

## SPS COUNCIL MEETING 11 APRIL 2023

Executive (present)					
Chair	Martyn Reid	Vice Chair	Jennifer Paul	Treasurer	Rebecca Land
Staff Rep	Virginia O'Halloran	Volunteering	Alison Danson	Food Program	Robyn Macdonald
Principal (Non voting)	Trent Taniguchi	Vice Principal	Kelly Rogers		
Members at Large (present)					
Kayleigh Read	Andrea Palmer	Jesse Head			
Attendees					

Agenda Item	Topic	Speaker	Notes	Decisions
1	Welcome and land acknowledgement	Martyn (Chair)	Agenda provided  Apologies passed from members	N/A
	1.1 Approval of previous mins	Martyn (Chair)	Intention to have previous mins approved by council via email in future	Approved
2	<a href="#">Chair Report - link</a>  2.1 News from the Board	Martyn (Chair)	See report below  Highlights:	

			<p>Budgets are being prepared for next year and discussion on how the process starts, the staffing budget goes first and what this means for parents.</p> <p>Trent gave us an overview on how SPS is programming for staff next year, looking like our population will be stable or grow so not expecting any cuts.</p>	
	2.2	Casey Cunningham	Casey has reached out and will be taking a sabbatical from council. Will need new OCASC rep (to help Sean) and a K-2 Fun Field Day rep - this is urgent as we really need someone to lead this for the event to go forward. Most of the work is done and Casey will help where she can.	Need a Fun Field Day coordinator. Most work done, Event planning guidance available.
3	Principal's Report	Trent (Principal)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explained the SPS Ice Storm opening issues, basically as the message that the school was closed went out the lights came back on and school was able to open.</li> <li>• Talked about staffing allocation, looking like school population will stay same or go up in 23/24. What this means for staff to students and which grades get what.</li> <li>• VP Kelly passed her selection board for VP (Well done Kelly) and talked about how leadership selection work and what this means for VP and Principals.</li> <li>• April is world Autism Month and school doing some things around that</li> <li>• 75th Anniversary of SPS. Looking for parent voices to help the school celebrate. If interested reach out to VP Kelly. More to follow on this but looking to fall events within school. If you have memories of your time here please let the VP know.</li> </ul>	N/A
4	<a href="#">Staff Report - link</a>	Virginia (Staff Rep)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Several items added to investment plan</li> <li>• Agenda's discussed and likely to come back - vote next meeting</li> </ul>	
5	Treasurer Report	Rebecca (treasurer)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussed amounts of money we have, likely to have and how to spend it.</li> <li>• Much will come out in the Investment and Planning Committee.</li> </ul>	

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aim is to have a reserve of \$5000 and if we have long term capital spend projected to correctly account for it so our accounts don't look like we are hoarding.</li> </ul>	
6	Investments and Event plans	Martyn		
	6.1 Meeting up date	Martyn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Next meeting 19 April for a investment and event plan submission to council for May meeting.</li> </ul>	
	6.2 Cake Walk	Jennifer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update on revised pricing plan and the fact we are ready to go live.</li> <li>Tickets via Cash Online until 1 May. Buy early to avoid disappointment.</li> <li>If anyone needs some help in buying tickets, funding is available. Reach out to the chair - <a href="mailto:sc-stittsvilleps@ocdsb.ca">sc-stittsvilleps@ocdsb.ca</a></li> </ul>	
	6.3 G6 Leaving		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not a council event but we are helping.</li> <li>Update given and all seems good.</li> <li>Again, funding is available to help anyone who needs it to pay for the G6 Leave - <a href="mailto:sc-stittsvilleps@ocdsb.ca">sc-stittsvilleps@ocdsb.ca</a></li> </ul>	
7	Food Programme	Robyn (Food Rep)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update on venders and some kinks in the system</li> <li>All good, people seem happy.</li> <li>Need to start thinking about next year's volunteer and who/what we want.</li> </ul>	
8	Volunteers	Alison (Vol Rep)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cake walk lists up - need as many volunteers as you can get. Any time you can give is welcome</li> <li>Track and Field - liaising with teachers to make sure supported</li> </ul>	
9	OCAS	Martyn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sean covering but if anyone wants to take this one please reach out to the Chair.</li> </ul>	
10	Close meeting		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Next council 9 May 7:00PM in the school library.</li> </ul>	

# Stittsville Public School Council

## Chair's Report - Meeting 11 April 2023

### News from the Board.

#### **Play structures and outdoor spaces - information from the board - [Link](#)**

Board are asking for questions on this subject to allow them to build a FAQ. The link takes you to the current website.

The boards Architectural Technician, Kurt Berger, looks after all aspects of project management for outdoor play areas. I will be reaching out to him to learn more about the process and what we as council need to think about long term.

#### **School Council media accounts - [Link](#)**

School Councils can choose to use a public page , or create a private forums/group if they wish.

A public page makes updates accessible to everyone, and families can visit the page to see news and events, even if they don't have a social media account. In addition, families can easily re-share posts and spread the word about our events and fundraisers to their networks.

A private Facebook group can be useful for discussions and planning. If we were to have a council only group we can decide to use a private group, but it's important to ensure the group is inclusive. We can do this by accepting all requests to join the group. This makes the group accessible to all, while limiting the general public from seeing its posts.

The board have shared a training video on [Social Media for School Councils](#) that explains how to set up an account, create engaging content, and build a caring online community.

“...Whether your page is public or private, School Councils should make sure to:

- Have active moderation and a clear code of conduct that explains the expectations for a safe and respectful online community. Any posts that break the code of conduct (such as racist, hateful, discriminatory, threatening, bullying, offensive or abusive language) should be deleted. Where necessary, users who violate the policy may be blocked or removed from the group. Read our [Building a caring online community](#) guidelines for more information.
- Use your OCDSB School Council email address (e.g. sc-schoolname@ocdsb.ca) when creating the social media profile or the group owner account. This will allow the social media page to be easily transferred when your Council's membership changes.....”

#### **Promoting our work in the School Council newsletter**

We have the option to have the board promote worthy work we have done and add it to their newsletter. If we have success stories to tell let me know and we can complete the form for

submission.

### **Board Budget process - [Link](#)**

Developing the annual budget is a lengthy and complex process. The first stage is the approval of the 2023-24 academic staffing plan. Because of the collective agreements the establishment of staffing numbers happens before the Grants for Student Needs (GSN) from the Province is issued. The Board take a fiscally prudent approach, with the ability to adjust later once the GSN numbers are issued. In short, longer story at the link, next year will see 3292.33 elementary full time equivalent positions (FTE), 1692.34 secondary FTE. This will be 21.23 positions fewer than this year. This is about \$528m in budget costs, out a annual budget of around \$1B each year. The public meeting to discuss the budget should be 18 April, but I haven't seen confirmation yet.

A primer on the budget is here - [Budget FAQs](#) and if you want I can bore you with the details. I have slides and notes.

**Committee of the Whole** - last meeting was 4 April. Meeting [link](#) - Video [link](#). COW is the Trustees and District staff meeting to decide the running of the OCDSB.

Key takeaways:

- Again heated meeting with plenty of parents and non parents speaking to the board.
- [Strategic Plan consultation report](#) - some really good thinking on where the District should be putting resources and what type of education experience out children should expect over the next 5 to 10 years.

### **Parent Involvement Committee - [link](#)**

Next meeting tomorrow. Agenda at link - highlights are budget update, PRO grant report and discussions on future work involving children's rights in education (with emphasis on what parents can contribute).

Really recommend you look at this. It has good information on what the board is thinking, doing and wishes to do.

**Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)** Meeting 22 Feb - [link](#) Still awaiting full minutes to be posted. Next meeting 12 April.

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**Board and Committee Meeting Calendar:** Board and Committee agendas, minutes, livestreams and recordings of meetings are available for public viewing using the [meeting calendar](#).

**Events:** Check the [OCDSB Events Calendar](#) regularly to view upcoming events open to families and students.

**Speaker Series:** The OCDSB Speaker Series offers free information sessions to the parent community. For upcoming Speaker Series events, visit [ocdsb.ca/speakerseries](https://www.ocdsb.ca/speakerseries).

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OCDSB School council resources

- [https://www.ocdsb.ca/our\\_schools/school\\_council](https://www.ocdsb.ca/our_schools/school_council)
- [https://www.ocdsb.ca/our\\_schools/school\\_council/supporting\\_school\\_councils](https://www.ocdsb.ca/our_schools/school_council/supporting_school_councils)

You can sign up to OCDSB notices here [Link](#)

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Martyn Reid  
Chair of SPS Council

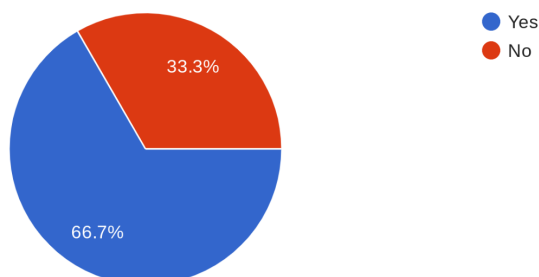
April 2023  
School Council Teacher Notes (V. O'Halloran)

School Activities

- There WILL be a regional track & field meet on Tuesday, June 20th at the Terry Fox Facility in Mooney's bay however there are some logistical issues with regards to busing. The committee is working hard to come up with a plan in order to go ahead with the meet. Stay tuned for more info.
- SPS will have a track & field day on Tuesday, May 16th with a rain date for Thursday, May 18th. We require many volunteers to make this day run smoothly. If you are available for a portion of the day or the entire day, please fill in this Google Form.  
<https://forms.gle/zwHb8mf2NpDemNcM7>
- A wide variety of extracurricular activities/clubs continue at our school ( Knitting club, Card club, building club, junior choir, rubix cube club, student council, Triple Ball and our newest sport Junior basketball - 3 on 3 tryout are tomorrow.
- The Manie Musicale reveal took place today. All grade 4-6 students assembled in the gym to find out the winner and took part in a mini dance party with glowsticks!
- Rocks and Rings (curling), funded by School Council, is scheduled for next week. All classes will be participating in the gym during individual class workshops.
- I surveyed staff to ask if they would use student agendas for next year. Results of agenda survey. I have reached out to printing services at OCDSB. Cost would be \$5.50/agenda. Total cost would be *approximately* \$1800.00. Could the school council consider funding this item in preparation for next year?

Would you use student agendas next year if they were ordered for your class?

21 responses



### Class activities & Field Trips

- The students in EF3A & EF2/3 have been creating beautiful spring art for the residents at the Brookside Senior Living in Kanata. Once finished, this artwork will be placed in frames and hung for the Seniors to enjoy.
- The English Grade 4's are going to the Bill Mason Centre to explore Habitats April 13th.
- Eggs are in the incubator in the Shark and Stingray classrooms! A HUGE thank you to the school council for purchasing new equipment for us.



In addition to funding the student agendas, would council consider funding the purchase of jerseys? On the original staff needs list submitted in October.