

Oscar Peterson Public School
School Council Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2019 6:30-7:45pm

Attendees:	<p>Kerri Dunford: Principal Torrey Sleeman: Vice Principal Jeff Staton: Teacher Representative</p> <p>School Council: Patrick Lim: Chair Saira Qureshi-Wennekers: Vice Chair Amit Ambegaonkar and Leena Baig: Secretary Saleha Taj: Treasurer</p> <p>Parents: Keith Noltie, Phi Truong, Riya Singh, Martha Ayim, Marie Barker, and Amer Alabed</p>	
Patrick	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Approval of the Minutes from the last meeting completed. ● Minutes to be uploaded on website. 	6:30-6:35
Roland Acheampong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Presented potential sewing program. ● Program provides mentorship, confidence building, role models and mindfulness and develops soft skills. ● Cost: \$15+HST per student. ● Sewing machine donated to the school at the conclusion of the program. ● Positive response from School Council and parents. 	6:35-6:50
Principal's Report: Kerri	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● EQAO scheduled for the last week of May. Request to parents to plan vacations accordingly if possible. ● Grade 3- Lunch & Learn. ● Grade 3- Google Read & Write introduced which is an assistive technology teacher helping students who require some extra help in language. Also consists of tools to assist in answering according to EQAO 	6:50-7:10

	<p>requirements. It is logged in using the Peel sign in (student specific). Use via Chrome.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pizza day: Considering expanding to twice a month due to overwhelming response and success. ● Lunch Kit: Consider adding “Kidsentials” lunch kit in addition to pizza day. They run independently. May require volunteers to serve lunch to classrooms. ● Water garden tower: Considering buying 2 more at \$1100 + tax. Considering using revenue from pizza day and popcorn sales. ● Water bottle filler: Still getting paid off. The Spirit Wear sales were not enough to cover the cost. ● Basketball nets: Large nets need to be pulled down to 8 feet for lower grades so considering buying smaller nets. They cost \$800 without installation costs. One has been ordered already. ● Community Officer Presentation: May 9th. Suggested time 6:15-7:30. Childcare to be provided for 4 years and older children. Non-perishable food item request for food bank. Suggestion to move this to end of first week of April for next year to avoid conflict with month of Ramadan. Move to Atrium or to Gym if more people register. Jeff to coordinate changes to flyer. ● May 2019 School Council meeting may not be necessary if no pending matters. ● Open House for next year: Consider addition of 2-3 food trucks and other entertainment for next open house. 	
<p>Administration Report: Jeff and Torrey</p>	<p>Jeff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kindergarten: Parents at Play. ● Basketball Tournament: On March 29th (Friday). Parents are welcome. ● Grade 4: Quidditch Tournament. ● Grade 5: Scientists in School Program, April 9-11. Concepts around energy. ● Spring Concert. ● Education week: Along with book fair until April 23. 	<p>7:10-7:25</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grandparents tea: April 18. <p>Torrey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rangoli: April 12; rain date is April 15. ● Grade 1: Extravaganza Concert is on Monday, April 15. ● Spring Concert: To be held on Tuesday, April 16. ● Use of Library and Lab: To connect with Empowering modern learners concept. Adding robotics, printers and other technology will make the space multifunctional for the students. ● Grade 5 graduation: around June 20th and parents welcome. Farewell in the morning for approximately an hour. Certificates will be distributed. 	
<p>Activity Planning: School Council members</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● School Council willing to help with any project as required by the school. ● No news yet on pro grant program for 2019-2020. ● \$500 Parent engagement activity: Agreement that funds can be used for china/center pieces/table cloth for the grandparents' tea. ● Flower bed care during the summer: Yard work to be started in April. Perennials to be added. Inform School Council if assistance is required. Volunteers required to care during the summer. Previous Parent volunteer, Keith Noltie, offered again to water plants during the summer. ● Saleha suggested for school consideration to start Bicycle week, a program of Bike Ontario. Registrations are online, program sends an entire kit to school, and every participant gets a certificate. Lots of perks and prizes at no cost. It will potentially reduce kiss and ride load. ● Leena and Patrick to attend the PIC Conference on March 30. ● Mother's Day: Possible fundraiser for consideration of a single stem rose for \$5. 	<p>7:25-7:35</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● School Council congratulates Award of Distinction winners. 	
Parent Questions and Suggestions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Asked if there were any plans of extending the Blacktop area behind the School to increase play area for students. Jeff confirmed that there are no plans in view right now. ● Spirit Wear: Suggestion to add adult sizes on cash online. Possibly order towards the end of the school year and receive in September as the expected turnaround time is 6-8 weeks. ● No central air conditioning system. Every class has a fan. Some fans have been replaced recently. Parents asked if they can install their own in their children's classrooms. Consensus was against this suggestion to avoid bias. No plans in place for the school to install central air conditioning any time soon. 	7:35-7:45
Patrick	Next School Council meeting is on April 29, 2019 at 6:15 pm.	7:45

Meeting ends: 7:45 pm