

OLYMPIC HEIGHTS SCHOOL COUNCIL & PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Meeting Agenda: April 16, 2026

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Attendees: Katrina Ducs, Alannah Turcott, Jessica Wilsher, Cheryl Alhashwa, Michelle McMullen,
Candace Van Acker, Alison Doebele, Jane Radiff
Online: 2 attendees

6:30pm	Welcome (<i>Chair, Michelle McMullen</i>) 1. Introductions 2. Agenda Approval – approved by Katrina Ducs, second by Alannah Turcott 3. Previous Meeting Minutes Approval – approved by Katrina Ducs, second by Michelle McMullen Link: February 2026 Minutes	5 Min
6:35pm	School Business & Administration Report (Principal Trevor Barkley, Assistant Principal Kaushik Tailor) <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Grade 2 team presentation – Thank you for funding the Reading Eggs program. They provided an overview of how Reading Eggs works. It is research-based and assesses each student and provides activities that are fun at the correct level for that student. They have also received some positive parent feedback on the tool.2. School Planning and Engagement – At the February session, we gathered data which can be found on our website under the Getting Involved Section.3. School updates/report<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Staffing and enrollment updates – RAM numbers were supposed to be released on April 9, but the board has pushed that back – they should be released around April 23. If we assume the same funding as last year, we will be in a deficit and need to reduce staff. However, initial indication from the board is that there might be some increases. At this time, we don't know how much or if we will still need to reduce staff. More information to come in May. The CBE has adjusted complexity funding from some other schools in our area that were included in the initial list. Staff update – Grade 2 – Ms. Jacobson will be coming back from leave. Ms Kounougeris' last day is April 23, so Ms. Jacobson will take over that class. We recognize this is a lot of change for that affected class, but think it's the best decision overall. Students will be informed of this change on Monday. Ms. Jacobson starts next Friday. She is an experienced grade 2 teacher so it should be a smooth transition. Ms. Perkins – Grade 6 teacher is still away due to medical issues. Not sure when she will return. The staffing situation was tough this week. We have often had to cancel phys	45 Min

ed or music so that those teachers can substitute in a classroom. Our concern is that this issue could get worse as they hire more teachers for complexity programs. If phys ed is cancelled the classroom teacher runs the phys ed for that day so the kids still get active time. Question – can we have a list of parents that can be on call to assist with these things? Answer – yes, that is a great idea, if parents are interested. Shortage of substitutes is not a new issue, but it is definitely worse this year. This is an issue that is happening everywhere, not just the CBE or not just Calgary. For example, we get funding for substitute relief during assessments, but all schools are doing assessments at the same time so it is hard to find a substitute. If you have any friends or neighbours new to the area ask them to enroll for next year so we have a good idea of numbers. The city-wide science fair was last weekend – several OHS students won medals – Congratulations to them all.

- b. Conferences/book fair – March 2026 book fair raised approx \$6K. This is lower than other years, likely due to the timing with spring break since many families were away. Thank you to the parent council for funding staff supper the night of the conferences.
 - c. Concert feedback – let parents know where each grade is sitting so parents know where to sit to see their kid. Can council fund a token of appreciation for Ms Tran? Something more personal than flowers.
 - d. Student involvement in the playground project – can we get a floor plan of the playground with the structure we are keeping? It would be great if the kids can help plan the new structure.
 - e. A moose was around the school yard this week. We still had recess outside but kept a close eye on the moose.
4. Student Voice – discussed the value of rules, how do rules make you feel at school? Safer, calmer, less uncivilized, “fine”. Who are rules for? It was a good discussion. Also, talked about how to solve problems as a group. How can you help each other follow rules? How to be a good friend when another friend gets elevated. Pause – then ask yourself is what I’m going to do going to help my friend or make the problem bigger. Discussed the idea that we don’t need to “fix” things, but just support, and this could include walking away.
- Contractors will be coming to paint and repair the compound area.
 - Upcoming events: Earth day – April 22, grade 6 will do a presentation, the whole school will do a school and yard clean up next week; class photos next week; grade 3 field trip at Heritage Park; grade 4 field trip to OH ranch. Elder Hal will be coming in the next few weeks. The last week of May is grade 6 outdoor school.
5. Technology – Monday we received 140 new Chrome books to replace some Mac Books that we returned. Now grade 3, 4, 5 and 6 each have their own laptop cart, plus there are still others. The iPad cart started to die so we will have a funding request for a new one. Had some fish tank

	<p>repairs done and when they came they said the tank was at end of life. Requested a quote for replacement and new stands – quote came back as \$6,694 plus GST, totaling \$7,340. Not a funding request at this time, but need to consider this near term expense. The quote includes full removal of the current tank, new steel stand, and new tank with installation. 1 tank is in good shape. Trevor to see if can get a deal for both tanks. Katrina will see if this can be funded from our casino funds.</p> <p>6. Funding requests (TBD) – iPad cart - \$2,936 plus \$400 for longer cables and charging adapters. Motion to approval up to \$3500 by Michelle McMullen and seconded by Alannah Turcott.</p> <p>7. Q&A. Q: How can we get students feedback and involvement for the new playground as soon as possible before we meet with vendors? We want to make sure we choose a vendor that can meet the needs of what the kids want. A: The playground committee can meet with classrooms or open to ideas on other ways to gather feedback. Q: Is the school looking at residencies? A suggestion is Nature Play. It is led by physiotherapists and involves doing outdoor unstructured loose play. Q: When is the kindergarten concert? A: It will be right before the volunteer tea in the last week of May or beginning of June. Kindergarten orientation is June 4.</p>	
7:20pm	<p>OHSPA Updates - Committee Reports - (Team Leads / Representatives)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chair Updates (Michelle McMullen) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Upcoming AGM in May – next meeting is our AGM. Think about if you want to continue in your current role, or change roles. Suggestion for treasurer role – should we have a second treasurer, or an auditor, and/or a cap on the number of years they can do it for. 2. Treasurer Update (Katrina Ducs) – Next casino funds need to be spent by August 2027. Approx \$40K. We also have approx \$28K in a separate “plant park” bank account – have agreed we can roll this money into the playground account. 3. Key Communicator Update (Kathryn Morgan, Jessica Wilsher) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Upcoming COSC Meeting on April 22, 2026 4. Special Events Update / Apparel Updates (Alannah Turcott) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. School dance - May 7, 2026 – everything is ready to go. Will need some volunteers to help on the day of the event – Chelsey will send an email to the school. b. Appreciation initiatives for bus drivers, support staff, and teachers – creating a thank you note for students to make for their teacher. These templates will go home tomorrow. Teachers are also able to choose a treat and drinks. We will purchase cookies and Tims gift cards for the bus drivers. 5. Fundraising and Casino (Jane Radiff) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Casino – received the funds from the last casino - approx \$90K. 6. Playground Fundraising Updates (Michelle McMullen) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Grant application updates – going very well and momentum is building. Western Financial - \$5K grant we will get next week. Received \$50K from Parks Foundation. Mike Ellis (MLA) called and we received a grant for \$125K – they want to do a large cheque presentation on May 1 at noon in Aspen. Received \$4K for 	40 Min

	<p>community enhancement from Lactalis. We have \$184K so far from grants and still waiting to hear back from some.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Playground site visits with potential vendors – these are coming up and we plan to meet with at least 3 companies. c. Website update – we have a volunteer to help us set up a website to get more donations. It will take 4-6 weeks to build. They need to buy a domain for \$32 for 2 years, plus \$40 per month. Motion to spend up to \$1200 on the website. Motion to approve by Alannah Turcott, seconded by Jessica Wilsher d. Potential coffee/lemonade stand fundraiser – SCA has their parade of garage sales on May 9 - can we do a lemonade stand in their parking lot that day? Haven't discussed with SCA yet as they wanted to see if anyone was interested first. Council agreed this is a good idea. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Kiss & Drop (Michelle Herbst) – thank you cards were made and dropped off to volunteers. They were very much appreciated. 8. Fun Lunch (Michelle Herbst) – 13 events completed so far. Raised \$4400. 6 events left. 10 students on the brown bag program. 9. Communications (Leah Makin, Susan McInnis) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Need to start Grade 6 grad planning. Grad is on June 24. 	
8:00pm	<p>Adjourn - Next meeting Thur. May 14 @ 6:30PM Meeting Adjourned @ 8:26 PM</p>	