

SPS COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 8, 2022

PRESENT:

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| Jackie Connors |
| Jennifer Paul |
| Erin Paynter |
| Martyn Reid |
| Sarah Arbour |
| Kristin Harcoff |
| Christina Bugatsch |
| Kendra Marshall |
| Jacquelynne Clark |
| Jenny Baker |
| Melanie Reid |
| Donna Edwards |
| Umar Bello |
| Therma Haimovitz |
| George Ingraham |

ABSENT:

Melissa Breland
 Virginia O'Halloran
 Alison Danson
 Ahmed Khallafat

| Agenda Item | Speaker | Notes | Decisions |
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| Welcome and Chair Report | Jackie | Meeting to Order | Motion to start meeting: Martyn Second: Kendra |
| | | Agenda for February 2022 Meeting | Motion to approve agenda: Martyn Second: Jennifer |
| | | Approval of January 2022 Minutes | Motion to approve minutes: Jackie Second: Martyn |
| News from Council | Jackie | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statement on Protest - This has been a very difficult week in our city, especially for those living and attending schools in the downtown core who have | |

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| | | <p>experienced significant disruption and disturbance. The Ottawa-Carleton District School Board acknowledges the impact of that disruption. We know that travel to and from school and work has been difficult for some and that many of you have had direct and indirect experiences with noise, harassment, intimidation and an increasing sense of vulnerability. We are concerned about the many reports of racist, homophobic and oppressive behaviours. We stand with all members of our community in respect of dignity and human rights. We recognize that some members of our community feel at heightened risk, especially Indigenous, racialized, minoritized, and disabled persons and members of the 2SLGBTQ+ community. If you are in need of support, a list of available resources and support is included below.</p> <p>OCDSB Statement on the Protest in Ottawa - Ottawa-Carleton District School Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Registration Open for Ottawa-Carleton Virtual School for the 2022-2023 School Year Registration Open for Ottawa-Carleton Virtual School for the 2022-2023 School Year - Ottawa-Carleton District School Board (ocdsb.ca)• The Ottawa-Carleton District School Board (OCDSB) has been informed that Majed Turk, an individual employed by the OCDSB, plead guilty to multiple charges, including sexual assault, sexual interference, sexual exploitation and criminal harassment. OCDSB Statement: Addressing Sexual Assault - Ottawa-Carleton District School Board• The Middle French Immersion Registration period takes place from Monday, February 7th to Friday, February 11th, 2022. If your child has completed the grade 3 English/Core French Program, you can choose to register them for the Middle French Immersion Program. All subjects are taught in French in grades 4, 5, and 6, except for English Language Arts and Math. Middle French Immersion Registration Period - Ottawa-Carleton District School Board (ocdsb.ca)• February is Black History Month - Ottawa-Carleton District School Board (ocdsb.ca) | |
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| Principal's Report | Erin Paynter | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffing and English Enrolment Update: We are finalizing the staffing behind the new English class that was allocated due to increasing numbers of students in the English stream. We are looking to hire a Core French teacher for the class. We also have been allocated a 0.5 ESL teacher to support our increased number of multilingual students. The new English class organization will be: Grade 1 - Pantalone Grade 2 - O'Brien Grade 2/3 - TBD Grade 3 - Neuman Grade 4/5 - Kohli Grade 4/5 - Archambault Grade 5/6 - Anderson Grade 6 - Legare (behind Ms. McKelvie) • Second Shipment of RATs: The District is sending schools a shipment of RATs for students and staff who have already used theirs. These kits will need to be assembled so we are looking for a 2-3 parent volunteers who are fully vaccinated to help for about 2 hours at the school. All PPE will be provided. This shipment will be roughly 60% of what schools received in their initial shipment. This shipment is intended to replace the tests that staff and students have been required to use as a result of being symptomatic themselves or having to isolate. Schools are asked to provide a new kit of two tests to each individual who indicates they have used one or both of their original tests and want replacements. This shipment is intended to last at least a month. The available supply of RATs continues to be extremely limited and we do not have additional tests at this time. It is important that these tests be used for their specified reasons only. We understand the Ministry is trying to identify sources of supply as soon as possible which will allow us to resupply schools. • Kindergarten Promotion Evening/September Registration: We held the OCDSB Kindergarten Promotion Evening last Tuesday. We had about 30 parents join us. Registration for kindergarten, and any grade, for September 2022 is on-going. | |

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| | | <p>Families have the option to register for OCV for the 2022-2023 school year. Register - Complete the Registration Form by February 22, 2022.</p> <p>Confirm - Families who have registered by February 22nd will receive an email in early March asking for Confirmation of Registration by March 10, 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Monday, January 31, 2022 - Friday, February 11, 2022 - Student transfer application period ● Monday, February 7, 2022 - Middle French Immersion registration period <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Toonie Tuesday: Toonie Tuesday is Tuesday, February 22nd. Money raised every year on February 22nd goes to support students in our school district through the Education Foundation of Ottawa. We all know that the pandemic has exacerbated challenges for many families in our community, and this is one small way to have a great impact on others. Please visit our school website and click on the School Cash Online button to make a donation. ● Pink Shirt Day: Wednesday, February 23rd is Pink Shirt Day. We are inviting all students to wear a pink item of clothing to show that they support all identities, stand up to bullying, and commit to creating safe and inclusive communities. ● Term 1 Report Cards and Term 2 IEPs: Term 1 reports are going home to families February 16th via email Messenger. For those families whose children are on Individual Education Plans, the term 2 IEPs will be going home around March 4th. | |
| Teachers' Report | Erin Paynter | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Some of the Kinder classes have been really enjoying making ice blocks for outdoor play. The students mixed their own colours and filled the containers themselves. We put them outside on those COLD days to freeze. What we ended up with was lots of fun to share with the other Kinder classes. We've also been learning about winter sports in preparation for the Winter Olympics and made our very own ski jumpers (our class favourite Olympic sport!). ● Grade 2's: They built inclines for "Simple Machines" and then we practiced on the hills! | |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5/6 EFI had a virtual Science workshop last week. Students made their own water purification system. We also learned about the importance of water quality around the globe, especially in remote First Nations communities in Canada. • Face Masks: During this cold weather, masks become wet when students go outside for recess and gym (up to 3 times a day). Students benefit from having daily extra masks in their bags so they can change out wet masks for dry one. Thank you for helping keep our students comfy and ready for learning! Thank you! | |
| Fundraising Report | NA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • McDonalds night has been booked for March 22 – when ordering you will need a printed copy of the flyer. • Jojos pizza nights are booked for Feb 23 and May 25 • Melanie will post the food nights on the website/Facebook page • Trivia night us Feb 25 – Cash online has been setup • Melanie is taking on Fitness Bingo – Voted and all approved • FunFair – Waiting on go ahead from Board. If it goes ahead start selling tickets in May. | Kristin Kristin Jackie Melanie George |
| Treasurer's Report | NA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were 3 new Classroom allocations and 1 replacement • Mabels Labels was updated • The 21/22 loss is projected to be \$1,363.67 | Jackie |
| OCASC Report | Martyn Reid | <p>OCASC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Meeting February 17, 202 @7pm • There is \$500 for Pro Grants • Martyn is mentioning Pinecrest with their new parent Council but could use some parental liaisons | |
| Safe and Caring School | Kendra Marshall | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can they advertise about this committee? SPS website/Facebook? | |
| Communications Report | Melanie Reid | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Food night flyers will be uploaded to the Facebook page | Melanie |
| Volunteer Report | NA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update | |
| New Business | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black History Month: How is Black History month being taught? It is school wide and class to class. The equity dept at the board to Supply resources for Black History. The School is always looking for new ideas and can be brought to Erin's attention. | Melanie/Erin |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pink shirt day is April 13 – Get kids started on Design ideas | |
| Adjournment | | Next meeting: March 8, 2022 | Motion to adjourn: Jennifer Second: Kristin |