



1. WELCOME

2. SCHOOL UPDATE

a) Principal report

- **Thank you** for Council support to families in need.
- **Report Cards:** To be sent home February 14. Explained achievement chart and criterion-based assessment, where Level 3 (of 4) is where a student is meeting expectations. Discussion focused on how teachers encourage kids to go beyond by building the criteria for success together with them.
 - For more information: [Growing Success](#), Ministry of Education, 2010 and [Kindergarten addendum](#).
- **Sledding/Tobogganing:** Letter sent home with students outlining School's approach. The school has small hills with no obstructions. Sledding is currently not possible (due to how the snow is ploughed) but should weather/snow situation permit, the school will allow students to sled down the hills during recess in a designated area under school supervision. Families may choose that their children do not take part by returning the letter that was sent home. Families may also send a helmet for their children to wear.
 - [Ophea](#), which manages Ontario Physical Education Safety Guidelines, recommends that children wear helmets when sledding or tobogganing.
- **Wellness plan:** Three areas of focus: student voice, resilience and community-building initiatives. To help build community within the school, the school is undertaking a "2x10 initiative" targeting students at risk or students who need extra support from an adult. For 10 days, adults in the school (another teacher, school custodian, etc.) will seek out a specific student to have 2-minute conversations with them. The children are not aware of the initiative; the conversations are student-led and natural. Teachers are identifying students who could benefit from the initiative.

b) Teacher update

- **Yoga:** Begins Tuesday January 15 for Grades 1-5 students. There will be 3 sessions per week for 8 weeks. Interested students will participate in one session per week. 157 students have signed up to participate in the program; 6 teachers volunteering to supervise.
- **Choir:** Grades 3-5 choir will sing the national anthem acapella at the February 15 Ottawa 67s game. Members will be bringing home participation forms. Families will be responsible for transportation. Choir members will be able to watch the hockey game for no cost and must be accompanied by an adult, who can purchase tickets for \$15 - see Fundraising Committee Update in Annex 2 for more information on the Ottawa 67s game.
- **Galaxy intramurals:** Grades 3-5 will take part in this version of dodgeball, to help develop teamwork and targeting skills.
- **Kindergarten information night:** Wednesday January 30 at 6pm.
- **Tennis workshop:** All students to participate on February 4 and 6.



- **Basketball:** Interested Grades 4-5 to participate in this interschool activity beginning in February with a tournament March 6.
- **WE Day:** 14 Grade 5 students to be selected to travel to Montreal by bus on February 11 to participate in WE Day at the Theatre Saint Denis. [WE Day](#) celebrates students making a difference through charitable activities that benefit the local and global community. Application for Grade 5 students were sent home on January 10.
- **Carnaval d’Hiver:** Being organised by the French immersion teachers in February (date TBC) (like the Carnaval in Quebec City).

3. HOW TO SUPPORT OUR CHILD’S MATH INSTRUCTION: PRESENTATION BY MS. LYNSDAY KEYES (GRADE 1 AND 2/3 EFI ENGLISH/MATH)

- Ms. Keyes provided a very interesting presentation, which was followed by a very engaged discussion, on a new approach being taught in math classes.
- “Number Talks” are a specific way of teaching and reinforcing mental math strategies in a group setting. Teachers in all grades are doing “Numbers Talks” for a few minutes daily.
- Teachers are also doing “Number Talk Check-ins”, a written exercise each child completes individually, every three weeks to help confirm whether students are really understanding the different mental math strategies discussed and how to apply them to different math problems.
- School has found this approach to be very beneficial. It allows students to answer questions at their own pace and promotes opportunities for students to learn from each other. The approach encourages flexible thinking, and looking at a problem and its solution from multiple angles.
- Families were encouraged to support their children’s math learning at home by asking mental math questions and exploring which strategy the children used to find the solution. Should your child not get the correct answer, families were encouraged to explain the approach they would use to find the solution.
- Discussion included helping families become more familiar with the concepts being taught and how they resemble the approaches that adults would have learned at school. Discussion also touched on the benefits of learning multiple strategies, as different strategies can be applied more effectively to certain problem and not others. Document shared: [Number Talk common language](#).
- Reference: Dr. Alexandra Lawson, Lakehead University, ON.

4. COMMITTEE UPDATES

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

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

- **Movie night:** Council agreed to keep February 22 date and to show a movie that is suitable for the younger students. Please email Jamie at rhopcfundraising@gmail.com if you have suggestions for the movie.



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c) Greening Committee

- No update provided in January.

5. BUDGET

- No update provided in January as Treasurer was absent. School request for financial support from Council to be discussed with Council Co-Chairs before February School Council meeting.

6. ROUNDTABLE

- **Next School Council dates:** February 7 (1st Thursday), March 7 (1st Thursday), April 11 (2nd Thursday), May 9 (2nd Thursday), June 13 (2nd Thursday). [Calendar](#) with these dates is available to print.
 - **Planning for future meetings:** In February and March, seeking to organise presentations from the school's social worker on resilience and School Board Trustee Sandra Schwartz.
- **Fun fair silent auction:** Discussion on how to increase involvement of school families. Seeking volunteers to help with the silent auction, including preparing and sending out letters to seek donations, collecting donations. Nice to see if we could go out more broadly. Brings the most money of all fundraising activities.
 - Please contact Jancey Wallace at rhopcfundraising@gmail.com if you can help out.

Meeting adjourned

REMINDER:

- **Materials for Council babysitters:** School Council welcomes any donation of games or crafts supplies for the babysitters to use; supplies will be kept at the school.



ANNEX 1

Communications Committee Update: December 7, 2018 to January 10, 2019

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

- Emailed our volunteer designer with a request to update of our full logo, which includes our name (to change name from Parent to School Council).

2. School Council web pages:

- Have a few volunteers who have offered to help write and/or edit web content.
- Now just need to get organized by prioritizing and parsing out the work.
- Will try to schedule a planning / kick-off meeting to do this and to brainstorm content ideas.
- 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.

3. School Council Bulletin Board:

- Leslie has been working on a refresh of the Bulletin Board for winter.
- We will change up a few things – e.g. making a standard announcement poster for recurring “events” such as monthly meetings and Popcorn Day, where the bulk of it stays the same, and we just need to update the date.
- May adjust the layout slightly to better fit the types of posts we usually have, and make it easier to maintain.



ANNEX 2

Fundraising Committee Update – January 10, 2019

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

Email Contact: rhopcfundraising@gmail.com

Popcorn Day

Next popcorn dates are confirmed as follows:

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

Fresh from the Farm

Thanks to those who popped in at the last minute to package and distribute produce. It was a quick and easy process. Feedback from families has all been positive, the produce was fresh, affordably priced and well timed for the holiday season. Many families have expressed their desire to participate again next year.

Ottawa 67's Fundraising

With the help of Ms. Grimsey, School Council will be providing the RHop Choir with the opportunity to sing the national anthem before an Ottawa 67's game. We have chosen Anthem Program 1, which includes:

- 50 tickets
- Anthem Performance
- Group Shout Out

Game date is **Friday February 15, 2019 at 7pm** at TD Place in Lansdowne Park.

Tickets will cost us \$10 each if we sell all 50 or \$14 each if we do not. If we need more than 50 tickets they will be sold to us for \$10 each. (Note that full price tickets for Friday night games are usually \$20 each). We have chosen to sell the tickets for \$15 each and spend the profits on supporting those choir students and families who may need it in order to attend – on transportation or tickets – since the funds are not needed in the budget elsewhere.

Tickets are being sold through school cash online until January 31 and can be picked up in the main office anytime after February 1.

Spring Action Trampoline

Once again, Spring Action Trampoline has agreed to host an afternoon of jumping and will donate the proceeds to Robert Hopkins. General public are welcome. Thanks to Danielle Armengaud who has organized the afternoon. Open jump for RHop will be on **Sunday January 27 from 12pm-3pm**, at a cost of \$10 per person.



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No concerns raised at the meeting about approaching Dominion City to ask them to donate a buck a beer to Robert Hopkins during the open jump time.

Winter Movie Night

We have the school gym reserved for **Friday February 22**.

Discussion Points:

1. Date change: With the 67's Game happening the Friday before would council still like to move forward with a February movie night? Is there a better night in March to do it? Decision: Keep it on February 22.
1. Movie selection: Typically movie nights have been more popular with the younger students. Last year the Junior movie chosen was too scary for the younger crowd. Suggestions?

New Gmail Address

In an effort to remain consistent in our messaging as Robert Hopkins School Council, the fundraising committee gmail will now be rhopcfundraising@gmail.com.