



**Stittsville PS  
School Council Principal Report  
April 12, 2022**

**To submit a general school question to me prior to the next School Council meeting, please use [this form](#).**

**Staffing Update**

- Bruno Kondric has returned as VP on a part-time basis and he will share the role with current acting VP Nick Carkner

**Student School Climate Survey, Grade 4-6**

**[Parent/School Council Presentation](#)**

Dates - April 19, April 21

- Will be supervised by the classroom teacher in the classroom, on a Chromebook.
- Any student without permission will remain in the classroom and do an alternate activity
- The survey should only take about 30 minutes or so

**Tentative school organization for 2022-2023**

- We are tentatively projecting our enrolment to be around 705 students for next year
- The new Fernbank school is still set to open in September 2022

**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, a 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.**

In considering the temporary closure of an in-person class, we ensure the following steps are taken:

- Make all reasonable efforts to find appropriate coverage.
- Establish whether the classroom teacher(s) is able to support the students remotely during the closure, asynchronously or synchronously,
- Determine whether it may be better to re-assign teachers/EAs within the school and perhaps move a different class into asynchronous remote learning. This decision may be made to balance out the length of absences (ie. so one class does not face a prolonged absence).

Through this process, we work closely with the OCDSB human resources team and these difficult decisions are made in consultation with the school superintendent.

Some parents have asked about what they can do to help, especially through volunteering. As much as we appreciate people wanting to pitch in and help, parents are not able to volunteer and supervise classes of children when a teacher is absent.

We are doing our best to limit these closures as we know how disruptive they are to families.