

OLYMPIC HEIGHTS SCHOOL COUNCIL & PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Meeting Agenda: June 12, 2025

Hybrid meeting - Join in person in the Olympic Heights Learning Commons or via Zoom:

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Attendees: Candace Van Acker, Michelle McMullen, Tori Wright, Michelle Herbst, Jennifer Chow, Laura Osadetz, Katrina Ducs, Liana Phoenix, Jane Radiff, Alannah Turcott

6:30pm	Welcome (<i>Chair, Michelle McMullen</i>) 1. Introductions 1. Agenda Approval - Motion to approve by Michelle Herbst second by Laura Osadetz 2. Previous Meeting Minutes Approval - Motion to approve by Jennifer Chow second by Jane Radiff Link: May Minutes	5 Min
6:35pm	School Business & Administration Report (<i>Principal Trevor Barkley, Assistant Principal Kaushik Tailor</i>) 1. Teacher Presentation Grade 5 – Played a thank you video from students for Council support for tickets and bussing to the Hitmen Be Brave game. Also thanks for supporting Teacher’s Pet to come to the classroom and teach about human body systems. A highlight was the VR goggles with a trip into the human body’s digestive system. They talked about their field trip at the Confluence and the good time they had. They also had a trip to the Science Centre and did the body builder program and a program where they got to develop an invention to help save the planet. Grade 5’s participated in the Remembrance Day assembly, which included research to learn about local war memorials, exploring different indigenous soldiers, and then sharing at the assembly with songs and a poem. They went for community walks whenever possible and tied it back to classroom learnings (such as distance – how far is a kilometer, identify different clouds, etc). Had regular sit spots to connect with nature and reflect. They did a project with the new science curriculum where they developed a video game using the Scratch program. They got to set up their game in the plaza for the grade 4’s to try. This was a big hit for the grade 4’s and a fun project. 2. Construction Update – 2 portables were removed on Tuesday and the other 2 were moved to the Gaga ball pit area today and will move offsite tonight at 2am. The construction team has been really good. Next is remediation and this will be done over summer break. They put Tyvek on the open end of the school yesterday. Over the summer they plan to fill	

	the foundation, pour new concrete (bigger than now), adjust the grading, and add stairs and a door into the building. At the next council meeting (Sept) we will talk about what to do with the cement area when its complete. Mostly its been a successful project. They did have one issue when removing the 2 attached modulars where a wire was cut and the outdoor bells stopped working. Staff went out with a bull horn and told kids it was time to come in. It caused a bit of confusion but it is fixed now. 3. School Resource Allocation and Planning - planning for next year. Probationary teachers are all coming back including Ms Gill, Ms Kraft, and Ms Perkins who are all staying for next year in the same assignment. Ms Blunt will be joining as a new Grade 4 teacher. We might have a couple temporary positions as well. 1 will be for the full year but temporary to cover for Ms Ross. Currently interviewing for a PE teacher. One Grade 6 teacher (Ms Breakey) will move to Grade 5 since we have fewer Grade 6 students next year. Grade 4 will have 4 classes. Support staff is unchanged. Departing from OHS are Ms Song, Ms Giffin, Ms Scherman (intervention is no longer funded by the province), Ms Paul, Ms Cooper and Ms Williams. Things could always change before September but this is the plan as of now. 4. Information Updates (Events, Student Voice, Upcoming Dates) – - Grade 6 outdoor camp went well. It was a wonderful time. The kids feedback was that they loved the food, but disliked the outhouses. Had a stomach bug go through the group, so some kids had to go home early due to illness. This year it was 4 days and 3 nights. For next year we could consider reducing it by 1 day and night. It's a significant time commitment for the teachers and admin that attend. Parent Question: have we ever considered doing it in the fall? Answer: yes, there is a lot of maturity that happens over the year though so find doing it in the Spring is better. - Stampede breakfast is coming up on Friday June 20. They will be serving food from 8:30 to 9:30 before school. Stampede will be onsite at 7:30am and have planned to serve 1050 people. Might have extra food but hope to have an extra line so that it goes quicker than last time. Will likely be a delayed entry into school. The Stampede organization require 8 volunteers 15 mins before they start serving. School staff will do this role and help around the area. The whole event is mostly managed by the Stampede board. - Kindergarten celebration is tomorrow 10:30am to 11:15am. Younger siblings can attend but other students in the school cannot. Kindergarten students will have normal start and end times. - Grade 6 farewell coming up on June 24 at 9:15am to 11am followed by a special Healthy Hunger lunch for Grade 6 students only. Younger siblings can attend.	
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	- Sports Day – June 25 and includes Fitset Ninja. Fitset Ninja will be part of PE in the morning and everyone else can do it in the afternoon. This way they can adjust their set up for the different age groups and everyone can participate - Report cards will be available June 25 - Year end assembly and farewell for students and staff that are moving on is coming up - Final student voice: Concern about the environment, want to get rid of playground rocks – some Grade 6 kids can write a letter of support, loved the dances, concern about treating trees with respect, playing fair, etc. Ended the year on a good note. - Final of the 7 sacred teachings. Supposed to have Elder Hal this week, but he was injured so unable to attend this week. Overall, he has been very reliable. Relationships with elders are managed by the school board. This is connected to Truth and Reconciliation commitments - Truth and reconciliation commitments are set in June for next school year 5. Planning for Next Year – We should set meeting dates for next year. 6. Funding Requests – none at this time 7. Parent Q&A – Q: library – lots of discussion in the news about elementary school books being inappropriate. Any comments? A: This came out of the blue and was dictated by the province to remove 4 book titles with explicit content from all the schools. There are no big impacts to our school. The library has closed for this school year so that inventory can be completed and everything can be ready for fall. Q: For Sports Day is Fitset Ninja able to run rain or shine? A: Yes, they can move indoors if needed. Q: Is Ms Burch leaving OHS? A: She is temporary so currently interviewing for this position. However, Ms Burch is one of the applicants they are interviewing so could possibly be back. Q: Do we need any parent volunteers for the Stampede breakfast? A: No. Staff will be filling the volunteer positions so we should be good.	
7:20pm	OHSPA Updates - Committee Reports - (Team Leads / Representatives) 1. Chair Updates (Michelle McMullen, Tori Wright) – transitioning the Chair role from Tori to Michelle and will continue to transition over the summer. Leah Halewich is a new parent interested in joining our committee for Communications. Still a couple vacant roles that we would like to fill over summer or in Sept. The Engagement survey has been sent. We want to promote it once more and then will compile results. Will send a separate survey for council members and results can be presented in September for both. Motion to vote Leah Halewich into Parent Council	40 Min

	in a Communications role – motion to approve by Jane Radiff and second by Alannah Turcott 2. Parent Engagement Event (Michelle McMullen) - Thank you for the Tyler Smith event and everyone that contributed – he was fantastic! Total cost was \$3500 plus tax. Feel the cost was justifiable since it was presented to the entire school. He did great at answering all the student questions. Felt it was well worth it. 3. Treasurer Update (Katrina Ducs) – before July 31 hand in outstanding receipts in order to get them in the books before year end. Katrina will give a budget overview in our Sept meeting. Prior treasurer hadn't filed GST in 5 years. Tried filing it but it was rejected. Katrina will reach out to CRA to see why it was rejected but there is a chance we might not get the money back. It's approximately \$1700. The Playground account currently has \$27K. 4. Key Communicator COSC Update (Sumantra Ghosh) – not present 5. Special Events Update / Apparel Updates (Laura Osadetz, Alannah Turcott) – popsicles were a big hit for the grade 6 vaccines this week. Will have a School Council table on Sports Day with music, first aid, snacks, lost kids, etc. We have no other events for this year. Looking at booking a DJ for the Halloween dance since they book up fast. Thinking of either October 23 or 30. Planning a bottle drive for the fall through Skip the Depot as a playground fundraiser. Skip the depot can be used all year long to donate to the school if people don't want to keep their bottles until the fall. A communication will go out about this in a coming Friday update. Should add to our "To Do" list to review and update School Council website page. This can be found under the get involved section of the school website. 6. Fundraising and Casino (Jane Radiff) – Casino is happening in November. Lots of people have signed up for night shifts so far. About half of the spots are filled. Will do another big push for volunteers in the fall. 7. Playground Fundraising Updates (Michelle McMullen) – committee met on Tuesday and have a plan for next steps. Michelle has been working with KJ Street Consulting to assist with grants. Received a revised quote for the work which came in at \$343K. Currently waiting on 2 more quotes but don't need to wait for these to continue with grant applications. The consultants are not concerned about us being able to fundraise toward the goal. We can stack grants and can fundraise up until March. They went ahead for 3 grants that don't need matching. As more become available we can apply for more. We would like to have funds ready so that the project could potentially be done over the summer of 2026. Will have a table set up at the SCA stampede breakfast with the QR code for our 50/50. They want to have a table with games or coloring to draw people in. Can we make sure that CBE will not be bringing any fresh pea gravel in?	
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	8. Kiss & Drop (Michelle Herbst) – will need a push for more volunteers in the fall. 9. Fun Lunch (Michelle Herbst) - Raised \$11,100 so far this year and expect another \$1500 approximately for the remaining Healthy Hunger events. Decided for next year to lower costs a bit to make it more affordable. Last week Panago delivered pizzas for the teachers as well, which was a nice surprise. They appreciate the business. 10. Volunteering (Liana Phoenix) – for next year when teachers need volunteers can the request be more specific (ie length of time, tasks required, etc) so that we can do better planning and get the right volunteers? Suggestion to set up a template with all the required details needed that teachers can populate and submit when volunteers are needed. 11. Communications (Susan McInnis) – going to send a year end newsletter 12. Q&A Q: After the maintenance strike we have noticed some maintenance around the school has been lacking. A: Relationship has been not great. Multiple requests for kindergarten area have been made and it has been ignored. The school has all the supplies for grass and snow removal but it was not used. Admin has been trying to express concern but not getting any traction. Parents can express concern with the supervisor and it might get more action. Parent Suggestion: Can this tie into a garden club, or enviro club and have students do it? Can shovels be out and kids have opportunities to help the “school community”? Funding request: For grade 6 grad to buy decorations that are high quality to be used for multiple years and also storage bins to keep them in. We want to invest in some quality items that can be used for many years instead of re-purchasing things every year. Request for up to \$1000 extra. Motion to approve by Laura Osadetz and second by Liana Phoenix	
8:00pm	Meeting Dates for 2025-26. September meeting set for Sept 18 2025. Will keep same cadence as this year, the third Thursday of the month.	10 Min
8:10pm	Adjourn for the summer - Motion to approve by Alannah Turcott second by Tori Wright. Meeting adjourned 8:26pm	