

SPS COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 11, 2022

PRESENT:

Jackie Connors
Jennifer Paul
Erin Paynter
Martyn Reid
Sarah Arbour
Kristin Harcoff
Rebecca Land
Virgina O'Halloran
Alison Danson
Shannon McKelvie
Neyca Bajamin
Jacquelynne Clark

ABSENT:

Melissa Breland
 Christina Bugatsch
 Kendra Marshall
 Melanie Reid
 Almad Khallafat
 George Ingraham

Agenda Item	Speaker	Notes	Decisions
Welcome and Chair Report	Jackie Connors	Meeting to Order	Motion to start meeting: Rebecca Second: Jennifer
		Agenda for January 2022 Meeting	Motion to approve agenda: Jackie Second: Kristin
		Approval of November 2021 Minutes	Motion to approve: Rebecca Second: Kristin
News from Council	Jackie Connors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> January 20 from 7-9pm – Indigenous Education Advisory Council January 20 from 7-9pm – OSASC Meeting 	Jackie

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> January 27 6-830om - Advisory Committee on Equity meeting Calendar - Ottawa-Carleton District School Board (ocdsb.ca) 	
Principal's Report	Erin Paynter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staffing updates: Shannon McKelvie is our Acting VP for the time being. Leeanne Legare is taking over Shannon's class in the meantime. Julia Dods, Samantha Dods, and ECE Leah Sirenko are the educator team for our new kindergarten class. Updated Covid Info:_New Screening Tools Here are the newly updated screening tools: COVID-19 school and child care screening tool and COVID-19 screening tool for employees and essential visitors in schools and child care settings <p>Symptom List: The Covid-19 symptom list has been updated for daily active screening of staff and students in schools and child care and is more sensitive. Anyone who is sick or has any symptoms of illness, including those not listed below, should stay home until their symptoms are improving for 24 hours and seek assessment from their health care provider if needed. What to do if you have symptoms (OPH Updated Information - January 7, 2022)</p> <p>I have one of the following symptoms: fever/chills, cough, shortness of breath, decrease/loss of smell and taste.</p> <p>I have two or more of the following symptoms: runny nose/nasal congestion, headache, extreme fatigue, sore throat, muscle aches/joint pain, gastrointestinal symptoms (such as vomiting or diarrhea).</p> <p>I have only ONE of the following symptoms: runny nose/nasal congestion, headache, extreme fatigue, sore throat, muscle aches/joint pain, Gastrointestinal symptoms (such as vomiting or diarrhea)</p> <p>Isolation Requirements for Symptomatic Individuals: Anyone who has symptoms suggestive</p>	Erin

		<p>of COVID-19 or is a confirmed positive case must self-isolate, regardless of vaccination status.</p> <p>Isolation requirements are based on age, vaccination status and immune health.</p> <p>All household contacts must also isolate for the same duration as the person with symptoms, regardless of their vaccination status.</p> <p>Masks and N95 Facepiece Respirators:The OCDSB has received N95 respirators for educators in Ontario who are working in person. Use of these N95s in place of the medical mask is optional, at the discretion of the worker. Educators who wish to use/wear an N95 type respirator may do so, provided the respirator does not have an exhalation valve, and has been approved for use as PPE by Health Canada or is approved by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH).</p> <p>We expect an update shortly when both student and staff masks will arrive at SPS.</p> <p>Change in Reporting Practices: Based on the new provincial direction, individuals are to assume Covid positivity based on symptoms and to self-isolate. At this time, isolation requirements are extended only to household contacts, unless public health directs otherwise. We continue to work with OPH on this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staffing Shortages: Because staff absenteeism may continue to rise and exceed the supply of replacement employees, there may be circumstances which make it necessary to temporarily close a classroom for in-person learning. This could be done for one class or multiple classes where it is necessary to ensure student safety. In most cases, the temporary closure of an in-person class would be supported by a pivot to virtual learning. Whenever possible, the decision to close a class to in-person learning would be made the day before, rather than the morning of closure, in consultation with the	
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		<p>Superintendent of Instruction. This provides parents/guardians with a more reasonable opportunity to make child care arrangements. In these cases, the Principal or Vice-Principal would communicate the class closure to parents via email and where possible, through a post in the class Learning Management System. We will be seeking more clarification from the Ministry prior to returning to in-person learning, but we anticipate that this may be a reality for a time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When communication is sent out to parents regarding any class closures please make sure that the teacher shortage is mentioned. - When there is a class closure will we know the length of time that the class will be closed. It all depends on the reason for the class closure. It could be a day by day situation or they could also switch to online learning if the teacher is available. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kindergarten Promotion Night Elementary schools across the district will be hosting virtual Kindergarten Promotion Evenings between Monday, 24 January to Friday, February 4, 2022. Our promotion evening will take place Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 6:30pm. The focus of this evening is primarily to speak to the kindergarten program in general in our District, but there are opportunities for families to get a sense of the SPS experience. We would be grateful for the Council's help in promoting this evening with these resources please: The OCDSB has created a central questionnaire where parents can submit questions for all schools. Here is the shareable questionnaire link: https://forms.gle/MTnQLo7K3myDcXaB6 <p>OSTA Kindergarten Transportation Information 2022-23</p> <p>The OCDSB's dedicated kindergarten webpage (ocdsb.ca/kindergarten) which also contains the Guide to Kindergarten</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OSTA Proposal for Change in Bell Time: Last week a consultation survey went out to our community to collect feedback about a proposed bell time change to 8:40-3:10 for the 2022-2023 school year. 	<p>Debbie</p> <p>Rebecca/Erin</p>
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OSTA is asking that the survey be completed by **Friday, January 14, 2021.**

[Proposed Bell Time Change Survey](#)

- **Fernbank School Update:** Todd Thompson has been appointed as the Principal for the new Fernbank school. He is set to officially start February 1st. Our Planning Department has already begun the process of sharing information with the Principals of John Young, Westwind and myself regarding registering for Fernbank for September. This info will go out this week to families of K-4 students currently living in the Fernbank area. Some other general information:

- New Fernbank E.S. will open September 2022 as a Junior Kindergarten-Grade 5 English with Core French and Early French Immersion program school.
- Grade 6 will phase into the school for the September 2023 school year.
- School hours for the New Fernbank E.S. will be 9:20 a.m. to 3:50 p.m.
- An Extended Day Program (EDP) will be offered at the new school for September 2022.
- It will have a student capacity of 628.

- **Important Dates:**

- Monday, January 17, 2022 - Official kick-off to kindergarten registration
- Friday, January 21, 2022 - PD Day - no school for students
- Thursday, January 27, 2022 - School Photo Day
- Monday, January 31, 2022 - Friday, February 11, 2022 - Student transfer application period
- Monday, February 7, 2022 - Middle French Immersion registration period
- Wednesday, February 16, 2022 - Term 1 report cards go home

<p>Teachers' Report</p>	<p>Virginia O'Hallaran</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Drive : School Wide Food Drive was Monday, December 6th - Thursday, December 16th. Thanks to everyone for their generous contributions. • SPS Staff Christmas Hamper: Our school staff sponsored a Stittsville family for Christmas. The family is made up of a mom and dad and two young children. The Christmas Hamper is a program through the Stittsville Food Bank and we were assigned through their coordinator. They provided a list of items needed for the hamper. The hamper was delivered in December before school ended for the winter break. • Spirit Days : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - November Cozy/PJ Day & School Colours Day - December Craft Day, Festive Clothing Day, Where's Waldo Day, Comfy/PJ day & School Colours Day 	<p>Virginia O'Hallaran</p>
<p>Fundraising Report</p>	<p>NA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jackie asked for a volunteer to organize the Pizza and McDonalds night. Kristin Volunteered. • Should we do another Trivia night? Jackie will check with Cheshire Cat and see if they are doing Trivia nights • Pink Shirt/Anti-bullying Shirts for February? There is a supply chain issue with getting Shirts and we are running out of time to organize in time for February 23. The students and staff will just be asked to wear pink on February 23. The following is a link where you can purchase Pink shirts designed by Bayja Morgan-Banke from Toquaht / Secwépemc. Pink Shirt Day Anti-bullying Day (indigenousspringing.ca). Proceeds support Indigenous community programs and anti-bullying initiatives across Canada. • As a student community building activity the students will get together to come up with a phase and logo for Kindness and will be printed on t-shirts for a fundraiser. We will check with Julie to see if she is able to make the shirts for us. This was put to a vote and all were in favour. 	<p>Jackie/Kristin</p> <p>Jackie</p> <p>Jackie</p> <p>Jackie Virginia</p>

Treasurer's Report	Rebecca Land	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food nights might be lower if we only have 1 or 2 food nights instead of 3 • Spirit wear was slightly lower than last year. • OCDSB Start-up has not been received yet. Martyn will look into in. • Not yet received any reimbursements • Grade 6 leaving ceremony – Is there a point of contact? • Track and Field and Mulch top up. Should these items remain in the budget? “yes – for now. • Projected year end is projected at \$11,993.01 	Rebecca Rebecca/Martyn Rebecca/Erin
OCASC Report	Martyn Reid	<p>OCASC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programs – looking for ideas. • De-streaming was discuss. More information coming. • Pinecrest has a parent council – Martyn is in contact with them and helping them start out. If anyone can help just let him know. • Arts Advisory Committee has an opening if anyone is interested, Martyn can help with the application. <p>PIC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meets this week. 	Martyn
Safe and Caring School	NA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Safe and Caring Committee had our first meeting in November and are in the process of exploring the school's wellbeing plan along with past and present student data . The team is discussing creating a connection survey and brainstorming ways to implement this to students and parents. • We also discussed wanting to have more parent representation on this committee and are exploring ways to action this moving forward. 	Jackie per Kendra's notes
Communications Report	NA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update 	
Volunteer Report	Alison Danson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update • George has noted that Cathy has the database that was used for the funfair volunteers 	Jackie per Georges notes
New Business		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 75th Anniversary – any ideas on how to go forward with this <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Erin will reach out to other schools that have done an anniversary before. 	Jackie Erin

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It usually has its own committee that could include alumni. There should be a lot of community involvement. - Shannon, Virginia and Erin have all put their names forward for Staff committee members - Martyn put his name forward to be on the committee as well. • New Secondary School Council – Can we help with fundraising – There are very strict rules regarding fundraising for other schools and the answer is not. - 	Jennifer Martyn
Adjournment		Next meeting: February 8, 2022 @7pm	Motion to adjourn: Kristin Second: Martyn