# SPS COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 9, 2021

#### PRESENT:

Jackie Connors
Jennifer Paul
Erin Paynter
Martyn Reid
Sarah Arbour
Kristin Harcoff
Debbie
Melissa Breland
Christina Bugatsch
Rebecca Land
Kendra Marshall
Virgina O'Halloran
Melanie Reid
Almad Khallafat
George Ingraham
Alison Danson
Rama Krishna

#### **ABSENT:**

Agenda Item	Speaker	Notes	Decisions
Welcome and	Jackie	Meeting to Order	Motion to start
Chair Report	Connors		meeting: George
			Second: Melissa
		Agenda for November 2021 Meeting	Motion to
			approve agenda:
			Jennifer
			Second: Rebecca
		Approval of October 2021 Minutes	Motion to
			approve:
			Rebecca
			Second: George
News	Jackie	In recognition of Remembrance Day, OCDSB	Jackie
from Council	Connors	schools will be participating in Remembrance Day	
		ceremonies on November 11. A District-wide	
		ceremony featuring the work of OCDSB students	
		will be held as well, using a virtual format.	

		The OCDSB virtual ceremony is open to all staff, students, parents, and community members as we pay respect for those lost in war. Families are welcome to join us for the District's virtual ceremony at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 11.  • Transgender Day of Remembrance webinar to be held on November 18. The Ottawa-Carleton District School Board invites students, staff and families for a webinar on Transgender Day of Remembrance to be held on Thursday, November 18, 2021 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. This information session will help participants learn more about transgender identity and support for trans and gender diverse students. It is also an invitation to hear stories of resilience from transgender folx who are thriving! Participants will hear from Kusha Dadui, OCDSB Trans and Gender Diverse Student Support Coordinator, and a panel including trans multimedia artist - Kim Ninkuru, nonbinary educator - Sapphire Woods, and trans rights advocate and soon to be trained actor - Ziva Gorani. Register Now at <a href="https://ocdsb.zoom.us//register/WN_pVBOW8x3">https://ocdsb.zoom.us//register/WN_pVBOW8x3</a> QouszDjw1ZKOfA For more information, please visit the Transgender Day of Remembrance webinar page at <a href="https://ocdsb.ca/cms/One.aspx?portalId=55478&amp;pageld=37777115">https://ocdsb.ca/cms/One.aspx?portalId=55478&amp;pageld=37777115</a>	Jackie
Principal's Report	Erin Paynter	<ul> <li>Staffing Update: Acting VP Paula Slesar will be remaining with us until the December break. We have hired a new teacher for the grade 6 EFI class - Mme Nedal Ayoub. She has an extensive background teaching in the far north in Indigenous communities, and we are happy to have her as part of our team.</li> <li>Facilities Update: The two new portables are arriving in the next few weeks. A staff member from the board came to inspect the placement of the three new trees. We are not able to move them, but we can possibly change where the accompanying bench can go. We are hoping we can add it to the outdoor classroom instead</li> </ul>	Erin

		<ul> <li>Remembrance Day Ceremony: SPS students will be participating in the District Remembrance Day ceremony. It will be live streamed for our staff and students to view, and families are also invited to join. The information is here: Date: Thursday, November 11th, 2021Time: 10:30 am Link: https://youtu.be/REDAEDAGA4k Poppies will be provided to students on Thursday morning. We are collecting donations for the Royal Canadian Legion through our School Cash Online portal on our school website.</li> <li>To submit a general school question to me prior to the next School Council meeting, please use this form https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc149 XxqjKO5zRDV0CM-5DY5E3L2X7Z31h17niWYopR1zVWig/viewform</li> <li>Covid emails - Melanie was wondering why we get the general email first? Erin responded that we don't know where the covid tracing is going to take them, so the general email is sent out as a precaution.</li> <li>Does our school have a high or low number of Covid cases? Erin doesn't know but we haven't had any outbreaks.</li> </ul>	Erin  Melanie/Erin  Ahmad/Erin
Teachers' Report	Virginia O'Hallaran	<ul> <li>Staff Allocations: Thank you very much for allocating \$100 for staff classroom purchases. To give you an idea of how this money can be spent, here are a few items that have been purchased so far this year by staff.</li> <li>mindfulness program (can completed in class or online) - \$30</li> <li>postage, envelopes (Global read aloud - connect w/others)- \$60</li> <li>pumpkins (math)</li> <li>Whiteboard erasers (1x each student)</li> <li>Ziploc bags</li> <li>Read aloud books</li> <li>Plan book fees (digital plan and grade book) (15\$)</li> <li>Colour printing- teaching posters from Staples</li> <li>Labels</li> <li>Coloured fine tip sharpies and black sharpies (art)</li> <li>Q-tips (art)</li> </ul>	Virginia O'Hallaran

- Magnets
- Desk Name plates(tags)
- Plastic bins for book storage
- Spirit Week:

It's been a busy month! We have had a lot of fun. Spirit is alive and well, At SPS, please do tell?

Funky Friday every week, Coming soon....
To every room.

Let's dress in black and white. We will be quite a sight. Where is Waldo? Can you see?

Look through the halls. Look far and wide. Which little teacher, Will OUR Waldo guide?

Let's get cozy, Let's get snug. November end. Will be comfy For all who attend!

- Spirit Days continue for November with Where's Waldo? Day on November 17 (kids dress in Black and white; three teachers in each division will be Waldo for the kids to find) and Cozy Day on Friday, November 26.
- Take a look at some of our staff for Staff Day in October, below!
- Our display cases have come alive featuring special times in the fall! Take a peek at our photos!
- Special thanks to our Spirit Committee Teachers, Madame Tessier, Mrs. Kerwin, Ms. Snell, Madame Kupo and Madame Castonguay

- School colours day continues the first Friday of every month. (Do we have order forms yet for school clothing for staff and students?)
- Can the pictures and poems be shared so parents can have a glance into the school? Virginia will have to check with Mrs. Kerwin and check permission forms.

Melanie/Virginia

### Grade 1's

Patterns and sorting, Colours and shapes. Sizes and design. This is what we make!

Numbers and data. Language and writing. Books and games. So much in our sighting.

Grade Ones ETFI
We are reaching the sky.
Working so hard.
And learning so well.

## Every parent we should tell.

It has been a wonderful beginning to our special school year. Congratulations to our ETFI Grade Ones and their parents for coming to school prepared, happy and ready to blossom!

Mrs. Kerwin Grade One ETFI Math





Fundraising	NA		
Report	NA .	<ul> <li>Avon fundraiser sold 83 bottles for a profit of \$307.10</li> <li>Nothing else to report</li> </ul>	Rebecca Ahmad
Treasurer's Report	Rebecca Land	<ul> <li>Only change was \$307.10 for the Avon fundraiser</li> <li>Socks box is in the office for the Toevember collection</li> <li>Fundraising – When will the following take place?         <ul> <li>Spirit wear</li> <li>Jojo's Pizza night</li> <li>McDonalds night</li> <li>Checked with Julie and the shirts should be ready before Christmas break</li> <li>Ahmad will look into the pizza and McDonalds</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Rebecca Rebecca Rebecca Jackie Ahmad
OCASC Report	Martyn Reid	OCASC  Programs — a lot more money coming for Parental Engagement  Pinecrest has a parent council — Do we want to meet with them virtually?  PIC  Allocations — where should money be distributed? Superintendent has new assistance for parent councils New members coming in.	Martyn
Safe and Caring School Communicat-	Kendra Marshall Melanie	<ul> <li>1<sup>st</sup> meeting is Thursday November 18<sup>th</sup>. More information to report at next council meeting.</li> <li>she will update the website re fundraising (mabels</li> </ul>	Kendra Melanie
ions Report Volunteer Report	Reid Alison Danson	Lables)  • No update	
New Business		<ul> <li>Can the Covid cohorts be relaxed outside and have two cohort combined? The rules regarding cohorts outdoors may be relaxed before the end of the year.</li> <li>Sod turning ceremony for the New Public High School is taking place on November 18.</li> <li>Play Structure – Long term Planning? Waiting for next year due to Covid.</li> <li>75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on agenda for next year</li> <li>Library – when is it opening? Erin hasn't heard</li> <li>Proper use of Technology:</li> </ul>	Sarah/Erin  Jackie  Jennifer/Erin  Jennifer Erin

	- Is it just going through the motions or does	Melanie/Erin
	it get put to use? Depending on the age it	
	will get used. They are looking into using it	
	more.	
	- Is there a reminder form that could be sent	Melanie/Erin
	monthly as a reminder (ongoing reminder).	
	They will look into it.	
	- It is taught in the class	Christina
Adjournment	Next meeting: January 11, 2022	Motion to
		adjourn: Jennifer
		Second: Martyn