

# Oakenwald Parent Advisory Council (OPAC)

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## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 22, 2022, 7:00 pm

Location: MS Teams virtual meeting

In attendance: Cassandra Acland, Ronke Ayo, Andrew Isaacs, Kanza, Barry McKay, Suzanne Millar, Mary-Ann Mitchler, Amanda Robinson, Tanis Thiessen

1. **Call to order** -- Suzanne called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm
2. **Welcome/introductions** -- Suzanne welcomed everyone and introductions took place.
3. **Adoption of meeting agenda and January minutes** -- Andrew made a motion to adopt the agenda and to approve the January minutes, Suzanne seconded. Motion passed. No changes were requested by attendees to the agenda.
4. **Principal's report (including a pandemic planning update)** -- Tanis presented, including updates on:
  - a. Enrolment -- 182 (9 new students since January 2022)
  - b. Staffing -- Mr. Dylan Van Doelln has been hired to take over Mr. Belog's parental leave, and Ms. Dina has been hired to take over for Ms. Makkar's parental leave
  - c. Building envelope update -- there will be a tender for an upgrade to the front brick facade and stucco, which is separate from the roofing tender
  - d. New Yellow Pandemic Protocols -- changes to masking procedures, discussed PE classes and masking, morning announcements will inform students when masks can be removed
  - e. March highlights -- Reports Cards, 2022-23 Intention Forms, Spring Break (March 28 - April 1)
  - f. Pembina Trails Draft Budget for 2022-23 -- budget has been released online, two new schools have been added to Pembina Trails School Division
  - g. Divisional Lunch Program Committee -- Tanis is part of the committee, first meeting next week
5. **Teacher representative** -- Ms. Mitchler presented. Ms. Mitchler expressed her gratitude for the funds from OPAC for her classroom library, for her hardworking students who never complain, for her students' supportive families support and for the school's excellent Principal and staff. In addition, Ms. Mitchler discussed highlights from her Grade 5/6 class, including their solar system themed studies and an upcoming presentation from General Bing for Grade 6 students.
6. **Financial report** -- Suzanne presented. Barry provided the current balance: \$7533.51.
7. **Lunch Program Rates for 2022/23 School Year** -- Tanis presented. There should be sufficient funds for the remainder of the 2021/22 year. Discussed lunch program rates for 2022/23. Suzanne made a motion to keep the 2022/23 lunch rates the same, Andrew seconded. Motion passed.

- 8. Reasons to Fundraise** -- Suzanne and Cassandra presented. Discussed plans for another staff appreciation, and potentially an end of year treat for students and families.
- 9. Other Business** -- None was identified.
- 10. Future meeting** -- Next meeting will be virtual, Wednesday, March 23, 7:00 pm
- 11. Adjournment** -- Suzanne made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 PM.