

# Orono Public School Council Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2024

Setina MacLean (Principal)  
Karina Williams (Teacher rep)  
Iva Lavigne (Chair)  
Ashley Bell (Regional Rep)  
Heather Olynyk (Treasurer)  
Shawna Peddar Brown

Minutes from last meeting approved

## Principal's Report

- EQAO results Gr 3 Math (65%), Reading (74%), Writing (65%)  
Gr 6 Math (44%), Reading (85%), Writing (91%)  
Math numbers could be low because students not familiar with online format;  
le: hitting "submit" at the wrong time  
Current students are doing math online to get familiar with the format.
- Report cards will be coming home Feb 20th, students with IEPs will get theirs February 29th, all will be available on EDSBY
- WOW Yoga was well received
- Basketball team came in third in the rec division, students demonstrated great sportsmanship
- Floor hockey is happening now, just as an intramural
- Junior Kindergarten registration is now open
- EQAO testing will probably be happening May 27-3
- There will be a change in how the students use the yard at recess starting this week. The bottom field will be grades 4-6, with the grade 3's moving up to join the rest of the primaries on the black top and west side of the bridge. Grade 6 students from the Wellness Committee will be responsible for unlocking the new shed and dispensing the equipment in there for recess time. The north part of the lower fields will become out of bounds.

## Teacher's Report

- Wow Yoga and Playsports have happened and were enjoyed by the students
- Lacrosse will be happening in the spring
- Nature Nancy has visited the 4-6 classes before Christmas and visited the 1-3 classes today
- Three classes have been to the Outdoor Ed centre and 2 more classes have plans to go
- The 4-6 classes enjoyed a trip to see the Wonka movie in the theatre
- Ms Riga's class has had the Scientist in the Classroom this week

- Ms Richardson is leading a Junior drama club who will be performing for the primary students February 28th at 2:15. Parents of students involved are welcome to come watch.
- Baseball, Ultimate Frisbee, Track and Field and Three Pitch will all be happening in the coming weeks.
- Need to confirm bussing cost and cost per student for Camp Kawartha for grade 6 grad trip this June. Last year was \$15 per student for lunch and even with some funds from school it cost each student \$45. Kernels fundraiser will help to cover as much of these costs as possible.
- Grade 6 grad party - last year there were decorations, a balloon arch, grad cookies and goodie bags including USB with photos on it.

#### Treasurer's Report

- Funds for Fun Fair are good, raised from last year \$2849.64
- Festive Lunch had a deficit of \$134, covered from our Experiences account
- Wow Yoga was covered from Experiences account
- Pepperoni fundraiser added \$480 to Experiences account
- Currently have \$589.61 in Experiences account to cover Lacrosse in the spring
- Have \$1808 set aside for Jimmy Chapman, he will be coming this spring, date to be booked
- Still have Little Caesars and Aunt Sarah's Chocolate Bars fundraisers to add to Experiences account, Little Caesars is currently happening and Chocolate Bars will be in May
- Kernels Fundraiser is doing well raising funds to help cover grade 6 grad trip
- Hot lunches are down from last year, we will not make as much this year and will possibly only be able to allot \$200 per class as well as \$200 for Grade 6 grad, down from \$300 per class this year and \$300 for Grade 6 this year. Hot Lunch account also covers the two playground inspections.

#### Regional Council Update

- Ashley was unable to attend this last Regional Meeting and no one was able to go in her stead. She has reached out to get a copy of the minutes of the meeting but has not yet received them.
- Grade 5's from Newcastle Public will be joining their grade 6's at the Pines in 2024/25 year, forcing the grades 7's and 8's into the upstairs of the Clarke High School building. All 5-8 grades will be under the Pines School administration and with the same bell times, just using the Clarke building as a portable. Questions regarding cafeteria use and gym use will be addressed after physical assessment of the high school.

#### Discussion Items:

- Gaga Ball pit will not happen. It would be an obstruction and a tripping hazard on the yard as well as the maintenance issues ie: cutting the grass inside it and bi-yearly inspections for safety
- MacMillan's fundraising made \$650, it was our first time using this company and it wasn't altogether an easy company to deal with as an entire box of our order was missed and was subsequently dropped off on a Sunday at Iva's house.
- Spirit Wear clothing is open for purchase online to be picked up by purchasers at their location in Bowmanville. This sale will remain open for purchases to be made at any time. It would be beneficial if this could be promoted more.
- McGregor's Auction is a local auction in Orono. It was suggested that we could donate and drop off items such as furniture and tools and they could set aside a day to auction items with profits going towards the school. Heather will look into when this could happen and what their fees would be.
- PRO grant was not applied for this year. Council needs to brainstorm some ideas about what we could use this for before applying next year. Math mats is a suggestion, could have during school and have a parent involvement night as well. Mathletes is also a suggestion, which uses math games.
- A Spring Concert will be held at the end of April. Junior and Primary Choirs will perform as well as any grades 1-3/4 class that is interested in participating. Parents of those involved will be invited to watch the second presentation in the afternoon, first presentation being for all students.
- Fun Fair committee has been formed. Tentative date of Thursday May 30th, Iva hoping to book Larry Potter inflatables, approximate cost of \$1800. Possibly getting air brush person to do face painting. If Iva can get bbq food donated again perhaps we will be able to get the Fire Department to BBQ for us again, it worked out really well last year.
- Grade 6 grad is tentatively Tuesday June 25 during the day in the afternoon. Looking to confirm when Pines graduation is.

Next Meeting May 6 2024