

# Oakenwald Parent Advisory Council (OPAC)

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## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 20, 2022, 7:00 pm

Location: Oakenwald School - Library

In attendance: Akbur Abbasi, Cassandra Acland, Oluwabusola Ajiobola, Anahit Avesikyan, Mani Bhujel, Andrew Isaacs, Pauline Lauder, Suzanne Millar, Abiola Rasaq, Amanda Robinson, Tanis Thiessen

1. **Call to order** - Suzanne called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm
2. **Welcome/Introductions - Suzanne** - Sign in sheet for names and email addresses was distributed. Introductions were made.
3. **Adoption of March minutes/ April meeting agenda - Suzanne** - Suzanne made a motion to adopt the previous minutes (March). Cas seconded. Motion passed.
4. **Principal's Report - Tanis presented** -
  - a. Current enrollment 194. Last year at this time enrollment was 183.
  - b. Annual welcome to kindergarten evening is being planned in person this year, and will include various activities and opportunities to meet the teachers.
  - c. Grade 4-6 Track & Field tentatively planned for May.
  - d. Manitoba Education's Action Plan - new details revealed today, refer to the website: [www.gov.mb.ca](http://www.gov.mb.ca) .
  - e. Divisional Senior Administration for 2022-2023. Tanis reviewed new leadership appointments. Refer to Pembina Trails website or Oakenwald School website.
  - f. Oakenwald 2022-2023. Tanis reviewed predicted enrollment (170 students) and tentative plans for home rooms (subject to change). Discussed model of combining two grades per classroom.
5. **Teacher Representative - Ms. Donohoe (French) presented** - French Studies for grade 3/4 and 5/6. Discussed recent family activity and new animal unit for grade 3/4, and a community unit and directional activities for 5/6. Kids are enjoying these interactive units.
6. **Financial Report - Suzanne presented** - Contact Suzanne for an update upon request. The treasurer position is available, if interested please contact OPAC.
7. **Fundraising - Playground Renovation Fund - Colibri fundraiser - Cas presented** - New Colibri fundraiser has started. Information will be distributed by email, pamphlets will

be sent home in backpacks and as well as information on Instagram and Twitter. Orders can be submitted online or by paper. Ideas from parents and kids will be collected to improve the school playground.

- 8. Staff Appreciation in May - ideas? budget? Organizer? - Suzanne presented** - Discussed options for showing appreciation. Agreed to ask students and parents/guardians to send pictures and/or notes of appreciation on Friday, May 20 (email to be sent to families the week before, including list of staff).
- 9. Other Business** - None.
- 10. Future meeting - Wednesday May 18, in person - 7:00pm**
- 11. Adjournment & School Tour for those interested** - Suzanne made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 PM. Tanis conducted a school tour for interested attendees.