

Oakenwald Parent Advisory Council (OPAC)

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 13, 2021. 7:00p.m.

Location: MS Teams virtual meeting

In attendance: Andrew Isaacs, Barry McKay, Dave Bryski, Damon Joiner, Shira, Crystal Wenden, Tanis Thiessen, Suzanne Miller

1. Call to order: Andrew called meeting to order at 7:06PM

2. Welcome/introductions

3. Adoption of Meeting Agenda and January minutes: Dave made motion to adopt meeting agenda and January minutes.

4. Financial Report – Barry: \$8,072.31 current balance. Some outstanding expenses still outstanding.

5. Principal's Report – Tanis: Enrollment will be 186 by end of week. Staffing: Ms Woytko on maternity leave, Ms Karwal will take over math, science, art portions. Bill 64: Encouraged to reach out to Manitoba Association of Parent Councils (MPAC) about how parental involvement may change. Tanis provided brief overview of what Bill-64 is. PTSD passed deficit budget. Prediction for 2021/22 enrolment about 176 students, similar to this year. Reduction in Teacher Librarian time next year..

6. Grade 6 grad and a possible event at Lasertopia – Shira: Probably won't be planned because of changing restrictions. Recommend waiting until closer to event and will help with whatever school does. Will leave item on agenda for next meeting.

7. Other business: Shira will run another two Subway or pizza lunches. Shira recommended advertising for next year for person to run fundraising lunches. Crystal will do one more teacher appreciation day. Isaac made motion to approve less than \$250 for staff appreciation, Dave seconded. Motion passed.

8. Short round table discussion:

9. Future meeting: Wednesday, May 26, 2021

10. Adjournment: At 8:05

Principal's Information Report for OPAC
April 13, 2021

1. Enrolment – 183 students.
2. Staffing Update – Ms. Woytko is officially on leave of absence for the remainder of the school year. We wish her well as she awaits the birth of Baby Woytko.
3. Grade 3/4 parents were sent an email on Monday announcing that Ms. Karwal will be joining our teaching team beginning on Tuesday April 13. She will be teaching grade 3/4 in the mornings (mathematics, science, and art). Ms. DiNella will be teaching the grade 3/4 classroom in the afternoons, focusing on English Language Arts. Ms. Kurbis continues to be our grade 3/4 co-teacher (66% of the 6-day cycle), focusing on teaching social studies. Ms. Tack continues to connect for Project 11 mental health support.
4. Bill 64 – encouraged to connect with the Manitoba Association of Parent Councils (MAPC) to gather information on how Bill 64 may change parent involvement in the future.
5. Divisional Budget 2021-2022
 - a. Deficit budget passed with more than \$6.6 million in expenditures cut
 - b. Property tax levy is frozen at 2020 levels as directed by the province
 - a. Average homeowner will see a reduction of \$5.67 per month
 - c. Reduction in middle years Teacher-Librarian time (25%) and senior years Teacher-Librarian time (50%)
 - d. Reduction in English Additional Language specialist time in K-8
 - e. Reduction in divisional-based allocation for educational assistants
 - f. Reduction in school instructional budgets
 - g. Deferring Kindergarten Here We Come program another school year
 - h. Building maintenance and improvement projects on hold
 - i. Full details on division website at the following link: [Pembina Trails School Division](#)
6. Oakenwald 2021-22 (what we know so far)
 - a. Divisionally predicted enrolment of 176 students
 - b. Same number of homerooms for 2021-22 (configuration to be confirmed)
 - b. Anticipating one kindergarten class (mornings) – confirmed 21 catchment area registrations
 - c. Already confirmed a slight reduction in Teacher Librarian time (from 42% to 33% teaching time)
 - d. Retirement/resignation deadlines for permanent teaching staff are April 30 and May 31, depending on when they signed their contract (older contracts have later deadline date).