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**Date:** October 19, 2023

**Location:** Fisher Park School 250 Holland Avenue / Virtual via Zoom

**Time:** 7:00-9:00pm

**Attendance:** TBC

### AGENDA

- 1) Welcome and introductions
- 2) Approval of agenda and previous meeting minutes ([May 18, 2023](#))
- 3) Information items / Updates from committees
  - a) Executive update and information
  - b) Committee of the Whole (COW) - Agenda: [HTML](#)
  - c) Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) - Agenda and Video: [HTML](#)
  - d) Special Advisory Committee (SEAC) - Agenda meeting: [HTML](#)
  - e) Ad-Hoc Committee - Agenda and Video: [HTML](#)
  - f) Arts Advisory Committee (AAC)
- 4) Items for discussion / New business
- 5) AGM to follow
- 6) Breakout rooms, and topics/ideas for next meeting
- 7) Adjournment

### Meeting Notes:

1. Meeting started at 7:05
2. Approval of Agenda and previous meeting minutes (May 18, 2023): XXX Motion to approve: XXX Seconded
3. Information/Updates for Committees:
  - a. **Treasurer Update:** \$13,000 approx. in bank account.
  - b. **COW** - Tom Holloway:
    - i. Capital call put out for major projects - addition approved for Earl of March unanimously (currently has 31 portables)
    - ii. Motion to add Indigenous Trustee to OCDSB: re-sent letter to Ministry to add (requires ministry approval)
    - iii. Also, add indigenous student trustee in addition to current 2 student trustees. Questions raised - do only indigenous vote, concerns re: students self-identifying
    - iv. Budget: looking for March report rather than December but only 2 Finance staff to oversee \$1B budget
    - v. Pino Buffone - new Director of Education



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### c. PIC:

- i. Consultation on anti-bullying across OCDSB - can review on OCDSB Board meeting review
- ii. Parent conference on November 4. Previously was 1/2 for parents, 1/2 for school councils. School council portion has been removed but there are videos on OCDSB site to help councils. Parent conference link here: <https://www.ocdsb.ca/cms/One.aspx?portalId=55478&pageId=2596065>
- iii. Motion to eliminate OCASC appointed seats – more in discussion items

## 4. Items for discussion

### a. OCDSB Budget notes:

- i. Previously OCDSB would provide mid-term December meeting with a forecast. This disappeared with COVID.
- ii. Every spring OCDSB guesstimates how many teachers they need, will then let some go and re-hire later
- iii. This year, the estimate was significantly off, leading to more teacher churn
- iv. Impact of Budget: one example - OCDSB has \$0/student budget for books vs. Catholic board has \$15.
- v. Question councils should be asking Principals: How is money spent in school?

### b. Trustees:

- i. Historically, trustees attended OCASC meetings
- ii. Trustees have typically been open to meeting with school councils
- iii. OCASC gives representation to multiple councils at the same time, so a good opportunity

### c. Parent Involvement Committee – Motion to eliminate OCASC appointed seats was successful

- i. Link to motion: [html](#)
- ii. Any parent can attend PIC, don't need to be on a committee
- iii. Legislative body to be on advisory board for parents, requirement set out by law for each board
- iv. OCASC Predated the PIC
- v. Other boards operate differently - in some, the OCASC equivalent took over the PIC, some merged, other structures prevailed
- vi. October 11, 2023 PIC meeting - motion set to remove OCASC Reps put forward by Chair Mills
- vii. Rationale: Other reps had to go through rigorous process to be appointed, OCASC reps did not. Also, looking to fill some gaps from a diversity standpoint. Also, PIC missing out on good people because they have too many applicants



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### viii. Problems:

1. In September, Chair Mills added an agenda item stating one of the bylaws was to be removed, did not indicate which
2. On October 11 - motion to remove OCASC reps
3. No time to discuss at OCASC
4. Had legal representation to back this proposal
5. Was backed by PIC with 2 OCASC reps dissenting
6. OCASC reps were on 2 year term but motion put forward in PIC meeting to make it happen immediately effective next PIC meeting (November 15, 2023)
7. Motion to add 2 members and keep OCASC reps - was not approved
8. OCDSB has tried to take OCASC off COW and other committees in the past, PIC removal could be a precursor to this again
9. Elena and Nancy sit as parents on PIC. They are nominated by OCASC but do not represent OCASC, so it does not seem correct that they could be removed.
10. Process for nominating PIC members is opaque, we don't know what criteria exist, what applications are involved etc.
11. Part of PIC's mandate includes liaising with school councils so question to PIC is: how are you planning to support

## 5. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### a. Nomination of Executives for 2023-24

Co-Chair: Christine Moulaison.

Co-Chair: Malaka Hendela

Vice Chair: Anthony Wong

Treasurer: Lisa Greaves.

Membership: Tanya Sutor

Secretary: Mike Morris

Communications: Nancy Solange Dean

### b. OCASC Reps on OCDSB Committee Representatives:

Committee of the Whole: Tom Holloway

Special Advisory Committee: No current rep

Ad Hoc Policy Committee: Request for a parent plus a back-up to be on ad hoc committee that is reviewing current policies, then review at COW rather than using COW time for this purpose. Any parent can volunteer, does not have to be an OCASC Rep.

Calendar Committee: Christine Moulaison



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Meeting adjourned – 9:20 pm.