

Oyster Pond Academy

SAC Meeting Minutes | April 21, 2021 | 6 p.m.

In attendance: John Verlinden (Chair), Barb Gromick (Principal), Kelly Hale (Vice Principal), Ryan Richards, Margo Humphrey, Heidi Fraser, Aaron Zinck, Sam Holmes. Regrets: Matt Coolen and Yolanda MacDonald.

Old Business:

We need to source funds for the security cameras and a new curtain for the gymnasium. The costs are high for both. We are exploring external funding options. We could explore moving the cameras that are currently working to protect the most vulnerable areas of school property. SAC may be asked to arrange fundraisers in the future, if government funding sources don't come through. John continues to explore government funding.

New Business

The Department of Education is issuing a student survey for Grades 4-9 with a focus on wellbeing and overall satisfaction/feelings about their school experiences and resources available to them and self-reflection on how they feel about themselves. Mr. Caya will support students in understanding why we are asking for feedback and support is provided to students who need it. We will have the results by the end of August. The results will be compared to those of a similar survey completed two-years ago.

Provincial Assessments (literacy/math) for Grades 3 and 8 are coming up. Mr. Caya also supports students with this experience. Results will be available next year.

Update on Ongoing School Maintenance and Upgrades:

- Stage Drape requires fire retardant treatment; no cost to the school.
- Wi-Fi boosters have been installed to support outdoor learning classes; we are looking to see if we can put up a protective casing around the boosters to protect them from damage from balls, etc.
 - ACTION: SAC members to investigate how to source the cage for the Wi-Fi booster.
- Building two Gaga Ball pits, idea was built on an experience Grade 8 students had on a field trip. Students and parents are helping to build the pit.
- We have a new external sign, donated by B&P Enterprises, that will allow for school community messages.

\$25,000 Investment to Support Outdoor Learning

OPA has received this investment from the government to support outdoor learning. Administration will consult with SAC to seek potential ideas on how we could use this. Ideas could be outdoor theatre, whiteboards or gardens. OPA teachers will also be consulted.

Grade 9 Year End Celebration (June 25)

Following COVID-19 protocols, we will host an event for Grade Nine students. It will include having the BandWagon Food Truck onsite and a fun celebration of the students' journey through OPA including character awards to celebrate every students' unique contributions to the OPA community. Students will be gifted a T-shirt.

Adjourned: 6:35