ensure that the reduction does not impact the service to the students. Unfortunately it is difficult to



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get a response as the administration is not always at liberty to provide information.

- EA allocation is based on: Medical, Safety or Behaviour and it is up to the school administration to justify support for specific students

### Arts Advisory Committee (AAC)- Nancy Dean

- Next meeting in January will be used to plan for the remaining year - Each school council ask:
- How art is thriving in their school;
- If any members are interested in being a representative on the AAC; and,
- How is the AAC supporting their school?

### **4. Explanation and Appointments of OCASC representation at OCASC committees**

#### Parental Involvement Committee:

- 2 year term, positions have been grand-fathered in, must have a child in the board, Mourad Graidia - Chapman Mills PS and Elena Pushkareva Jack Donahue: volunteered to represent the committee - Nominated and Approved

#### Calendar

- No meeting yet, process to determine school calendar, Donna Owen interested in participating in this committee - Nominated and approved

#### Extended Day Program (EDP)/ after school care

- No meeting yet, not all schools have them, usually just the ES, mandate is to discuss fees, and to make sure it is doing what it is supposed to do, Brian Chow - Connaught PS volunteered to represent the committee

### **5. Items for discussion/ New Business**



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### PRO Grant Discussion (Parent Reaching Out Grant)

- Allocation is given from the ministry to the board to the school, each school automatically gets \$500 to better engage parents in our communities
- Councils may apply for up to \$1000 to FACE with an equitable activity proposal to encourage more families to get involved, Prince will decide who gets the extra, PIC will look at different way this extra money can be used, A sub-committee will be formed at the next PIC meeting to discuss how to best use these funds. (EG translation services, using tech tools to improve communication, tool kit for engagement)
- The PIC will present the report on 2021-22's speaker series. 106 schools and 2500 individuals attended the sessions.

### Anti-bullying Prevention Education

- Moved over to the next meeting

### **6. Breakout rooms, and topics/ ideas for next meeting**

- Secondary schools
- Support for parents v. support for school council - Moved over to the next meeting

### **7. Adjourned at 9:20**