



General Assembly Meeting
Fisher Park Public School
250 Holland Avenue (at the Queensway), Library, 2nd floor

Thursday, October 18, 2007

Meeting Start Time: 7:00 p.m.
Meeting End Time: 9:45 p.m.

This month:

Character Development

Speaker: Jen Perry, OCDSB Pathways Consultant

For Immediate Distribution

Please bring this package to the immediate attention of your School Council Chair or OCASC delegate.

Meeting Calendar

Monday October 22 nd 7:00PM	Advisory Committee on the Arts <i>Fisher Park</i>
Tuesday October 23 rd 7:30PM	Board Meeting
Wednesday October 24 th 7:30PM	Chair's Committee <i>Trustees Committee Room</i>
Tuesday November 6 th 7:30PM	Human Resources Committee <i>Trustees Committee Room</i>
Wednesday November 7 th 7:30PM	Special Education Advisory Committee
Thursday November 8 th 7:30PM	Secondary School Committee <i>Fisher Park</i>
Tuesday November 13 th 8:00PM	Board Meeting
Wednesday November 14 th 7:30PM	Business Services <i>Trustees Committee Room</i>
Thursday November 15 th 7:00PM	OCASC <i>Fisher Park</i>

Ottawa-Carleton Assembly of School Councils

Agenda for October 18th, 2007

7:00	25 min	Chalk-it-Up: Council to council advice/concerns/news
7:25	5 min	Chalk-BOARD. OCDSB Communications. Norah Vollmer, Peter Zion.
7:30	5 min	Approval of Agenda & Ratification of Minutes of September 27, 2007
7:35	25 min	OCASC's 10 th Anniversary: what do we want to do this year?
8:00	1 hour	Jen Perry on Character Development
9:00	10 min	New Business / Announcements
9:10	30 min	Committee Reports
9:40		Adjournment

Next meeting of the Ottawa-Carleton Assembly of School Councils

Thursday, November 15th, 2007

OTTAWA CARLETON ASSEMBLY OF SCHOOL COUNCILS
Meeting of Thursday September 27th, 2007

Attendance:

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Fisher Park P.S.

Member Schools in Attendance: 47 Total Members: 87

Quorum: 30

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT/VOTING DELEGATE:

Barrhaven PS/Ellen Dickson

Bell HS/Juliet Hamilton

Bells Corners PS/Dave Forster

Berrigan ES/ Susan Klimchuk

Briargreen PS/Suzanne Vanderhenl

Bridlewood Com ES/ Rubina Lakhani

Broadview Ave PS/Janice Van Baaken

Canterbury HS/Robert Weist

Caster Valley/Laurel Perry-Hapli

Century PS/ John Donaldson

D. Aubrey Moodie IS/Ronda Annett

Elgin St PS/ Olga Aruaudova

Elmdale PS/Rob Frater

Fallingbrook Com ES/Irene Lupin

First Ave PS/ Gray Collette

Forest Valley ES/Susan Love

Glashan PS/Shahini Peryahwar

Glebe Collegiate/Nina Stipich

Glen Ogilvie PS/ Trina Whitehurst

Greenbank MS/ Paula Shaver

Henry Larsen ES/Karen Douglas

Henry Munro MS/ Francis LeBlanc

Hopewell PS/Beth Doubt

J.H. Putnam PS/Lillian Dinelle

Jack Donahue PS/Shelia Davidson

Jockvale ES/Tanya Weiner

John Young ES/ Meaghan Miron

Kars PS/ Elaine Murkin

Knoxdale PS/ Paula Shaver

Lakeview PS/Kristen Devenny

LePhare ES/Stephane Poulin

Lisgar Collegiate/Kate Preston-Thomas

Mary Honeywell ES/John Tucker

Meadowlands PS/Karen Desjardins

Merivale HS/Anne Teutsch

Metcalfe PS/Bill Beiersdorfer

Mutchmor PS/ Gisele Durocher

North Gower/Marlborough/Sue Carswell

Rideau Valley MS/Sue Carswell Roch

Carrier ES/Kathy Warnholtz

Rockcliffe Park PS/Karen Strutynski

Sir Guy Carleton SS/Judy Smith

South Carleton HS/Sue Carswell

Stephen Leacock PS/ Holly Richte-White

Stittsville PS/Rhonda Drakes-Blais

Summit Alternative/Alix MacLean

Woodroffe ES/Maria DiRosa/Heather Tyrie

OTHER PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mary Ann Jenkins (Fielding Dr. PS), Barb Armstrong (Glebe CI), Nadine Clarke (Stephen Leacock PS)

GUESTS (11): Norah Vollmer (OCDSB), Margaret Elson (Secretary), Rob Campbell (OCDSB), Bob Flewelling (OCDSB), Pam FitzGerald (OCDSB), Yasir Naqvi (Liberal Candidate), Danielle McGee (Liberal Party), John Ogilvie (Green Party), Rex Benning (Green Party), Will Murray (NDP), Jen Anthony (NDP)

CALL TO ORDER: 7:08 p.m., Ellen Dickson in the chair.

- The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting
- OCASC executive members in attendance stood to introduce themselves.

CHALK-IT-UP

1. **Beth Doubt, Hopewell/SEAC rep.** Letter to Parents re: Spec ed changing this year to an inclusive model. Encourage your principal to discuss your school's situation with school council. Send a letter home to every parent (copies provided). Contact: seac@ocasc.ca.
Feedback requested on training regarding spec ed being developed for principals. Ad hoc committee wants parental perspective on what principals should know to deal effectively with spec ed students. The IPRC policy and procedures, to be put in place will mirror Ontario law, are under discussion at SEAC. Contact: seac@ocasc.ca
2. **Dave Forster, Bells Corners PS:** Good news. Bell Corners on the *Today's Parent* list of 25 top schools.
3. **Greg Jones, Featherston Drive PS.** Political Party Education Positions, Pamphlets available.
4. **Maria DiRosa, Woodroffe ES.** Greening School Grounds. Pamphlets available with information re: series of free workshops being held by Ann Coffey.
5. **Stéphane Poulin, Le Phare ES.** Quarterly Zone Meetings. Contacted by trustee to help organize these. Great idea; are other zones having meetings like this? Contact: spoulin@magma.ca
6. **Tanya Weiner & Maria DiRosa, OCASC Exec:** OCASC Conference *Schools You Love to Learn In* being held Oct. 20 at Ridgemont HS. Keynote speaker is Annie Kidder of *People 4 Education*. Registration information on OCASC website. Cost \$10/person; subsidies/waivers available. Volunteers welcome including students needing community hours.
7. **Susan Love, Forest Valley ES.** Confidentiality Agreements. Does any school have their volunteers sign such an agreement?

Responses:

Manotick PS conducts a one -training session for volunteers to discuss confidentiality and includes some role playing. This creates awareness.

Forum on website can be created. Contact: slove@edc.ca

8. **Karen Strutynski, Rockcliffe Park PS.** School Levies. Principal has raised student levy from \$40 to \$50. What do other schools pay?

Responses:

According to Board policy all levies are to be voluntary.

Mary Ann Jenkins, OCASC rep to CAYARAC, referred to the Board's *School Fees* procedure PR.648.SCO. There is a maximum per grade level and a maximum per family. All fees are to be communicated in plain language. There must be a process to request a waiver or arrange an alternative payment plan. Superintendents need to know if the procedure is not being followed. Ask your children if teachers are identifying students who have not paid. Forum on website can be created.

JOINT AGENDA AND MINUTES APPROVAL.

Corrected spelling of Dr. Flewelling's surname.

Motion to approve agenda as amended and to ratify minutes of May 17th 2007.

Moved by Berrigan ES, seconded by Bell HS that the agenda be Carried.

DR. ROBERT FLEWELLING, Manager of Field Services.

- Developing a policy and procedure on third party professionals in schools
- Handout of two pages of policy, two pages of procedure; also available electronically
- Requesting parental feedback
- Going to Education Committee in November
- Contact at robert.flewelling@ocdsb.ca

PRESENTATION OF EDUCATION PLATFORM BY POLITICAL CANDIDATES

Introduction by Nadine Clark, Co-Chair, Secondary Schools Committee

- Parents have to concern themselves with politics
- They have a duty to advise the Ministry, the Board, principals
- They need to be aware of the issues and exercise their franchise

Green Party candidate in Carleton-Mississippi Mills **John Ogilvie**

NDP candidate in Ottawa Centre **Will Murray**

Liberal candidate in Ottawa Centre **Yasir Naqvi**

(No Conservative Party candidate was available)

NEW BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Motion to ratify Stephen DeWitt as OCASC treasurer for 2007/2008.

Moved by Bridlewood Community ES , seconded by Jockvale ES.
Carried.

Norah Vollmer, Coordinator, Policies and Procedures

- Board support person for school councils and the Parental Involvement Committee
- Has welcome packages; contact her for more
- Has a flyer in English; will be translated
- Appreciated survey responses
- May add yourself to her distribution list by contacting norah.vollmer@ocdsb.ca

Chair's Announcements:

- OCASC goal is to work cooperatively with the Board. We would like to provide a block of time at each meeting for Board announcements. A show of hands showed all members present approved.
- **Recording secretary still needed.** Aside from minute-taking it is an important position. We propose to reduce workload with less detail in minutes, committee reports uploaded directly to website. Podcast or MP3 recording of the meeting has been considered but not acceptable to all.

- Liaison officers still required for Zones 1, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11. In the meantime, looking for a volunteer from each zone to prepare an accurate 2007/2008 contact list
- Cake and coffee at October meeting to celebrate OCASC 10th anniversary.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chair's Committee – Ellen Dickson

The motion on recorded votes was passed and goes to Board on October 9th. This will increase accountability. Phone your trustee and urge them to support this motion.

Education Committee - Susan Klimchuk

- Consultation on Elementary French Immersion Review taking place Oct 1 – Nov. 12. Report proposes only two entry points (LFI phased out). Improvements to Core French to improve efficiency. Final version that will go to Board to be approved at December Education Committee meeting. Report is being sent to all elementary schools and is available on OCDSB website: (http://ocdsb.ca/Board/Meetings/2007_Meetings/September_2007/Ed_Sept19_2007/8a_Final_Report_FSL.pdf)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45.

Moved by John Young ES, seconded by Berrigan ES

Carried.

Next meeting: **Thursday, October 18, 2007**

CHALK-IT-UP

We encourage councils to network. Members are invited to speak for up to five minutes on an issue of concern to their school council or on a matter which they would like to share with other members as a best practice or point of information or news. A blackboard will be made available for you to identify: your school, your name, e-mail address, telephone number and the topic you are addressing.

OCASC PACKAGE

OCASC sends a *single* printed agenda package to each school council in the Board. We also post the agenda on the OCASC web site for anyone to reference. Comments and requests can be sent to:

ocasc_chair@OCASC.ca

OCASC NEWS

If you are not on the OCASC e-mailing list and receiving *OCASC News* then please sign-up on our website.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please send any changes in council contacts to the Membership Secretary at: **ocasc_membership@ocasc.ca**.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Annual membership fees of \$35 can be paid at any OCASC meeting or sent via internal Board mail to:

OCASC

c/o the OCDSB

133 Greenbank Road

Attention: OCASC Treasurer

AGENDA NOTES

If your council would like to see an item covered with a speaker or a member discussion then please make sure to suggest this at the meeting under New Business or to any member of the Executive between meetings.

SPEAKING PRIVILEGES

Speaking privileges at OCASC meetings are generally accorded to school council representatives only.

MOTIONS

Councils will vary in how they interpret the importance of Assembly motions as well as the views that they hold. The Executive asks that all members try to keep trivial amendments to a minimum and to respect every council's opinion.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Details of any motion should be emailed to ocasc_chair@ocasc.ca for supportive advice on notice provision and inclusion in the next agenda package. Motions are however entirely up to Councils to propose as they see fit and remain their responsibility to craft and to present.

The "Whereas" section (or preamble) of a motion is up to those putting the motion forward for consideration, represents their own reasons for doing so and is not debatable. Councils may agree or disagree with the "Therefore" section or actual resolution for completely different reasons of their own.

Changes to the constitution / bylaws require 28 calendar days notice.

OCASC EXECUTIVE 2007/2008

OFFICERS

Chair	Ellen Dickson	ocasc_chair@ocasc.ca
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Recording Secretary	VACANT	ocasc_secretary@ocasc.ca
Communications Officer	Lillian Thomsen	ocasc_media@ocasc.ca

LIAISON OFFICERS

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Zone 5 – College	David Forster	ocasc_lo5@ocasc.ca
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Zone 8 - Orléans-Cumberland	VACANT	ocasc_lo8@ocasc.ca
Zone 9 - Rideau-Vanier/Capital	VACANT	ocasc_lo9@ocasc.ca
Zone 10 - Somerset/ Kitchissippi	Kate Preston-Thomas	ocasc_lo10@ocasc.ca
Zone 11 – River	VACANT	ocasc_lo11@ocasc.ca
Zone 12 - Innes/Beacon Hill-Cyrville	Stephane Poulin	ocasc_lo12@ocasc.ca

OCDSB Committee Representation

Advisory Committee on the Arts	Lillian Thomsen	arts@ocasc.ca
Budget Committee	Kate Preston-Thomas; Maria Di Rosa (alt.)	budget@ocasc.ca
Business Services Committee	Ellen Dickson	business@ocasc.ca
Calendar Committee	Howard Crerar	calendar@ocasc.ca
Chairs' Committee	Ellen Dickson; John Perkin (alt.)	ocasc_chair@ocasc.ca
Children and Youth at Risk Advisory Committee (CAYARAC)	Mary Ann Jenkins	cayarac@ocasc.ca
Community Council on Ethnocultural Equity (CCEE)	VACANT	ccee@ocasc.ca
Education Committee	Susan Klimchuk	education@ocasc.ca
Human Resources Committee	Ellen Dickson	hr@ocasc.ca
School Year Calendar Committee	Howard Crerar	calendar@ocasc.ca
Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)	Beth Doubt & Joan Hill-Keast (Alt.)	seac@ocasc.ca
Technology and Trades Committee	Anne Teutsch & Ginny Fobert	tech@ocasc.ca

OCASC COMMITTEES

Secondary Schools Committee (SSC)	Juliet Hamilton & Nadine Clarke (Co-Chairs)	ssc_chair1@ocasc.ca ssc_chair2@ocasc.ca
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The Ottawa-Carleton Assembly of School Councils Working Together For Excellence in Education

The Ottawa-Carleton Assembly of School Councils (OCASC) is an umbrella organization for school councils of the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board (OCDSB). OCASC was founded in November 1997 just prior to the establishment of the OCDSB. Both predecessor Boards had a history of active Board-wide school council umbrella organizations. All OCDSB school councils are entitled to membership in OCASC. The OCDSB recognizes the important role OCASC plays in strengthening the involvement of parents and the community in schools and Board decision-making.

OCASC's purpose is to seek an education of the highest quality for each child according to his or her needs. OCASC supports the development of strong school councils and brings the views and concerns of its member councils to the attention of the Board, the Ministry of Education and the public.