

CSPC Online Meeting October 20, 2021@6:30pm via Zoom

Attendance: Ms. Kyriakou, Principal,

Parents: Kimberley Evans , Nick Solomos, Angela Solomos , Alsha Mark, Charisse Elliott and 7 parents
Total 13 participants

Prayer: Anyta Kyriakou

Land Acknowledgement: Kimberley Evans

Virtual meeting Protocols: Anyta Kyriakou

Review and Approval of previous minutes from September 22, 2021 will be amended to include the recipients of bursary given out in June 2021. The winner was Matteo Raschella. The minutes could not be accepted as we did not have enough members to vote. The minutes of the September 22nd meeting and October 20, 2021 will be introduced and accepted in CSPC meeting, November 17th.

Report from the Chair: Kim updated members of the meeting on the opportunity to be part of OAPCE and that are representatives are Kurt and Charisse and a reminder that the OAPCE will take place on Monday, November 29, 2021. All parents are welcome to join OAPCE anytime at this link: <http://eepurl.com/giQz0P> which will take you directly to the sign up forms.

Principal Report - Anyta Kyriakou :

- Lockers will NOT be issued or available until the end of the semester, which has been decided by the TCDSB Board. With TPH guidelines, along with the province and the board it is impossible to organize 1300 students 6 ft apart or prevent students from mixing when they are at their lockers. Even though there have been only 3 cases, there has been no spread within the school. The main concern with lockers is there is no way to control students being together and mixing.
- Cafeteria services are not able to be provided for a number of reasons. First being that at the present time students are being relocated to the cafeteria at lunch who are in Phys. Ed class, science class or computer lab, as they are not allowed to eat in these rooms with equipment and labs being present. It is a safety issue. Therefore 8 to 9 classes are presently using the cafeteria for lunch and are assigned a specific table to prevent mixing in different cohorts as per TPH rules and social distancing. It is considered a quiet lunch and supervised. The cafeteria is not an option at this time.
- Cafeteria services is also a problem right now as the vendor has left food in the freezer since March 2020 and the freezer has been locked with no access allowed by the principal. The school has no access as it belongs to the contractor. There was both money and food in the freezer by the contractor. The freezer right now is broken and there has been leakage that is currently being fixed. The kitchen is uninhabitable at this point, this adds to the delay of providing cafeteria services. The opening of the cafeteria is unknown at this point. There are right now in the community options such as Tim Hortons, Subway, McDonalds etc.

- Vaping in washrooms is happening. One of the ways it has been discovered is through Anonymous tips- students have been informing the tip line. Three students were caught in the washroom by a teacher, one student ran away the other two brought to the office and searched backpacks and told to empty pockets. Potential public health fine \$1000. Anyta is not aware of anyone being charged this amount. There could be a lock down of bathrooms with one student at a time but then you need to have someone facilitate that and there is no staff available. There are currently 8 washrooms – 4 boys, 4 girls and there are 2 washrooms in the gym – 1 boys, 1 girls. Conclusion – No solution as we don't have the staff.
- Angela Solomos suggested that is it possible to make one section outside a place for them to vape as it was done in earlier years. Kids are going to smoke and vape and it is inevitable, so why not direct them to a place that it can be done without having a negative effect on other students going to the washroom. Walking into a washroom with someone vaping poses Covid risk as well as mental health as they are being put in a situation that the student now has witnessed someone vaping and worry that the students vaping will target them if they tell.
- Alicia Ravello Carabon has a student in Grade 9 and is new to the school. This would have impact on Grade 9 students.
- It was suggested that school messenger be a tool for Anyta to use to inform parents about vaping in the washrooms and give parents a chance to have a conversation to their young adults about students not vaping in the washrooms.
- Broken locks on Girls Washroom Stalls have been a problem caretaker is trying to fix them now. It would be helpful if students find a washroom with a broken lock that they report to the main office so that the custodian can fix it in a timely manner.
- Resources for students/ parents can be found on the Parent corner tab at ocsccommunity.ca and My School Day App. My school day app shows the class, the teacher and activities happening at OCS. There is also a remind app which is gives students from each grade an opportunity to connect with their guidance counselor and get pertinent information about courses and upcoming post secondary application.
- Post Secondary application procedures, university and college were given out this week to grade 12 so that they can see how the process works for both institutions. It will be posted on ocsccommunity.ca so that parents can view it.
- SHSM – Deadline for new signups this year October 22, 2021 teachers involved are Ms. Laura Cucchiara & Michael Paulo for Business and Mr. Mark Simone for Sports & Fitness
- Extracurricular activities have begun such as yearbook and for outdoor activities you can only participate in two activities at a time due to Covid restrictions but for virtual you can join as many clubs as you want. There are no restrictions regarding being vaccinated but you must be

aware that some venues – sports facility require only vaccinated students to participate. Currently there is Cross Country running, Junior boys soccer, Senior boys volleyball.

- Violence in schools- there were a couple of incidents that happened and fights were videotaped and started circulating. One of the students was OCS student grade 10.
- Nick Solomos is concerned about the recent violence in the school community and how it dealt with. The video that surfaced showing the fight was very disturbing. Anyta clarified that the incident did happen off school property but an incident like this is considered within the school climate and is taken very seriously. There is an ongoing investigation happening with police at this time.
- Lorna requested for Anyta to check the status of students as some in person students were classified as on line and it needed to be updated.
- Graduation this year is still undecided as it is related to Covid protocols. There is some discussion on what second semester might look like but at this point no concrete information has been decided. One of the options could be a return to regular learning mode 4 courses at a time for next semester. Anyta confirmed that 300 students will graduate this year. Typically 4 family members attend ceremonies with their student which puts the number above 1000 which exceeds the current Covid allowances for people to be in a public gathering. Further information will be provided once decisions have been made and direction from the Board.
- End of Meeting with a reminder that the next meeting will take place on November 17, 2021 at 6:30pm.