



1. WELCOME

- Thank you to Leslie Gregory and Margaret Rose and their many volunteers for making Book Fair and Spaghetti Dinner so successful!

2. SCHOOL UPDATE

a) Principal report

- **School Learning Plan:** Focussing on the fundamentals of math using “Number Talks” small group check-ins to address misconceptions and improve math skills.
- Suggestions for parents on how you can support will be forthcoming in weekly updates and in a future council meeting.
- **Yoga:** Volunteers needed to supervise Grades 1-5 yoga courses in January and February (dates and times TBC).
- **Well Being Plan:** 1 in 5 children struggle with a mental health issues during their school career. School is using the information gathered through last year’s survey on bullying to focus on the Board’s priorities of resilience, self-regulation and attachment and having more student voice.
- **New Pedagogies for Deep Learning:** Students need new skills to succeed in today’s complex world, often referred to as the 6 Cs: collaboration, creativity, critical thinking, citizenship, character, communication. Robert Hopkins has been selected to do research projects, including one involving communication with a school in Mexico. Although only 4 teachers are involved directly in the research, there are many positive effects being shared throughout the school. Existing initiatives in Robert Hopkins classrooms, such as flexible seating, are associated with new pedagogical research.

"Number Talks" is a 5-15 minute classroom conversation around purposefully crafted computation problems that are solved mentally.

Sherry Parrish, “Number Talks: Helping Children Build Mental Math and Computation Strategies, Grades K-5”, Math Solutions, 2010.

b) Teacher update

- **Triple Ball Tournament on December 12:** 20 students from different grades, who have been practicing at lunchtime, will participate at 10:00am-1:30pm at Forest Valley Public School.
- **3rd Herd Day on December 12:** For the school spirit day, all students assigned to one of six “herds”, named after a breed of cow and a colour. Topic: How to care for others
- **Kindergarten Concert on December 14:** Families are invited at 1:30-2:15pm in the gym, followed by a short dance party.
- **C-flats Concert on December 17:** International award-winning vocal jazz ensemble from Colonel By Secondary School will perform for students.
- **Holiday Concert on December 21:** Families are invited to join at 11:30am in the gym for performances by the school choirs and bell chorus.

3. COMMITTEE UPDATES

a) Communications Committee (Update in [Annex 1](#))



b) Fundraising Committee (Update in [Annex 2](#))

Book Fair: Scholastic provides reward points for scholastic products or cash based on book fair sales.

- **Motion to choose Scholastic Rewards (approximate value \$4000) instead of cash (approximate value \$1000) to purchase supplies for the School.** All voting members present (13, including 4 executive members) voted in favour. Motion passed.

Ottawa 67s: Council supported exploring the Anthem program, which would offer the choir the chance to sing at an Ottawa 67s game and would be a Family Fun Night without any fundraising.

Fun Fair: Council is seeking volunteers to be part of a team to seek donations from corporate sponsors for the event and silent auction. If you are able to help out, please contact rhopcfundraising@gmail.com.

c) Greening Committee

- No update provided in December.

4. BUDGET (Report in [Annex 3](#))

- **Motion to increase by \$500 budget for holiday fund for families in need.** All voting members present (13, including 4 executive) voted in favour. Motion passed.

5. DISCUSSION/ROUNDTABLE

- **Painting the library:** School exploring options to make the library more welcoming, including new seating and bookshelves. Update to be provided in January and date to be finalised for volunteers to help paint the library on a Saturday.
- **Update on ukuleles (previous purchase by School Council):** School is gradually incorporating their use in classes, developing skills to help spread their use throughout school.
- **Materials for the babysitters:** School Council welcomes any donation of games or crafts supplies for the babysitters to use; supplies will be kept at the school.
- **Planning for future meetings:** In January, February and March, will seek to plan presentations from Teacher on how to support math instruction, the school's social worker on resilience and School Board Trustee Sandra Schwartz.
- **Services available to the school:** School Council members shared their positive experiences with language pathologist, occupational therapists. School noted that a language pathologist, social worker, psychologist all visit the school 0.5 days per week, and there are a variety of other supports available for students based on individual assessments, including learning support consultants, special education consultations and occupational therapists.

Meeting adjourned

Reminders:

- Government of Ontario's [Consultation on Education in Ontario](#) (deadline December 15, 2018)
- [Thought Exchange](#): Building Brighter Futures Together @ OCDSB (Deadline December 12, 2018)



ANNEX 1

Communications Committee Update: November 9-December 6, 2018

1. Transition to new name and contact info for Council:

- Transition complete; only receiving a few forwarded messages from old account these days, so most people/organizations appear to have updated their address books.
- One remaining action item (Donna's):
 - Still need to request update of our full logo, which includes our name (to change name from Parent to School Council) from the volunteer who designed our logo.

2. Weekly and Monthly Communications:

- Still striving for shorter weekly updates by focusing on upcoming items only – but there has been so much going on lately that they have still been quite long. Fewer events happening over next couple of months, so they should be briefer now, at least for a little while!
- Will continue to report other info (event recaps and profits, volunteer thank you messages, meeting outcomes, etc.) in the monthly newsletter only.

3. School Council web pages:

- Have not yet had the time to update the School Council web pages on the Robert Hopkins school website, despite now having the ability to do it ourselves.
- Seeking volunteers who may be interested in helping with the writing / editing of content.
 - We won't be able to give volunteers access to update the actual pages (with the exception of the three of us who received training from the Board – Donna, Sarah, and Leslie), but content can be written & edited in Word or Google Docs for us to upload.
- Will start with updating core information – e.g. intro / "about us", list of elected Council executives members, key contributions, constitution, etc. Once the key information is up to date, we can work on enhancements and additions.



ANNEX 2

Fundraising Committee Update – December 6, 2018

Members: Margaret Rose, Stephanie Reid, Jamie McCallum, Leslie Gregory, Jancey Wallace, Tamara Taub, Sarah MacGregor, Danielle Armengaud, Jen Lowe

NEW Email: rhopcfundraising@gmail.com

Popcorn Day

Next popcorn dates are confirmed as follows:

December 14th	April 26th
January 18th	May 17th
February 22nd	June 21st
March 22nd	

Fresh from the Farm

- Produce will be delivered on **December 12** to the school between 9am-12pm.
- Once it has been delivered, 2-3 volunteers are needed to help put orders together starting at 1:00pm for 1-2 hours. We are looking for 1-2 volunteers to help with distribution later in the afternoon.
- **Orders MUST be picked up between 4:00-7:00pm**, because the produce is perishable and there is nowhere to store it in the school. If you are unable to pick up your order, you are responsible for organizing someone to pick it up for you.
- If you are able to help out, please email Jamie at rhopcfundraising@gmail.com.

Spaghetti Dinner and Book Fair

- Once again spaghetti dinner and the scholastic book fair were a huge success. Enormous thanks to Margaret Rose and Leslie Gregory and their army of volunteers for making these events so much fun.
- Final numbers are not yet in but we will report on them in January. Before expenses we took in:
 - \$1465.00 for spaghetti dinner (expenses about \$100)
 - \$4358.00 for book fair
- Thanks also to David Handelman who sold his books as part of this event and donated \$1 per book sold to Council, to a total of \$7.

Ottawa 67's Fundraising

- Up for discussion this month is the possibility of partnering with the Ottawa 67's (our local OHL team) to raise funds for our school.
- Timeline would be early January or early February game on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon.
- There are different options but the idea is that they give us a block of tickets to sell at a discounted price (\$10 per ticket) and School Council would keep any mark up. Regular ticket price ranges from \$20-\$32 for Saturday and Sunday afternoon games depending on age and section.



Robert Hopkins School Council Record of Discussion – December 6, 2018

rhopcouncil@gmail.com (NEW)
Twitter: [@rhopcouncil](https://twitter.com/rhopcouncil) (NEW)

- Transportation is not provided. There is a shuttle service that runs from Carleton University for free or underground parking is \$8.
- Included in the fundraising packages are a few other perks, depending on which package we choose:
 - our choir can sing the National Anthem before the game (all students singing in the choir would be entitled to a free ticket);
 - 1 hour of ice time on game day for anyone who has purchased a ticket through us to the game;
 - 67's experience which allows a select group of students to go down to ice level for high-fives with the players etc.; or
 - concourse performance, which allows the choir to perform songs that they would like (some schools select this because they want to do something other than the typical anthem).
- Ms. Grimsey is interested in taking the choir to a game but it will depend on dates and logistics.
- The tickets are sent under consignment. We must start with 50 and then three weeks out the 67's take back any unsold tickets. If needed they can add tickets should we sell more than planned.

School Council selected Anthem Program 1:

- 50 tickets
 - Anthem Performance
 - Group Shout Out
- Package Total: \$750.00*

Fun Fair 2019

- The following vendors have been booked:
 - Big Sky Ranch Petting Zoo
 - Run Amok Inflatables: Rollercoaster Obstacle Course, Wizard's Castle Combo Unit
 - Orbital Talent, 2 Balloon Artists
 - Menchie's Frozen Yogurt
 - The Wild Rooster, 2 face painting artists
 - Coldrey Family DJ services
 - Funlight Laser Tag and Cotton Candy.



ANNEX 3

Treasurer's Report

Reporting Period: November 1-30, 2018

Report created by Rich Tremblay (Treasurer) on behalf of the Robert Hopkins School Council

Financial Update

1. Opening Balance: **\$8,531.63**
2. Income Received: **\$6,033.77**
 - a. Glow Run (Square): **\$9.77**
 - b. Popcorn - November: **\$118.00**
 - c. Spaghetti Dinner (SCO):¹ **\$1,245.00**
 - d. Spaghetti Dinner (Cash):¹ **\$220.00**
 - e. Jimmy Meets Books: **\$83.00**
 - f. Book Fair:² **\$4,358.00**
3. Expenses Paid: **-\$2,805.46**
 - a. Popcorn Expenses: **-\$47.46**
 - b. Transfer to School (Cheque 3020): **-\$260.70**
 - c. Fun Fair Balloon Artist: **-\$847.50**
 - d. Fun Fair Bouncy Castle: **-\$1,649.80**
4. Closing Balance: **\$11,759.94**

Notes:

¹ Spaghetti Dinner income of \$1,465 exceeds last years \$1,385

² Book Fair right in line with last year's \$4,350