



Pleasant Park *Public School* **Parent Council**

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Pleasant Park Public School Council Minutes

January 20, 2021 at 6:45pm

1. Welcome, it's nice to see you here!
2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes:
 - a. Diane motions to accept the Agenda, Gillian and seconds.
 - b. Diane motions to accept the Minutes from November 18, Gillian and seconds.
3. Financial Report
 - a. Amount raised/parent donated: \$4,974
 - b. Amount spent: \$4,798
 - c. Amount committed: \$ 11,768
 - d. Current available balance:\$6,487
4. Council Update
 - a. Pizza Refunds Update: Diane reports that nearly all pizza refunds have been resolved. Diane notes that several families
 - b. 60th Anniversary Recap: Carolyn has prepared 60th anniversary FaceBook page. Carolyn encourages everyone to check out the page.
 - c. Parent Involvement Funding: This is the replacement for the PRO grant. PPPC has received \$500 for the 2020-2021 school year. The funds are intended to be used for speakers or presentations.
5. Fundraising
 - a. FlipGive: The Pleasant Park community has raised \$546.82 so far.
 - b. Pizza Night: David is in discussion with Super Duper Pizza on Pleasant Park Road to organize a recurring pizza night. David will ask if gluten-free, vegan and halal pizza options are available.
6. Discussion Items
 - a. Diane will organize a bingo night, tentatively planned for Friday, February 5 at 6:30.
 - b. Diane will explore setting up a chess club using school email system.



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7. Outdoor Initiatives Committee
 - a. Committee is going to send out a survey to parents to gauge parents' priorities regarding improvements to the school grounds.

8. Principal's Update (See Admin Report to School Council appended below.)
 - a. Principal Vivian will continue on at PPPS.
 - b. Ontario government announced today that elementary students in Ottawa will continue in remote learning until further notice.
 - c. We have been made aware of students from other schools have been accessing PPPS classes through links shared by PPPS students.
 - d. The school has purchased a French online reading program. It is a highly recommended program.
 - e. PPPS remains committed to human rights-based approach based on nondiscrimination, inclusiveness.
 - f. Friday, January 22 is a PA day.
 - g. Report cards go out on February 11.
 - h. Work on school roof is on hold.

9. New Business
 - a. Charlene reports that the equipment for the kindergarten students was purchased in late 2020, and students were already able to start using them before the lockdown.
 - b. Diane notes that a number of parents have donated generously to the school through the pizza refunds and encourages Parent Council to find a way to spend the funds this year to benefit this year's students.

10. Next school council meeting February 17th at 6:45 via google meet

11. Adjournment at 8pm.



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Admin Report to School Council - January 20, 2021

Quite a number of changes and challenges since we last met...we sincerely hope everyone is keeping well, and able to support one another.

I have just heard that I'll be staying on at Pleasant Park, as a long term occasional Principal, until mid March. We continue to wish Shelley well during her time away. It has been a privilege for me to be able to support the school during her absence.

We are thrilled to be working with Megan, she's a wonderful addition to the admin team, and we will all benefit from her considerable experiences and expertise.

About 5:30 pm today, the Ontario government has announced that schools in some regions of the province will be able to resume in-person learning next week. Ottawa was not included on this list. Elementary and secondary OCDSB students will continue with remote learning. In-person learning will be maintained for students in specialized program classes. The province has not indicated when in-person learning will resume. A reminder that OCDSB secondary schools were already scheduled to continue with remote learning until January 29, 2021, further to our communication to parents on January 14th. We will share more information with you as soon as it is available.

So, until we hear something further, we will continue to be focused on providing remote learning experiences for all our children, and the school remains closed with limited access. If you need to contact the school, phones are answered from 8 am - 3:45 pm. We continue to respond to requests for chromebooks and wifi hotspots, for parents to pick up at the school.

Remote learning looks much different than last spring. This period of online learning is primarily synchronous, and assessed by teachers. We know students and families are doing their best to be engaged and to follow teaching timetables. We also understand that there are challenges with the amount of screen time and focus required. Please reach out to your teachers with any questions, or concerns, that pertain to your individual children. As well, thanks to so many for your encouragement, positive feedback and support for our educators. They are working so hard!

Google Meet Bombing, and thanks, Megan, for being so on top of all of this...

We have been made aware of a few incidents where OCDSB students from other schools have been given the links to access classroom synchronous sessions. This is called 'Google Meet Bombing' and is an issue that school boards have been dealing with since the virtual learning circumstances began last spring. Staff have been keeping a list of names of students involved, we have brought the issue forward to the board and continue to monitor the situation closely. We would ask that parents please remind their children of the importance of cyber security and to not be sharing the links and meeting codes for their classroom sessions online or with others.



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We are currently developing term 1 report cards, and have significant support from our school board. We know that many students are experiencing gaps in their learning, and a feeling of being behind due to the many interruptions. Please know that our teachers are aware of the extraordinary circumstances, and will continue to meet your children where they are at.

The school has purchased an online reading program for home study and practice, and for our primary grades, called Je lis, Je lie, Litteratie. Teachers will have shared login information for each student. The program comes highly recommended, and is being used by our virtual schools. As well, we have purchased a large number of books, English and French, for additional reading practice when we get back to school. These are for primary and junior grades.

There is online French language support offered to FSL students through Voila Live's Virtual Immersion Campus, evenings from Monday to Thursday from 5 pm - 8 pm. Ontario certified teachers are available to provide opportunities for students to practice their French and get homework help in French, English and Math.

As a Pleasant Park PS educational team, we remain very committed to our Equity work. Recently, the board, and the Office of the Human Rights and Equity Advisor, created the Indigenous, Equity and Human Rights Roadmap (2020-2023). This reflects a human rights-based approach focusing on equality and nondiscrimination, participation and inclusion, and transparency and accountability. We are all working together to eliminate barriers to success, to provide the best education for every student while nurturing their sense of belonging and all their hopes and dreams.

We have a PD day scheduled Friday, January 22, 2021. There will be no online learning for students on that day.

Our virtual Kindergarten Information Night is January 26th @ 6:30 pm. This is for all new families who have registered for Kindergarten 2021-2022. It will be a live stream through Youtube, so no login required.

Term 1 reports are scheduled to go home on February 11th.

Work on the roof, general maintenance:

Some work on the roof for accessibility has occurred to install access stairs. Polishing floors, lots of painting is ongoing while the students are learning at home.

Broadband Modernization and WiFi Upgrade:

Business and Learning Technologies (B<) is planning the Broadband Modernization and WiFi Upgrade Phase 1 projects at Pleasant Park, likely next week. A dedicated high speed internet connection for your school will be installed and all existing Wi-Fi Access Points (APs) will be



replaced with a new high-end model. Wi-Fi drawings with AP locations are available upon request.

Thank you!
Vivian and Megan