



RHPS School Council Meeting Minutes

Recorded by A. Twohey

6:30 p.m.

- Andy Hall, Co-Chair – opens meeting
- Intros
- Andy: Events since last meeting:
 - Trampoline – thank you to Danielle Armengaud
 - Movie Night – thank you to Sarah MacGregor
- School Update
 - Andy:
 - No information from teachers
 - Received first shipment of French books
 - Louise Hutchinson, Vice Principal:
 - Teachers welcome Tamara Taub to proceed with Green Team and blurb in Weekly Update
 - From Ms. Lacasse: thank you for snowshoes
 - Book information from Mr. Paul. \$8,860. Couldn't split order; costs extra.
 - Margaret Rose, Treasurer:
 - Will propose amendment to budget to address this
 - Has different numbers
 - Picnic tables are not coming this year. Possibly never. Todd Thompson [former Principal] had suggested we use those funds.
 - Silent Auction may be quite small this year
 - My opinion is we can do this. Figures from Kim Belliveau, is ~\$9,000. High shipping costs. Second shipment in April.
 - **I move that we cover all of books now.** Knowing that, if there is movement on the picnic tables, we may go into the red this Council year, but will make it up next year.
 - Celine Leduc, Principal: Noted
 - **Andy: Seconded.**
 - Margaret: I thought it would be \$4,000 this year and \$4,000 next. It will be over budget, and all this year.
 - Andy: Any opposed?
 - Tamara: Question: Have we not paid for the picnic tables?
 - Louise: We have to ask the School Board for permission



- Tamara: So, nowhere close, so funds for tables are up for grabs
 - Andy: Paying another \$1,300 for books
 - Jancey Wallace: How much for shipping?
 - Of voting members present, any opposed? **All members present voted in favour. None opposed.**
 - Celine:
 - From the Board:
 - Labour dispute
 - We don't a lot of information.
 - I haven't heard a lot of talk about it, which is good. Kids get the attention they deserve.
 - Transfer period
 - Zero capacity. Anyone who applies, even if they meet criteria, will be denied. Policy allows families to appeal. Board will look and make a decision. Principal has no say.
 - Maria Blahoianu: If a new family moves in...
 - Celine: OK if in our area.
 - Louise: It hasn't happened before.
 - Staffing
 - Received projected numbers for next year. Louise and Celine will look at those and registrations of kindergarten, and try to ensure we are getting proper staffing so we don't have to restructure in the Fall. Only area where numbers seem low is JK. Too early.
 - Transition:
 - Plan for kinder yard. Will seek advice from kinder families to see what we can do differently or more creatively to ensure all spaces are used for play.
 - Goal is to know all student names by March Break.
- Tamara: Question – During labour disputes, as a parent, are we able to send emails to teachers to ask how kids are doing, or asking about work, etc.?
 - Celine:
 - You absolutely can. The difficulty is when they can meet with you. Their time is more limited. You are within your rights and they can answer that. They can't say, "If I had a report card, this is what it would say."
 - We can't have staff meetings, but we are still meeting about students.
 - Mary Lebeau: You can talk to teachers. If you want marks, you can email the Principal.
 - Celine: You have a right as a parent to know how your child is doing. That is ongoing, whether there is a labour dispute or not.



- Francine Peart: Can the school send something out re: what the strike is about?
 - Andy: We as a Council made a decision not to be political; to stay neutral. I suggest checking the two union websites.
- Danielle: Is there a point at which school will go into the summer?
 - Celine: The *Education Act* says a minimum number of days. That said, the government can change things. I have not heard anything formal.
- Brunella Buscicchio: Plans to recover lost lessons – more homework?
- Celine: Will speak to Superintendent.
- Tamara: Question about snow days. What are the requirements when the busses are cancelled – do you need X number of students before you can do classroom work?
 - Celine: I've never heard of that. Snow days are different for each site. Here, not much different than a regular day. I can't guide staff as to what I would like snow days to be, as I don't have the opportunity right now.
 - Mary: Can we assume no new work when kids can't get to school?
 - Louise: Kids never have to catch up if they're not here on a snow day.
- Fundraising Report: Margaret Rose, Interim Fundraising Committee Chair
 - *See Report attached at Appendix 1*
 - Popcorn Day changed to Monday, Feb 24, or next school day
 - Thank yous for Movie Night
 - Thank yous for Spring Action Trampoline Day
 - March 5 – Fundraising Committee Meeting (pending resolution of strike or at Margaret's house)
 - Tamara: Change venue instead of date?
 - Margaret: Agrees.
 - 67s Game
 - April 3 School Dance 6:30-8:00 p.m.
 - Joyce Coldrey: Remind parents to supervise children.
 - Danielle: Concern re: overcapacity? Have never done anything for free, without registration.
 - Margaret: Todd didn't think it was a problem.
 - Louise: Advises to look at the numbers.
 - Sarah: Request to look into volume of music. Too loud.



- Silent Auction
- Fun Fair
- Treasury Report, Margaret Rose, Treasurer:
 - *See attached Appendix 2 for Interim Report*
 - Tamara: Ability to run the yoga program? We have a donation from Action Marshall Arts.
 - Louise: Additional layer: instructor is a teacher.
 - Andy: If we're not going to spend it, will discuss with AMA whether we extend, run later, etc.
 - Louise: Right now, not running classes.
 - Tamara: We should let them know as a courtesy.

8:13 p.m.: Meeting adjourned



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Record of Discussion, February 12, 2020

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APPENDIX 1 – FUNDRAISING REPORT



**Fundraising Committee Report to Robert Hopkins School Council
February 12th, 2020**

Members: Margaret Rose, Stephanie Reid, Jamie McCallum, Leslie Gregory, Lama Chami, Tara McNally, Jancey Wallace, Maria Yasin, Tamara Taub, Jennifer Lowe, Sarah MacGregor, Emily Damiani, Annalee Rice, Tina Drotar, Janet Hare, Danielle Armengaud, Andy Hall

Email Contact: rhopcfundraising@gmail.com

Important Dates:

February 24nd - Popcorn Day

February 28th - Ottawa 67's Game

March 5th - Fundraising Committee Meeting

April 3rd - Spring Dance

*Margaret Rose will take over as committee chair temporarily due to Phase 5 Strike protocol

Movie Night - Lego Movie II (Community Event)

Thank you, thank you to Sarah MacGregor for coordinating a fun and successful movie night! Thanks also to all the volunteers who pitched in to help at the event and to Leslie Gregory who created the beautiful advertising material. As always, our local Pizza Pizza supported our event by providing low cost pizza for sale and we appreciate their support in making the night a financial success. The event was well attended and despite being a community event we raised over \$300!!

The current breakdown of costs and expenses is below. There may be small revisions once school cash online is reconciled for the month.

Tickets sold in advance: 127

Tickets at door: 27

Total attendance: 154

\$136 School Cash online (before Jan. 16)

\$ 27 Tickets at the door

\$ 19 Popcorn sold at event

\$ 76.50 Pizza sold at event (and unmarked popcorn and door)

\$389 Estimated school cash online remaining total (pizza+tickets)

Costs \$316.40 pizza

Refund due to a family emergency of \$14



Estimated Event Profit: \$317.10
on the budget it will show as \$158 because the tickets and popcorn sold get counted as popcorn (that portion is \$170).

Spring Action Trampoline Day

Thank you, thank you to Danielle Armengaud for coordinating Spring Action Trampoline Day once again this year.

25 kids joined in the fun over the three hours and Spring Action will donate the \$120 profit back to school council. We appreciate Spring Action's continued support and look forward to seeing them at Fun Fair.

For more information on programming run at Spring Action Trampoline, please visit their website. <https://www.springaction.ca/>

Fundraising Committee Meeting (tentative depending on strike progression)

The spring Fundraising Committee Meeting will take place on Thursday March 5th at 8pm, at Jamie's house. 816 Eastvale Drive.

Discussion will include a debrief of fall events, planning of upcoming events including the Spring Dance, Fun Fair and Silent Auction.

All are welcome to attend. This is the meeting in which discussion will occur and decisions will be made regarding events, which will then be communicated at the March Council meeting to the rest of council. There will not be an opportunity at general council meetings to discuss event details as it takes too much time and does not provide event planners enough lead time to take on many or major changes. If you have suggestions or feedback but are unable to attend the Fundraising Committee Meeting, please email them to rhopcfundraising@gmail.com with the subject line Fundraising Committee Meeting.

Ottawa 67's Game

Our second annual 67's Game Day is on, thanks to Margaret Rose!

Last year this event was run together with School Council volunteers and teachers. This year due to ETFO strike protocol, teachers are unable to participate and the choir practices have been cancelled until phase 5 has come to an end. School Council has decided to take on this event entirely and despite the choir being cancelled, Margaret will facilitate a group of singing students to sing the National Anthem before the game.



Game Day is Friday February 28th, 7:00pm - Ottawa 67's vs. Oshawa Generals.

Tickets are \$15 per person. **No supervision will be provided and all children must be accompanied by supervising adults.**

Children who have signed up to sing with Margaret DO NOT need to buy a ticket, but their accompanying adults and other family and friends do.

Tickets can be picked up in the main office beginning Feb. 24.

Parking can be pre-purchased separately from the 67's for \$10, or there is a shuttle from Carleton U, or OC Transpo is free with a ticket: <https://ottawa67s.com/transportation>

Tickets must be purchased through school cash online by Wednesday February 19th. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Event Type: Community Event

Goal: Bring students and parents together, fundraising is secondary and incidental

Considerations to facilitate inclusion:

- Tickets are offered at a discounted price
- Singing students receive a free ticket
- Public transportation to the event is available

Environmental considerations:

- n/a

Co-ordinator: Margaret Rose

Spring Dance

This year's dance will be coordinated once again by the Coldrey Family.

Date: Friday April 3rd, 6:30-8:00pm

Theme: Western

Time: tbd

Tickets: Free

Costumes are welcome but not mandatory. As in years past there will be a smoothie bar and bake sale.

Volunteers will be needed to help with ticket sales at the door, baking for the bake sale, shopping, smoothie making, bake sale table and clean up. Please contact Joyce at rhopcfundraising@gmail.com if you can help.

Event Type: Fundraising Event



Goal: Earn money to facilitate school/council goals which benefit all students

Considerations to facilitate inclusion:

- Tickets are free so all can attend, fundraising will be accomplished through bake sale and smoothie sales
- Costumes are optional, prizes will be given not only for costumes

Environmental considerations:

- Smoothie cups and straws will be compostable
- Parents encouraged to bring their own water bottles
- Green bins and recycling bins will be available and labelled
- No glow bracelets etc. given out at the door

Co-ordinator: Joyce Coldrey

Silent Auction Update

So far Jancey has received 16 silent auction items. If we are to earn as much as we have in the past, many more items are required. If you are able to write a letter, donate an item or service or pick up items, please contact Jancey. Currently we are not on track to earn what we have in years past.

Fun Fair Update

Fun Fair this year will be on Saturday May 23rd. So far we have booked;

- Bouncy castle
- Laser tag
- Cotton candy
- Princesses
- Balloon guys
- DJ
- Crock a doodle

Event Coordinators Needed!

Interested in helping with fundraising in a bigger way? The fundraising team is looking for volunteers to take on the role of popcorn coordinator, Fresh From Farm coordinator for fall 2020. Please see Jamie if you are interested.



APPENDIX 2 – TREASURY REPORT

Treasury Report
10 Feb 2020

Correction to December statement
Popcorn withdrawal was \$142.00, not \$142.37 (cheque error)
December 31 Balance: \$12,757.31

January Statement - Interim
January 1 Balance: \$12,757.31

Deposits: \$3,062.50 +?
\$ 53 +? - Popcorn (+ more)
\$ 175 - Movie Night cash float
\$ 258.50 +? - Movie Night (+ more)
\$2,576.00 - Action Martial Arts yoga program

Withdrawals: \$2,602.52
\$2,000.00 - Christmas Gift Cards
\$ 111.12 - Popcorn (includes 0.37 left off last cheque)
\$ 175 - Movie Night cash float
\$ 316.40 - Movie Night expenses

January 31 Balance: \$13,217.29 + ?

Pending Transactions:

Deposits:
\$? - January Popcorn
\$~389 - Movie Night
\$20 - Fresh from the Farm

Withdrawals:
\$14 Refund Movie Night
\$530 Colourful Chameleon
\$150 Spaghetti Dinner Caterer

Current Balance: \$13,612.29 + ?

Upcoming:
Yoga Program \$2,576
Deposits for Fun Fair vendors ~\$2000



- Proposed adjustment to Budget: There are cost and logistical problems with splitting up the order of French readers over two years. I move that we buy the full amount of French readers this year, as per Todd's suggestion (total now \$9400). There is no timeline for the completion of the picnic tables, so that money can be available. When and if there is movement from the Board on the picnic tables, the school operations account will cover the cost if we can't and we will reimburse them next year as needed.