

Minutes

Parents and council members: 15 people

Maggie joined after the voting ended.

School admin: Pascal and Paul

Election Process and Voting - Pascal

The audience was asked if anybody wanted to nominate themselves for any of the positions.

Nobody nominated themselves at the meeting.

Pascal went through the ballot.

Chair - Tricia - all votes

Vicechair - Lisa V - all votes

Secretary - Laura - all votes

Treasure - Steph - all

Volunteer coordinator - Genevieve Fajarczuk - all

Communication coordinator - Jen St-Pierre - all

Fund raising coordinator - open

OCASC Rep - Maggie Green - all

Outreach coordinator - Kirstin Graystone - all

Budget Highlights - Steph

- Started with a bank balance 20600. Carry over last year 5000 for play yard. 3100 for ski club. Spending total of 13495.
- We didn't do as much fund raising. Managed to raise 6237.
- Expenses 8295.61. The biggest was the 5000 aside for play yard that we gave back to the school.
- Other expenses: multicultural and arts - 4 events and gave money for art supplies, sports activities, and 2 staff grants for choir and mobile makers. Negative just over \$2000 - net loss for the year.
- Ski club - carry over of 2000 and change.

(Laura: Please double-check the exact numbers)

Annual report - Melanie

10% of all fund raising to be set aside for Pinecrest. In Feb-March, due to labour action and other things at Pinecrest, Megan could not engage with them. She recommended we kept the funds for this year. Soon after that the board cancelled school council activities. It will be up to this year's council to transfer these funds as a line item.

Admin report - Pascal and Paul

Paul was introduced. He is known as the "school doctor" because he wears full on PPE and takes the kids in the isolation room when needed. Retired principal and he had experience in a lot of schools. Paul thinks we have an amazing school.

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- **Meet the teacher email** was sent today (October 13) by the child's homeroom teacher to give a better idea of what's happening in the school, how the day looks like.
- **COVID protocols** are meant to keep the kids and staff safe. If the child is not feeling well, there is an assessment tool to go through. Different for kids than it is for adults. Check the info that has been sent out and the Ottawa Public Health screening tool. Links are included in the principal report.
- **Paul Davis talk on Internet safety** - Wednesday grade 4 to 6 at 7:30 pm. The presentation can be watched on Youtube after the fact. An email should have been sent to parents of children in grades 4-6. Children tend to be a few steps ahead of us and see things on the Internet we don't think they have access to, so it is useful to watch the presentation.

Questions:

Lisa: Do you know if there is a plan to switch play time zones any time soon? Some kids are happy, others are not.

Admin: It is a big decision and it requires a lot of coordinating, supervision schedules. Kids are struggling with staying in their zone and with keeping the distance. They used to have access to the entire school yard and now they are restricted and it is understandable that not all of them like it. Also the way the yard is divided, there are kids who are in the fields, some are behind the portables, etc. They are considering making changes to the zoning. They are looking at a rotation. Grade 7 and 8 need to be committed to respecting the distance. They may rotate in November. Rotation of zones doesn't guarantee bringing friends closer.

Contact tracing is the biggest thing. They need to know where all the contacts were at any time and make decision quick.

Tricia: what kinds of funds were sent to the school for custodians and cleaning. Any funds for special needs? Is there a public health nurse coming in?

Admin:

- An extra custodian was added during the day who is responsible for constant cleaning of all high touch surfaces throughout the school.
- Rotation with nutritional break and going outside gives the custodian time to clean the classrooms twice a day when kids are outside.
- Sanitizer in classrooms. All entrance doors are equipped with hand sanitizer. When they enter the building someone makes sure kids are sanitizing their hands.
- The public health nurse is assigned to a number of schools. She is not in the school, she answers the phone and provides guidance. She has been very helpful and responsive when they needed her advice.
- WAPS had two visits from the nurse to make sure that the school had everything that is required from a public health point of view - arrows for direction, hand washing protocols, signage everywhere, etc. She is very accessible at any time of the day even at night.
- .5 increase for support in different classes.
- Some learning resource teachers, but no full time resource.
- The biggest focus at the moment is on assessing the reading levels of all students especially in the older grades.

Jen: Is there a public health nurse coming in for grade 7 and 8 vaccines?

Admin: They haven't been contacted for this yet. Pascal will ask the nurse to see where things are with that.

Names that were put in committees

Spring Fling: Jen Rogers and Katie

Book Sale: Heather Logan

Garden: Kristin

Healthy active and emotional well being: Jennifer, Jess and ?

Ski club coordinator: Patricia Boyd will coordinate and Lisa will do the admin behind the scenes. It will not happen this year, but for next year.

Sarah: At the last meeting in January we had talked about starting a “What does Woodroffe look like in 5 years?” committee I am still happy to chair this. It is a good year to change things up instead of sticking with the status quo.

Line item for funds for Pinecrest:

Pascal will reach out to Pinecrest to find out if they prefer a cheque, activities booked on their behalf or something else. We are giving \$500 which is 10% of the 5000 we had as profit.

Lisa: Any guidance from the board in terms of fund raising?

Pascal: Still no fund raising is the current recommendation.

Tricia:

- The board created a Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) and it would be nice to have someone represent the school.

Admin

The results from the Parents Survey from the board will be sent directly by the board.

Daniela still wants to be involved with the plant sale.

Next meeting

- A link can go on the school messenger.
- Second Tuesday of the month.
- Google Meet is the platform supported by OCDSB.
- At the next meeting we should discuss the FB group and if we need to make changes.
- Pascal will mention on school messenger that the meeting happened and include the link for parents who want to get involved.
- We should invite the school trustee to the next meeting to provide a brief board overview - Tricia will reach out to her.