

OPAC General Meeting

October 17, 2024

In Attendance: Michael Moreau, Mary-Ann Mitchler, Amanda Robinson, Nadia Selby, Heather Allen, Kristen Black, Cas Acland, Kurtis & Lindsay Toews, Ana Nikolic, Abiola (Abi) Rasaq.

1. Call to Order – Amanda called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Adoption of October Meeting agenda and September Minutes:
 - No additions to Sept. Minutes. Amanada motions to approve the September minutes. Nadia seconds. Motion passed.
 - Amanada adds three items to agenda: Bake Sale, Hot Lunch boxes, fundraiser/teacher appreciation
 - Motion to Adopt the October agenda by Amanada, seconded by Kristen Black. Motion passed.
4. Principal's Report
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Safety and Wellbeing

We begin every day saying that *“At Oakenwald, we take care of ourselves, we take care of each other, and we take care of our school.”* Teachers are in the lead in promoting our culture of safety and care through modelling, reinforcing routines.

School Plan Priority Areas:

1. Numeracy and Literacy: Visible Learning Targets
2. Reconciliation: Focus on Treaty Education

Teacher-led teams have begun meeting together to set annual targets for staff and student learning goals based on the priorities areas of the province and division.

Terry Fox Walk

On October 4, all students and staff participated in an assembly and walk/run for Terry Fox. It was wonderful to have our grade 5 students in the lead!
 In 1980, Terry wished to raise one dollar for every Canadian for Cancer Research. This year, to support Cander Research and commemorate the 44th anniversary of the Marathon of Hope - \$280.90, more than one dollar for every student at Oakenwald!

Classroom Profiles

Last week, classroom teachers met with the support teams to engage in a process called Classroom Profiles, which reviews Strong Beginnings data and uses this information to refine our understanding of student needs and develop responsive plans that support all learners. Additionally, IEP meetings were held this week to refine Individualized Education Plans.

Cold Weather

When the windchill goes below -27 degrees Celsius, we will stay inside for recess. However, when the temperature is -26, it’s not warm! So, this is a reminder to families to send your child ready to explore the great outdoors. Should you have any questions about dressing for the cold in Canada, please reach out!

Remembrance Day and National Indigenous Veterans Day Assembly

At 1:30pm on November 8th, we will hold our Remembrance Day Ceremony. Friday November 8th also marks Indigenous Veterans Day in Canada. On Remembrance Day (November 11th) there will be no classes.

Tri-conferences

Our conference evenings will be Thursday, November 7. Our goal during the first conferences is to focus on well-being, work habits and student goals. More information on format and scheduling will come soon. If you have questions during the year, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher.

Upcoming Events this Term

Friday, October 25	NO CLASSES Metro Common Day
Thursday, November 7	Tri-Conferences 4:30 – 8:30 pm
Friday, November 8	Remembrance Day

Monday, November 11	NO CLASSES Remembrance Day
Thursday, November 21	Picture Retake Day
Friday, November 29	NO CLASSES Divisional Common Day
Friday, December 6	NO CLASSES Report Card Writing Day
Tuesday, December 10	Winter Concert
Tuesday, December 17	Reports Cards Go Home
Monday, December 23 – Friday, January 3	NO CLASSES Winter Break

Discussion of Principal’s report: In response to recognition of changing needs within the school, a new timetable for the organization of class and activity times will be rolled out next week. Mr. Moreau brought the needs of school community to OPAC’s attention, in response to our request last month. He recognizes the need for updating technology in the classrooms and for expanding the multi-lingual section of the library, and is looking to the community for potential support in this area.

Discussion re: Multi-lingual books. Abi suggests approaching caregivers and community groups for funding for books in non-English languages. He adds that the books should be pre-determined by teachers/librarians, and not chosen by the public. All in attendance agree.

Ms. Mitchler suggests picture dictionaries are very popular and effective. Lindsey suggests setting up a book sponsor table at the December Bake Sale Nadia adds we should sell Oakenwald Swag at the December Bake Sale to increase sales..

5. Confirmed/Update Nominations for 2024-25 OPAC Executive Committee – Amanda confirms there are no changes to the posted nominations.
6. Amanda opens Elections:
 - Chair – Amanda Robinson nominated.
Kristen Black nominates, Cas Acland seconds, motion passed unanimously

- Amanda Robinson nominates Kristen Black as Vice Chair, Cas Acland seconds the motion, motion passed unanimously
- Amanda Robinson nominates Heather Allen as Secretary. Kristen Black seconds the motion, motion passed unanimously
- Amanada Robinson nominates Nadia Selby for Treasurer, Abi Rasaan seconds the motion, motion passed unanimously
- Amanda Robinson nominates Cas Acland for Fundraising Chairperson, Abi Rasaan seconds, motion passed unanimously
- Amanada Robinson nominates Lindsey Toews for Hot Lunch Chairperson, Cas seconds, motion passed unanimously

7. Financial Report - Nadia reports that we currently have \$1052.58 in available funds. We expect a payment from MunchALunch (MAL) of \$645.42 on Oct. 18th, 2024. \$53.80 remains outstanding. Email reminders will be sent out to those with outstanding balances.

Expenses are \$1019.31 for hot lunches, and \$90 from the Sept. and Oct. babysitting fees for OPAC meetings.

We close this month with a profit of \$632.49.

8. Fundraising Update – Cas Acland

Cas reports that the opportunity for using Peak of the Market as a fundraiser has passed.

Ideas: Increase visibility of Oakenwald Products at events, make it easier to sell, send out flyers.

Abi suggests movie nights, selling tickets for cheap and concession items.

Cas suggests we strike two new committees, Fundraising and Events, they will meet outside of OPAC meetings.

Ana informs us that Smitty's works with fundraising causes, where a menu item is chosen and a percentage of the price is donated to the chosen cause.

9. Other Business:

- Lindsey discusses various hot lunch options, such as selling slices of pizza. Suggests that these lunches be targeted towards certain fundraising goals. She is researching various pricing options for hot lunches, and determining popularity of options. She reports that Boston Pizza is a popular option.
- Nadia explains the pricing and fee structure of Munchalunch and how this affects our profit margin on all sales through the platform. Suggests a commensurate raise in prices.

- Lindsey requests funding for the purchase of bins for hot lunch organization. Kristen tables the motion that a \$50.00 budget be released for the purchase of bins. Nadia seconds the motion. All are in favour.
- Heather requested a discussion of a planning budget for a potential OPAC family Info night at the next OPAC meeting Nov. 17.
- Nadia suggests RSVP to the Family Info Night, which would allow us to make a budget. Event can also be promoted during the Tri-Conferences in early November to raise awareness.
- Ana suggests sending out in addition to the RSVP, to add a feedback form with space for questions and concerns that can then be addressed at the Info Night. This is a very popular idea. Heather will add that to the form.

10. Amanda set the next meeting for Thursday, Nov. 21st, 2024.

11. Amanda Adjourns this meeting at 8:09 p.m.