

OLYMPIC HEIGHTS SCHOOL COUNCIL & PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Meeting Agenda: June 11, 2026

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Attendees: Laura Osadetz, Michelle McMullen, Michelle Herbst, Candace Van Acker, Krista Leonty, Alannah Turcott, Jane Radiff, Cheryl Alhashwa, Lisa Kirk, Alison Doebele

6:30pm	Welcome (<i>Chair, Michelle McMullen</i>) 1. Introductions 2. Agenda Approval – approved by Michelle Herbst, seconded by Jane Radiff 3. Previous Meeting Minutes Approval – approved by Michelle Herbst, seconded by Jane Radiff Link: May Minutes	5 Min
6:35pm	School Business & Administration Report (<i>Principal Trevor Barkley, Assistant Principal Kaushik Tailor</i>) 1. Grade 5 Presentation - (Ms. Semko, Ms. Breaky) – highlighted the new social studies curriculum this year. The librarian was able to get a bunch of new books related to the new curriculum which was a huge help. There is a lot about ancient civilizations, such as ancient trade (the Silk Road) and relating ancient civilizations to current ones. They are looking at research and working on a project to see if Canada should ban social media for kids under 16. They did a Teachers Pet Workshop in the fall that tied into the curriculum. Ms Breaky's class received a History Box from a Canadian museum and had the class explore different items. They learned about their item and then hosted a "museum" about the objects to educate other students. 2. School Resource Allocation and Staff Planning – currently in the middle of staffing for next year. Currently hiring for Phys Ed since the current teacher is probationary and we are in a surplus. Have been informed they will get 2 additional positions compared to what was originally thought to help with class sizes, which is a change from last meeting. Caveat is they direct how the teachers are assigned. These 2 new positions will be for Grade 6 and Grade 4/5 to keep the class sizes smaller. This means next year there will be 1 blended Grade 4/5 class. Currently hiring 4 teachers and 2 support staff. Ms. Bremner will still be on leave and will return after school starts and Ms Million will be going on leave some time next fall. Ms Adams is retiring. Reducing lunch supervisors by 1. Ms Uzma may be taking a leave and might be replaced. Departing teachers are Ms Kraft, Ms Preuss and Ms Perkins. Temps (3 teachers) will be leaving at the end of this year. This new plan will reduce class sizes in Grades 4,5,6 compared to the original plan discussed last month. We have had lots of interest in the posted positions, and currently in the interviewing stage. Substitute teachers will continue to be a challenge next year. Will have 2 – Grade 4 classes, 3 – Grade 5 classes, 1 - Grade 4/5 class (at 20 kids) and 3 - Grade 6 classes. On the last day of school there will be an assembly around 9:15 a.m. to celebrate all the clubs and a farewell for departing staff and students. 3. School updates a. Outdoor School – Grade 6 had a wonderful trip! Had great weather and no behavior problems this year. A few kids had to go home due to illness	45 Min

	and there was some home sickness. Looking at reducing it to 2 nights and 3 days for next year. This is still TBD. b. Kindergarten hours change – were informed by the board that Kindergarten hours on Fridays need to mirror Grade 1 to 6 hours. This was supposed to be the last 2 years but somehow got missed. Therefore it was decided to change kindergarten Monday to Thursday 9:00 to 12:14 and no Kindergarten on Fridays. c. School hours – the school hours will remain unchanged for the remainder of the school. 4. Upcoming events – Kindergarten celebration tomorrow. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. and begins at 10:45 a.m. Grade 6 farewell is June 24. Sports day on June 25. 5. Student Voice – final meeting was today. Students would like to bring back club Fridays that they did in the past. They really like the new painted lines on the tarmac and would love to get more on the other tarmac. Like the 4 square lines, basketball hoops and nets. School dances this year were appreciated and enjoyed. Some students are not aware about the playground resurfacing and project coming up. Pillars of care – discussion about how you can take these care pillars into the summer. Concern about the garbage in the forest area. - As a side note one staff member had a catalytic converter stolen from their car and they think it happened in the school parking lot during the day. For awareness only. In the process of getting cameras installed at all CBE schools. 6. Funding Requests a. Fish tanks - \$11,988 plus gst. Fully replace the tank and stand on one side. The other tank will get a new stand and refurbish the tank, including re-doing all the seals. Motion to approve by Jane Radiff, seconded by Alannah Turcott. b. Residency clarification – Walter unable to attend this year. Can we roll this year's funds over to next year? Looking at wheelchair basketball as another residency idea. c. Math bins – need replenishing. Total \$500. Motion to approve by Laura Osadetz, seconded by Michelle Herbst	
7:20pm	OHSPA Updates - Committee Reports - (Team Leads / Representatives) 1. Chair Updates (Michelle McMullen) – need to make sure to have the full complement of required roles. 2. Treasurer Update (Katrina Ducs) – presented by Michelle McMullen – figuring out how to get funds into our Parks Foundation Calgary account and how to get monthly reporting from them. 3. Key Communicator COSC Update (Kathryn Morgan, Jessica Wilsher) – will request an update from last night's meeting 4. Special Events Update / Apparel Updates (Alannah Turcott) a. Halloween Dance – October 29, 2026 is the tentative date. Happy with the current DJ – working on getting it booked for the fall. b. Looking into Skip the Depot donation bins. Sobeys parking lot said no due to liability so still investigating some other locations. Have reached out to the Lutheran Church to see if they would support a bin in their parking lot.	40 Min

	c. Ice Cream Social – possible idea for fall as a positive welcome back event. Other ideas include food trucks, movie in the park, indoor movie night. d. Apparel – kids like unique items. Laura will be done on council after next year so looking for someone to take this over. 5. Fundraising and Casino (Jane Radiff) – We will do apple fundraiser again in the Fall. They will arrive in October and it will be a playground fundraiser. The next Casino is scheduled for Q4 2027 at Elbow River Casino. 6. Playground Fundraising Updates a. Grant updates (Michelle McMullen) – working on a draft for a Co-op grant. b. Website development (Michelle McMullen) – mock up of website is complete. OHSPLAY.ca. There are multiple different pages that will be helpful for donors. Once it is final it will be communicated. c. Launching OHS Play Instagram account – going to launch an Instagram page. Might be good for Council to get a Canva Pro account for \$150 to help with social media and website content. Motion to approve Alannah Turcott and seconded by Jane Radiff. This can be used for playground promotion as well as any other flyer, events, etc d. Vendor recommendation to share with Dean McTavish with CBE (Committee) – received some quotes. Met with 2 of the vendors already. BDI seems to come out on top so far. Some of the others were a lot more money. Depends on Dean at CBE giving us his approval. We want to get a revised quote from BDI to get the design closer to what we want. Haven't had time to poll the students yet. e. Potential fall initiatives – ideas: competition across classrooms to see who could raise the most in a month. The highest individual fundraiser in grade 4-6 will be principal for a day and the highest individual fundraiser in K-3 will be assistant principal for the day. The winning class gets a pizza party. We are also exploring a gift basket raffle. f. Playground survey – survey is done and will go out in tomorrow's school communication 7. Kiss & Drop (Michelle Herbst) – thank you coffee card for volunteers will go out next week. Thanks to the Parent Council for sponsoring this. Always looking for new volunteers. The last meeting talked about safety and traffic concerns. Created a few tickets with the city and haven't heard anything back yet. 8. Fun Lunch (Michelle Herbst) – A&W was today. Only 1 left which is on sports day – Kernels popcorn and Panago. Next year's dates are planned out already. \$5,680 profit so far plus anything we make at the next event. Panago and Kernels are the most popular. Next year should remind parents it's a fundraiser. 9. Volunteering (Liana Phoenix) – Nada will continue in this role if needed. 10. Communications (Susan McInnis) – Communication coordinator is a vacant role.	
8:00pm	School Council Election (Chair, Michelle McMullen) 2026-2027 Committee: Chair – Michelle McMullen Vice chair – Jessica Wilscher	20 Min

	Key Communicator – Kathryn Morgan & Jessica Wilscher Special Events – Alannah Turcott Treasurer – Katrina Ducs & Jane Radiff Secretary – Candace Van Acker Apparel – Laura Osadetz Fundraising – Jane Radiff Kiss and Drop – Michelle Herbst Fun Lunch – Michelle Herbst & Jane Radiff Communication coordinator – Alison Doebel Motion to approve by Alannah Turcott. All voted in favour.	
8:20pm	Discussion: School Council meeting dates for 2026/27 Sept 17 Oct 15 Nov 19 Dec – none Jan 21 Feb 18 March none April 15 May 13 June 10 SOGO – suggestion as a residency as an alternative to Cuban Dance for next year. Suggested 4 days for the whole school so all grades get 2 to 3 opportunities. Need to decide if this is part of Phys Ed or separate. The program knows a lot about the area and the different trees and plants. Needs 2 – 3 parent volunteers as well. They can also come back as a sports day station at the end of the school year if interested. \$2800 for 4 days for whole school. Some other schools that have used them in the past that Mr Barkley can reach out to in our area. Motion to approve by Jane Radiff and seconded by Laura Osadetz. Another idea is can we have a science club. Could see if Steamoji wants to facilitate it. Can we get the kindergarten area gravel cleaned up? There have been lots of slips and injuries. Not sure who can do this. Some parents decided to bring some brooms and do the clean up themselves. Ms Adams been with the school for 20+ years and is literacy specialist. Since she is retiring should we get a gift card? Yes, should get a gift card (to be confirmed with Katrina). \$250 motion to approve by Alannah Turcott, seconded by Jane Radiff.	
8:20pm	Adjourn: Next Meeting Sept 2026 (TBD) at 6:30pm Motion to adjourn @ 8:34 by Alannah Turcott Sept 17th first meeting of the year.	