

# Oakenwald Parent Advisory Council (OPAC)

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved

Tuesday, March 23, 2022, 7:00 pm

Location: MS Teams virtual meeting

In attendance: Cassandra Acland, Adfosa Adagbasa, Sarah Allum, Anahit, Orela Anderson, Andrew Isaacs, Kathryn, Amod Lateef, Suzanne Millar, Amanda Robinson, Ashley Schmidt, Tanis Thiessen

1. **Call to order** -- Suzanne called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm
2. **Welcome/introductions** -- Suzanne welcomed everyone and introductions took place.
3. **Adoption of meeting agenda and January minutes** -- Added Lunch Program Update to the agenda. Suzanne made a motion to modify and adopt the agenda and to approve the February minutes, Cassandra seconded. Motion passed.
4. **Principal's report** -- Tanis presented, including updates on:
  - a. Enrolment -- 187 (Last year enrolment was 179 at this time of year)
  - b. "Cautious Green" Update -- Reviewed the recent changes to recess/lunch times and plans for additional student activities after Spring Break, including parent volunteer opportunities.
  - c. Kindergarten 2022-23 Update -- Currently accepting registrations, due by May 15.
  - d. Student Intention Forms 2022-23 -- Distributed last to week, reponses help plan staffing and class sizes.
  - e. Term 2 Report Cards -- Grades 1-6 will receive term 2 report cards this Friday.
  - f. COVID-19 Reminders -- Reviewed mask recommendations and monitoring.
5. **Teacher representative** -- Ms. Orela Anderson, Teacher Librarian shared a presentation with an overview Oakenwald's School Library, Ms. Sweetland's Library Technician role, and Ms. Anderson's Teacher Librarian role. Discussed the activities, topics, and tools that students have been experiencing through the library, including February I Love to Read Month. With thanks to OPAC for the donation, Ms. Anderson explained how new books were recently chosen by creating a wishlist with students.
6. **Financial report** -- Suzanne presented. Subway lunch fundraiser tomorrow. OPAC paid \$100 towards the babysitting workshop last month. Barry will provide an updated balance to Suzanne (minutes to be updated).

- 7. Lunch Program** -- Suzanne and Tanis presented. Discussed developing plans by the Pembina Trails School Division to standardize the lunch program for all schools in the division. Reviewed the official policy for student lunch fees: as established at the beginning of the pandemic, there are no refunds for the lunch program. In exceptional circumstances, contact Tanis who will consult with OPAC on a case by case basis.
- 8. Special guest** -- Councillor Sherry Rollins was unable to attend.
- 9. Other Business** -- Suzanne led a discussion. With the return to standard lunch time, hot lunches for fundraising should be possible after Spring Break. Suzanne made a motion to spend up to \$100 to donate a book to the library on behalf of the outgoing Grade 6 class, Andrew seconded. Motion passed.
- 10. Future meeting** -- Next meeting will be in-person, Wednesday, April 20, 7:00 pm
- 11. Adjournment** -- Suzanne made a motion to adjourn at 8:02PM. Have a good Spring Break!