



# OCASC October 2019 Meeting Minutes

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Date: 17 October 2019  
Location: Fisher Park School (Library), 250 Holland Avenue  
Time: 7:00pm to 9:00 pm

## Attendance

Total attendance	38	Total non-member schools represented	16
Total schools represented	38	Total guests	3
Total member schools represented	22		

Total member schools to date 22 (Quorum = 33 % = 5)

## Member Schools:

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| 1. Agincourt Road PS: Michelle Berry               | 13. Henry Larsen ES: Melody Currie                         |
| 2. Alta Vista PS: Nancy Dean<br>(Membership)       | 14. Jockvale ES: Phil McKee                                |
| 3. Bayview PS: Rosy Young<br>(Recording Secretary) | 15. John McCrae SS: Wendy Firth                            |
| 4. Broadview PS: Susana Matos                      | 16. John Young ES: Aaron Driscoll                          |
| 5. Brookfield HS: Dawn Williams                    | 17. Lakeview PS: Michael Edmonds                           |
| 6. Canterbury HS: Rowan Hartmann                   | 18. Manor Park PS: Safina Dewshi<br>(SEAC)                 |
| 7. Cedarview MS: Wendy Firth                       | 19. Ridgemont HS: Nancy Dean<br>(Membership)               |
| 8. Elgin Street PS: Malaka Hendela<br>(Co-chair)   | 20. Severn Avenue PS: Mark Warriner                        |
| 9. Elmdale PS: Caroline Hutton                     | 21. Sir Robert Borden HS: Helen<br>Norman (Communications) |
| 10. Farley Mowat PS: Marc Feliciano                | 22. South March: Christine Moulaison<br>(Co-Chair)         |
| 11. Fielding Drive PS: Dawn Williams               |  |
| 12. Glashan PS: Lisa Greaves<br>(Treasurer)        |  |

## Non-Member Schools:

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| 1. Castlefrank ES: Crystal Blais             | 9. Longfields-Davidson Heights SS<br>Lisa Brennan |
| 2. Forest Valley ES: Michael Beeson          | 10. Mutchmor PS: Alexandria Sjoman                |
| 3. Glashan PS: Claudia Ortiz                 | 11. Roberta Bondar PS: Elham Seddigh<br>Ayafer    |
| 4. Glebe CI: Corinna Vester                  | 12. Sir Wilfrid Laurier SS: JP Grimes             |
| 5. Glen Ogilvie PS: Amanda Smith-<br>Kennedy | 13. Stittsville PS: Martyn Reid (PIC)             |
| 6. John Young ES: Dwayne Routliffe           | 14. Stonecrest ES: Patricia McKeage               |
| 7. Katimavik ES: Ian Urbach                  | 15. Trillium ES: JP Grimes                        |
| 8. Lisgar CI: Sonja Arias                    | 16. Woodroffe PS: Maggie Green                    |

## Guests:

1. Engy Masieh OCSDB Policy Analyst
2. Laura Cater Parent – John McCrae SS
3. Kahmaria Pingue – SCFS



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*The Ottawa-Carleton Assembly of School Councils (OCASC) is an umbrella organization for school councils and parents in the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board (OCDSB) to share information and facilitate communication within the OCDSB communities to enhance the education of all its students. Learn more here: <https://ocasc.ca/about-ocasc-2/about-ocasc/>*

## 1. Call to order

The Co-Chair (Christine Moulaison) called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm and welcomed members and guests.

## 2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Agenda: Approved as presented. Motion: Glashan; Second: Canterbury

September Minutes: Approved as presented. Motion: Henry Larsen; Second: Lakeview

## 3. Update from Your Executive

Communications Update:

- Helen Norman is the Communications lead
- Reason for website going down for last meeting was due to domain mix up. Has been fixed now.
- Membership form is being updated on the website, will be ready by next meeting.
- Goal to get minutes posted on the website within a week of the meeting—working with Membership to achieve this to include attendance
- Quick discussion about meeting notifications. General consensus was that Facebook Group notifications are preferred. Members also requested to have dates for the year posted on the OCASC website.

Reminder that many excellent resources are available through the Board, and on the OCASC website: <https://ocasc.ca/>

*Important links (listed on the right side of the OCASC home page)*

- [OCDSB Ottawa Carleton District School Board](#)
- [OCDSB App](#) Gives parents and students access to all that the OCDSB offer
- [OCDSB Draft Strategic Plan – 2019-2023](#)
- [OCDSB School Council Newsletter Archive](#)
- [ONFE Volunteers Ottawa Volunteers in Education \(OVIE \)](#) – volunteer opportunities
- [People for Education](#) an independent parent-led organization, working to improve public education in Ontario's English, Catholic and French schools
- [School Council Resource Guide – Updated September 2017](#)
- [School Messenger](#) Link to your child's school
- [Subscribe to the OCDSB School Council Newsletter](#)

Chair Update:

Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) update.

- PIC tasked with supporting Parent Engagement committees and councils.
- City of Ottawa is unique having intermediary bodies (e.g. OCASC) between PIC and the individual councils.
- PIC is doing a strategic planning exercise. In this context, they were given the flag that



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there will potentially be a significant change in the funding stream. This could include PRO Grant funding.

- By next month meeting, changes will be shared by Ministry and Board staff.
- Ministry has confirmed that the PRO (Parents Reaching Out) Grants from 2019 will carry on. But no new info yet for 2019-20 grants.
- Three parent reps were in attendance. Need parent volunteers. Need new parents to engage on that committee. Two spaces on the PIC for OCASC.
- OCASC reps put the OCASC voice forward. There are schools that are not represented at OCASC and those that don't have parent councils
- Existing PIC Rep (Martyn Reid) will be sending questions out to councils and OCASC members to find out more about the OCASC role for the future.
- Trying to figure out how to best engage with individual councils.
- PIC needs reps from councils and as individuals.
- OCASC rep will put out links to applications through the Facebook site. Need people who don't normally get engaged.
- School Boards are now required to collect ID data. Demographic information is a lot more than they have collected before. Elementary parents will be asked to respond on student behalf. Data will be used for planning across the board.

**\*\*\*REMINDER \*\*Parent conference: Saturday, 9 November 2019  
8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Longfields-Davidson Heights Secondary  
Please share invitations: [https://ocdsb.ca/parents/parent\\_conference](https://ocdsb.ca/parents/parent_conference)**

#### 4. Speakers: SNAP Program; Parents for Diversity;

- Stop Now and Plan (SNAP): Video presentation. SNAP is a proven program that teaches children with behavioural problems, and their parents, how to make better choices 'in the moment'. Families receive 1.5 hours a week for 13 weeks. One cohort has completed the program. Very good to hear testimonies after the program. OCDSB revising memorandum of understanding so they can operate in the schools. Renewing since expired in June. <https://childdevelop.ca/snap/home>
- Parents for Diversity: Started by parents with bi-racial children who had negative experiences in schools. Addressing issues of discrimination. Goal for all students to feel represented in curriculum and safe spaces. On Social media, share resources and suggestions for books. <https://www.parentsfordiversity.com/>
- Comprehensive School Health-African Dance Program. Multi- disciplinary program. Also, a social enterprise program. Teachers can engage with the students, physical, social, students raise funds through dance performance. Will send flyers to communications update. <https://uottawa-comprehensive-school-health.ca/african-dance/>  
Groups can also come to parent council meetings to promote.

#### 5. Committee Of the Whole (COW) Update:

- Christine was not able to attend the last meeting. Minutes and video are available at:
  - <https://pub-ocdsb.escribemeetings.com/Meeting.aspx?Id=b1e3e328-4d12-4526-802b-e8651529a574&Agenda=Agenda&lang=English>
  - (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vTDYaS1Vpg>)



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- Malaka recommended that all participant review discussion of Stittsville re-alignment exercise because it will likely have impact in other areas.

## 6. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Update:

- Looking for another alternate for SEAC-Agincourt volunteered
- Board is unsure of what the changes will be to Autism support.
- SEAC is talking about standards, IPRC identification, placement and review committee.
- Currently the standards do not clearly say that parents can request an IPRC. Parents currently receive the guide that references the parents right to request, when they've already been invited. Same for IEPs.
- May parents don't understand their students IEP:
  - Introduced Special needs roadmap: [www.specialneedsroadmaps.ca](http://www.specialneedsroadmaps.ca)
  - This was created by two women that have designed guide for parents with special needs; it has been posted on the OCASC Facebook Group page and will be added to the OCASC website (under "Information shared by OCASC Speakers")
  - Suggested as a speaker for the OCASC group.

## 7. Other Business:

- Manor Park public meeting update: Public consultation regarding parking lot changes. Most attendees were from community and not having children at the school. Concerned about loss of the green space. Concern about so many buses. The result is that the board is not doing anything right now. Buses are unsafe, green space not being lost.
- Vote on cancelling December meeting and running next meeting in January. Unanimous support; December meeting will be cancelled.
- Vote on moving March meeting to week following 26<sup>th</sup>, due to March Break. Unanimous support; Communications will post meeting dates on the OCASC website and on the Facebook page.

## 8. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm Into breakout sessions

### 9. Break Out Groups:

- Fundraising
- Communications with Parents:
- Communications with Schools: Trillium will lead
- General Council Administration: no interest

**Next meeting: Thursday November 21, 2019**