

OLMP Parent Council Meeting Minutes  
September 19, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. with Kelly Frigon chairing the meeting.
2. Attendance: Kelly Frigon, Joe Kucy, Dan Wispinski, Debbie Soch, Melanie Marohn, Kevin Baska, Callista Baska, Lisa Menzel, Erin Mitchell, Kari Fenrich, Tanya Fox, Lynn Ann Swerda, Cathy Gilbert, Chamila Wanagoda (sp?) and Karina Gutman.
3. Opening prayer by Joe Kucy.
4. Approval of the June Minutes/September Agenda: a motion was made by Melanie to approve the Minutes and Kari seconded the motion. A motion was made by Erin to approve the September agenda and it was seconded by Lynn Ann. The motion was carried.
5. Treasurer's Report – Erin advised that the current balance was \$14,410.37 before payment of \$6,510.60 which was paid out to the teachers to reimburse them for the items on their wish lists.
6. Correspondence – there was no correspondence.
7. Agenda Items:
  - 7.1 Hot Lunch: No one has volunteered to be the hot lunch coordinator as of yet.
  - 7.2 Parent Donation Letter: Kelly and Melanie will draft a letter and forward it to Joe who will distribute it via email, rather than mailing it out, which is a substantial cost.
  - 7.3 Teacher Wish Lists: The teachers purchased their items and have been reimbursed. The cost ended up being \$6,510.60 as opposed to the \$8,000.00 that was estimated.
  - 7.4 Shrove Tuesday: Shrove Tuesday will be February 13, 2018. It is hoped that Taralynn will coordinate this again and someone will check with her about that. The budget last year was very small as Tara was able to get most items donated.
8. New Business:
  - 8.1 Website – is it up to date: Joe indicated the website was up to date, however, Melanie advised that she didn't think all of the new teachers were on it. Joe will check.
  - 8.2 Commons area: There have been some comments by the older students that the grades 5-7s are in the commons area at breaks. The idea that was presented last year was that the younger students would be in the library and the older students would be in the commons area. Joe indicated that the 5-7s have a different lunch than the older students and he didn't think there would be much overlap there. He also said he believes the 5-7s go outside at lunch.
  - 8.3 Nominations of Secretary and Treasurer: Erin Mitchell resigned as Treasurer. Dan nominated Lynn Ann Swerda for secretary and Deb seconded the motion.

Tanya Fox was nominated by Melanie to be Treasurer and Kari seconded the motion. Motions carried.

- 8.4 Marion Garden: A comment was made about the Marion Garden being disassembled this summer. Joe confirmed that was the case. The garden was not being maintained and was not being used. It had become overrun with weeds and it was not possible to maintain it. The intent is that the space will be used by students in the future. The deck area is still there. Joe advised they are looking into getting some picnic tables or it may be used for sports of some sort. Possibly a yoga class?
- 8.5 Phys Ed Classes: A question was raised asking what the numbers are in the phys ed classes. Joe advised that the gym can get crowded, however, they are trying to keep the phys ed numbers to a minimum and are trying to put the kids outside as much as possible while it's nice. Joe confirmed that there aren't 50 in the gym at the same time. There may be an option to use the drill hall in the future.  
  
Also, it was mentioned that the promise was made last year when discussing the addition of the grades 5s and 6s, that the impact on the older students would be minimal. Between the possible crowding in the gym and the younger students apparently being in the commons area, it is a concern that it is impacting the older students. Joe assured us that it won't.
- 8.6 Bussing: The bussing has been a challenge this year so far with the staggered finish times.
9. Teacher's report: Dan reported that all the clubs/teams are off to a good start. Junior and Senior High Intramurals have started. ELAA Event (post secondary career fair) on October 16 from 7-8:30. Concordia, NAIT, SAIT and some universities will be there. X-country running has started up. There is a \$30.00 fee. Volleyball and football have started. The Sr. High volleyball team is going to Kelowna
10. Principal's report:  
We have 430 students registered at OLMP this year.  
Southland was the additional company hired by EICS and they have acknowledged there are problems and they are working on them.  
Sr. High golf team won gold at Zones for the second year in a row. They have qualified for Provincials. We received three individual medals. They went to Jenna Sand (gold), Mason Kucy (silver) and Levi Osterwalder (bronze). There is a mass Tuesday, September 26 at 9:45 a.m. Football Friday September 2, 2017. Academic awards October 2 at 7:00 p.m. for the 2016/17 year.
11. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.
12. Next meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.