

## **SPS COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 12, 2022**

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**PRESENT:**

Jackie Connors
Jennifer Paul
Nicholas Carkner
Martyn Reid
Sarah Arbour
Kristin Harcoff
Christina Bugatsch
Kendra Marshall
Jennifer Kearns
Jenny Baker
Melanie Reid
Aiman Karmah
Lao Torr
Therma Haimovitz
George Ingraham
Robyn McDonald
Elvira Art
Louise Botha
Kirsty Edwards
Rebecca Land

**ABSENT:**

Ahmad Khallafat  
Virginia O'Halloran  
Alison Danson

Melissa Breland  
 Ahmed Khallafat  
 Erin Paynter

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Decisions</b>
Welcome and Chair Report	Jackie	Meeting to Order	Motion to start meeting: George Second: Jennifer
		Agenda for April 2022 Meeting	Motion to approve agenda: Rebecca Second: Martyn
		Approval of March 2022 Minutes	Motion to approve minutes: Martyn Second: George
News from Council	Jackie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- International Day of pink is April 13, 2022. On International Day of Pink and every day, we stand against homophobia, biophobia and transphobia. Students are encouraged to wear pink.</li> <li>- April is Sikh Heritage Month. April is an opportunity to learn more about and celebrate Canadians.</li> <li>- April is also World Autism Awareness Month, with World Autism Awareness Day reconized in April 2, 2022.</li> </ul>	
Principals Report	Nick Carkner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Staffing update: Bruno Kondric has returned as VP on a part-time basis and he will share the role oath current acting VP Nick Carkner</li> <li>- Student School Climate Survey, Grades 4-6 Dates April 19, April 21.</li> <li>- Tentative school organization for 2022-2023 - We are tentatively projecting our enrolment to be around 705 students fro next year. The New Fernbank school is still set to open in September 2022.</li> </ul>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Class Closures - Similar to other school boards across the province, the OCDSB continues to see rates of staff absenteeism that exceed the supply of available replacement employees. WE make every effort to keep classes open, but if we cannot operate safely, à class may have to be asynchronous until we can arrange for appropriate coverage. If this happens, we do what we can to advise parents the night before. Parents should have contingency plans in place and should monitor their email for updates. Class closures are typically communicated the evening before.</li> <li>- Questions/Comments - What are ways to set up plans for parents? Collectively can the parents come together to support each other? Nick will have to check with Erin and circle back with an answer.</li> <li>- Can à parent/grandparent volunteer in the classroom if no supply teacher is available? They would have to be certified.</li> <li>- There will be some new teachers entering the workforce when they finish up teachers college in the next couple of weeks. This will help fill in when teachers are away.</li> </ul>	<p>Kirsty Edwards/Nick</p> <p>Kirsty Edwards/Nick</p> <p>Jennifer Kearns</p>
<p>Teachers Report</p>	<p>Jennifer Kearns</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Kindergarten classes have started their hatching programs! The sharks and stingrays are first with the incubators and we have baby chicks hatching this week. A big thank-you to the school council who purchased the incubators for our school a few years ago. The rest of our kinder students will be taking turns over the next few months.</li> <li>- We also have been trialing some new coding bots that are now available to borrow from a central lending at the school board. We tried “blue bots” first! The rainbow blocks and the magnet tiles you see in the picture were also purchased over the last few years from staff allocation from council. THANKS!</li> <li>- EF1A has been coding with Bluebots. This allows them to practice problem solving skills, math, as well as so many other curriculum expectations.</li> </ul>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Extra cuurricular activities at SPS - Book Club, Knitting Club, Lego Club</li> <li>- Scientist in the School - A huge thank you to Parent Council for funding our Scientists in School workshop.</li> <li>- We had a fun and informative morning learning about sound and doing some science experiments such as creating our own homemade ear protection. Madame Reed (Grade 4)</li> <li>- Library - Weekly library visits have resumed for classes.Students may take out books and also take them home for one week.</li> </ul>	
Fundraising Report	Kristen Harcoff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Jojo’s pizza night and McDonalds pizza night are to be rescheduled. Could McDonalds night be the same night as Scientist in the school? It might be to tight to get McDonald and back home before the Science night starts. Looking into possible nights</li> <li>- Scientist in the school is May 10 (Virtual)</li> <li>- Fitness Bingo will start May 8. Melanie has some prizes lined up from OV Skate shop, CSMA and The city of Ottawa for some swimming passes.</li> <li>- Popcorn day is in the works. It will be à one time thing.</li> <li>- Is Cake walk planned this year? Not this year.</li> <li>- Fun Fair in planned for June 10 , but we are still not sure if this can go ahead. Waiting to hear from the Board. The bouncy castles would need to be outside and if it rains we can not move them inside and that would be à loss of money. What fun fair will look like is still up in the air.</li> <li>- If fun fair goes ahead George is looking ofr someone to shadow him seeing as this is his last year as à parent at the school.</li> </ul>	<p>Kristen</p> <p>Martyn Melanie</p> <p>Kristen</p> <p>Kristen/Nic George</p>
Treasurers Report	Rebecca Land	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pink Shirt date has an estimated profit of à little over \$260.</li> <li>- The Council voted all in favor to donate the profit to Ten Oaks.</li> </ul>	
OSASC Report	Martyn Reid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Applied for Pro grant for Scientist in the school on May 12, 2022</li> </ul>	

Safe and Caring School	Kendra Marshall	No update	
Communications Report	Melanie Reid	No Update	
Volunteer Report	NA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Is there a website that can be used to coordinate volunteers. Yes we have used one in the past and we will start using it again to organize events in the future.</li> </ul>	
New Business		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EQAO are going ahead this year for the grade 3s and grades 6s.</li> <li>- When will Erin get back to the parents and council regarding the questions raised about the Classroom Closures.</li> </ul>	
Adjournment		Next Meeting: May 10, 2022	Motion to adjourn: Jennifer Second: George