

Agincourt Road Public School

School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: November 15, 2022

Present:

School Council

- Kim Meegan – Chairperson
- Amy Herbert – Vice Chairperson
- Melissa Muysson – Treasurer
- Marcie Wilson – Secretary
- Genna McBain – Events and Volunteer Coordinator
- Sarah Mitchelson – Assistant Events Coordinator
- Erin Sallie – Pizza Coordinator
- Veronika Burda
- Karen Fong
- Stephen Harrod
- Mandy Seto

School Representatives

- Carmen Mackay – School Principal
- Sanja Vujinovic – School Vice Principal

Regrets

- Randy Beer – Support Staff Representative
- Wendy Carter – Teacher Representative

7:02 Call to order, introductions

7:03 Land acknowledgement

7:04 Minutes approved with correction that track and field is not happening yet

7:05 Principal's report:

- Teachers are busy with progress reports, which are being submitted via a new reporting system. Progress reports will be sent out electronically the afternoon of Nov. 17 afternoon. Access to the progress report requires the student's Ontario Education Number (OEN).
- Parent-teacher interviews are scheduled for Thursday Nov. 24 at 4:30-7 and Friday Nov. 25 at 8:30 - 11 with virtual or in person meeting options.
- Vaccinations for Grades 7 and 8 are scheduled Nov. 23 and 24. Grade 7 consent forms were sent home Nov. 14 to be signed. Consent forms are valid for 24 months, therefore new consent forms are not required for returning Grade 8 students. Questions can be directed to Ottawa Public Health.
- Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) testing results were released to the school Nov. 15. Individual student reports will be sent to guardians of students in Grade 4 and 7

families by Nov. 23. Reports currently have limited information compared to previous years with respect to provincial/regional results.

- Staffing update: a teacher has been secured for Grade 7 and will be communicated to parents soon.
- Family in need: School council provided financial support to a grateful family upon request.
- Pizza lunch subsidies have been requested and granted.
- "The Lunch Lady" meals are not coordinated by the school or School Council. Parents may be able to order from the company directly.
- The school spirit wear order is open until Nov. 23.
- Hallowe'en Dance was very well attended. Thank you to coordinators and volunteers. Amazing costumes everyone!
- The school will run a Food Bank drive this December.

7:22 Vice Principal's report

November Dates:

Holocaust Education Month (Age-appropriate resources shared with staff to explore concepts of community, kindness, and equity)

Nov 4: PA Day (Topics: Equity Centred-Trauma Informed Education, Anti-Sex Trafficking Reporting and Responding Protocol and Aspen Training)

Nov 5 - 11: Veterans Week

Nov 8: Indigenous Veterans Day

Nov 8: Birth of Guru Nanak Dev Jayanti (Sikh)

Nov 8: Football Meet (Boys)

Nov 9: Football Meet (Girls)

Nov 11: Remembrance Day Assemblies and Class Presentations from Captain Vladimir Melnikov

Nov 15: Canterbury Arts Presentation for Grade 7/8 Students (Open House is on Nov 30)

Nov 16: Louis Riel Day (Indigenous)

Nov 17: Photo Retake Day

Nov 17: Report Cards Go Home

Nov 17: Rideauwood Vaping Presentation (Grade 7/8)

Nov 18: Dictionary 4 Life Dictionaries dropped off for Grade 3s (Donated by Rotary Club of West Ottawa)

Nov 24: Spirit Day: Jersey Day (Wear your favourite sports team jersey or team colours)

Nov 24: Parent-Teacher Interviews 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Nov 25: Parent-Teacher Interviews 8:30 am - 11:00 am

December Upcoming Dates:

Dec 1: Nunatsiavut Day (Indigenous)

Dec 2: Kindergarten presentation of "The Potion Pursuit" by Nepean High School Theatre Production

Dec 9: Rideauwood Presentations for Grade 7: Technology and Responsibility (Finding a Balance), and Grade 8: Emotional Connections to Substance Abuse

Dec 9: Coding Open House (Hosted by Grade 7/8 Students for Grade 4-6 Students)

Dec 18-26: Hanukkah (Jewish)

Dec 23: Winter Break Begins

Dec 25: Christmas (Christian)

All events are posted on the Agincourt Road Public School website.

Current Extracurricular Activities:

- Cross Country (Grades 1 - 8)
- Dodgeball (Grades 2 - 6)
- Football (Grades 7 - 8)
- Student Council (Grades 7 - 8)
- Intermediate Improv Club (Grades 7 - 8)
- Intermediate Art Club (Grades 7 - 8)
- Volleyball (Grades 7 - 8)
- Games Club (Grades 7 - 8)

Other:

- Completed all three Fire Drills
- Two lockdown drills scheduled to happen in the coming weeks

7:35 Open floor questions to school representatives

- Extracurricular activities: for equity reasons practices/activities will take place during nutrition breaks and not outside of school hours
 - o School Council expressed interest in bringing these equity concerns to the school board level, perhaps via OCASC. No action item was decided on.
 - o Extracurricular activities for Grades 7 and 8 students have been communicated to families.
 - o The school will not be organizing a ski club this year. Any parent interest in coordinating ski club must happen in the community and cannot be linked to the school.
 - o Class trips to the community-maintained ice rink behind the school would be considered a field trip.
 - o Swim to Survive: is expected to occur this year on reduced schedule for Grade 3 students.
- Sports at the district level will be limited this year due to staffing and transportation difficulties. There will be fewer tournaments.
- Jerseys are available for sports teams, including the intermediate cross country team
- Volleyball poles and net are old and in need of replacement. Carmen Mackay will investigate tendering process and OCDSB requirements.
- School logo update: Students voted previously to move forward with a puma mascot. Old mascot has been retired. School Council will obtain logo design options and consider student engagement options.
- The school's library opened to classes last week!
- Last year's Grade 8 composite has been approved and we're waiting to hear back when and how they will be delivered.
- Corporate sponsorship for events or components of events: Carmen Mackay to look into school and OCDSB policies regarding corporate sponsors. School Council also to discuss spectrum of sponsor options and their appropriateness.

- Opportunities for third party companies to run workshops for students during class time (e.g., gymnastics, puppet shows): each company/activity needs to be assessed by Carmen Mackay with respect to school and district level policies and insurance. Companies are welcome to approach the school directly. School Council needs to consider spreading the funds across grades.
 - o Teacher request for \$950 for a coding presentation to Grades 7 and 8 was approved by School Council

8:11 President's report

- Last year's School Council Report is in progress.
- The OCDSB Family and Community Engagement (FACE) department is looking for volunteers to participate in two working groups to develop district documentation supporting School Councils across the OCDSB. The topics are fundraising and best practices. [Learn more and submit your expression of interest](#) by November 21.
- Scientists in the School program is open again. School Council will review budget to assess feasibility of funding the program for some grades if teachers are interested.
- A planet friendly cleaning supplies company contacted School Council to offer fundraising opportunity. The School Council voted to decline.

8:16 Treasurer's report

- Approximately \$7,000 available, not including walk-a-thon and pizza revenue.
- Direction of funds raised by walk-a-thon will be voted on once fundraising total is known.
- Genna will contact Danica to determine walk-a-thon funds raised.

8:20 Event Coordinator's report

- Halloween Dance went well
 - o Need more volunteers for hallways and at the front and side doors
 - o Some Grade 7 and 8 students arrived unsupervised
 - o Students were using cell phones at the dance. Students are not permitted to use cell phones on school property
 - o School Council may consider splitting events so dances for Kindergarten to Grade 6 are separate from Grades 7 and 8
- Movie night Nov. 18 still needs volunteers
- Coffee fundraiser: Parent organizer offered to run again
 - o Need school space for a day to sort coffee (e.g., small gym) then coffee distributed to students by classroom. Principal agreed.
 - o Targeting Nov. 30 for order date with coffee delivered by Dec. 8
- Bake sale is scheduled for Dec. 14
 - o Parent reached out to organize a cake-walk (e.g., parents/students contribute cakes to be raffled/auctioned off). School Council is enthusiastic about the idea and will include it at a later event (e.g., January movie night, book sale).
- School will pay for the DJ for the Toonie Tuesday dance-a-thon (February)
- Book sale is scheduled for April 27 pending confirmation of gym access:
 - o Tables are not available and need to be coordinated by School Council

- Book collection & sorting day: tentatively scheduled for April 24-25
- School Council needs to publish guidelines for types of books that are acceptable
- Students will come through Wednesday and Thursday during school time
- Public will be welcomed the evening of April 27
- Gym to be cleared by Friday noon (April 28)
- Merry Dairy is booked for the year end BBQ on June 1st
- Outdoor Classroom project needs a new champion
 - To look at grants
 - Sub-committee to discuss, including connecting with teachers to determine desired features
- Communications:
 - Erin will follow up with Danica that School Council events are on the school website, Erin to coordinate information to be included in School Council Newsletter
 - The best way to connect with School Council is via the executive email:
agincourt.executive@gmail.com
Additional information is available on the school's website: agincourtps.ocdsb.ca

8:52 Pizza report

- About 70 pizzas are ordered each week and it's going fairly well!

8:57 Meeting Adjourned – Next meeting is scheduled for third Tuesday of January 2023