

MINUTES - OGLA Meeting Agenda

November 12, 2024

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.



Zoom Meeting Link

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84972037952>

Meeting ID: 849 7203 7952

Welcome

- Germaine Falzone (YCDSB) & Martha Biagi (DPCDSB)
- Minutes - Tiffany Roberts (RDSB)

Land Acknowledgement

- Germaine



YCDSB Land Acknowledgement

We are gathered on the ancestral lands and waters of all Indigenous Peoples, who have left their footprints on Mother Earth before us.

We respectfully acknowledge, those who have walked on it, those who walk on it now, and future generations who have yet to walk upon it.

We pray to the Creator for strength and wisdom that all may continue to serve as stewards of the earth.

OUAC

- Lois Ferguson

Question - What information do universities/colleges see when students apply (on OUAC & OCAS)? There has been discussion between our Senior Admin and Guidance whether a student's status on their application is hindered by the type of credit they attain (online or ILC) compared to in-person learning. Do universities, for example, see this information on OUAC?

Lois - University sees everything and private, online courses might be an area for questions for the universities.

Chris Coupland (Executive of Admissions at Queens) - OUCA Chair- policies change and vary between institutions. Most institutions don't distinguish how they are earning credits for an accredited school. Some universities ask why and students would provide a brief reason why, related to scheduling. If the reason is not valid then the university might choose not to accept it.

Chris Coupland OUCA - get in touch with the university.

OCAS

- **Erin Farrelly and Vanessa DeLuca**

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- November transmission deadline this week. November 1st has passed so colleges can start sending letters of admission.
- Vanessa de Luca - OCAS will get us a response as well and will provide a response next week.
- Erin Farrelly from OCAS - yes colleges see all of the information about courses.
- Concern with students taking eLearning credits and the increase in course offerings.

If mid-term marks are not available until Friday, then how will that impact students?

- Erin says there is a five day grace period.
- OUAC/Lois says the same - Get grades in by November 25th at the latest.
- wondering about night and summer school.

OUCA Update- Chris Coupland (Chair)

Introduction to OGLA and in attendance for questions.

Concern was raised among our students about University of Waterloo's Math dept statement this past summer, especially about summer school eLearning credits being evaluated differently.

- Chris will follow up with that item with Waterloo.

Can the OUAC have one single voucher code structure for both Group A and Group B applicants?

- Lois will take this to the finance dept for clarification.

OSCA Update

- **Lisa Butera-Fracassi - fracassilisa267@gmail.com**

- 60th anniversary OSCA conference on November 3 and 4
- Many workshops, 2 keynotes, focus on pathways.
- 9 winners for the guidance awards! Student and teacher nominations are open for this coming year. This is important for retiring teachers.
- November 26th - OSCA webinar - 10 am - Gaining real work experience through Katimavik.
- AQ winter - open now for January-March courses.
- Email Lisa if interested (communications, governance, professional practices)

Ministry

- **Patty Marino**

FAST - is there going to be training available or discussion around how this will be implemented or how we are expected to offer the program for course selections? If we set someone up with this program and an employer in grade 11, are they expected to stay with that same employer for 2 years?

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Can we have a bit more clarification on OYAP fast - a director's memo came out this week.

- This is really the OYAP recruiter's role - for immediate information go to the new OS document section 8.7.1. OYAP recruiters on the call saying they have no updated information.

Is there an update on a new course code for destreamed Grade 9 French. ○

- No changes to Grade 9 French. No destreamed grade 9 French - it is academic.

Will the updates to Ontario Schools that guidance counsellors need to know to be highlighted?

- No new updates but webinars for career coaches HEIC to support the career coaching rollout. Meeting this afternoon and one tomorrow for the board-appointed person.

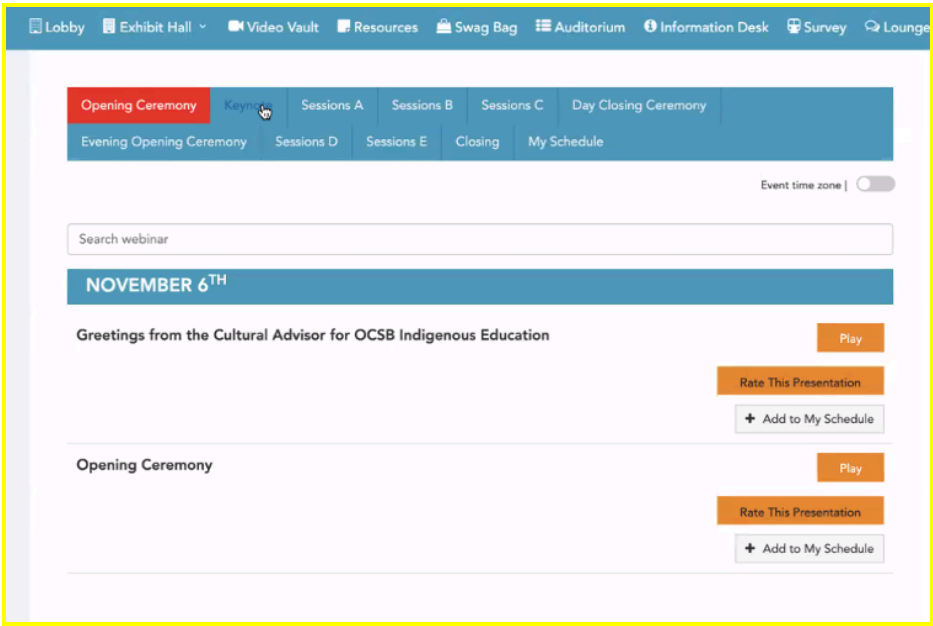
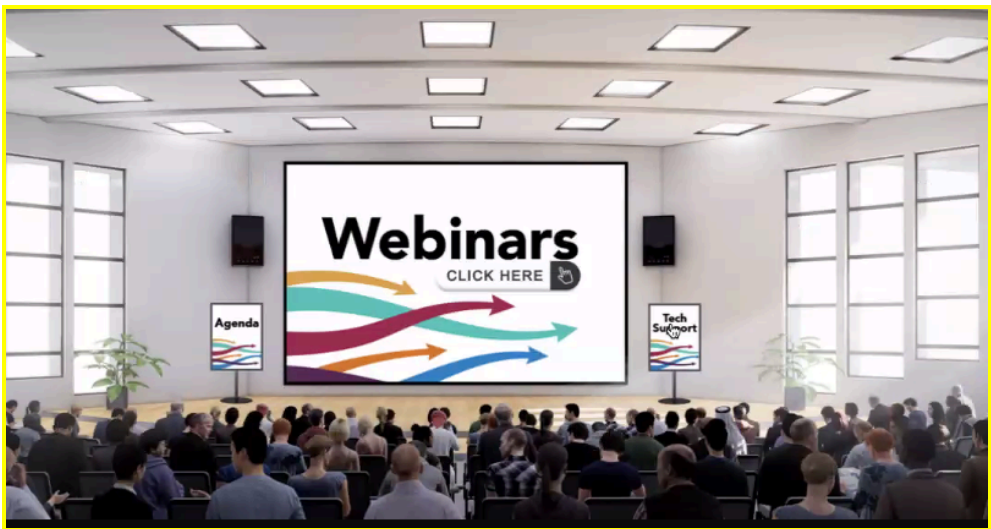
Patty - December 11 - planning a webinar on anti-oppressive practices. Patty wants boards to consider sharing.

Launch Demonstration

- **Ereney Shenouda-Tortian**

There were 30,000 students who registered. Great that families were able to have the information later (30 day access).





AGENDA - available for 30 days

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NOVEMBER 6TH

Keynote - Aubrey Noronha


Aubrey Noronha
Hello Hope Canada

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Amid 850+ speaking engagements booked in the last 2.5 years Aubrey Noronha (NA-ROW-NA) is a recognized Safe Schools, Mental Health and Anti-Racism Speaker who is speaking across Canada with his "Make Hope Viral Tour"

Aubrey is a former Crisis Negotiator within the justice system and Critical Incident Stress Management facilitator serving those impacted by terrorism and other traumatic events. He is the recipient of the Town of Ajax 2021 Diversity and Community Engagement Award which was recognized by the Legislative Assembly of Ontario and the House of Commons and was deemed a "Humanity Hero" in 2022 by the Humanity Organization which was founded by Masai Ujiri (President of the Toronto Raptors) . Aubrey is also a recording artist. He has sung duets with John Legend, Foo Fighters, and Adele ... while listening to them on his bluetooth speaker and singing in the shower.


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How to apply to U.S. universities


Jenika Heim
EducationUSA

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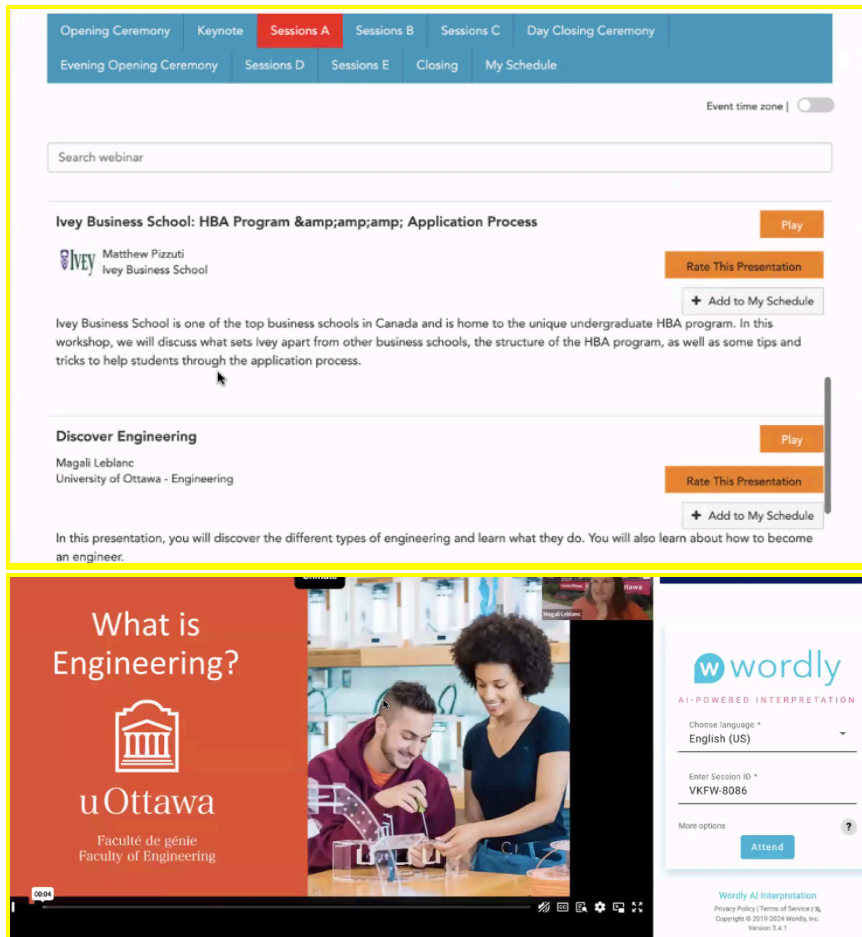
Are you thinking of applying to U.S. universities? The admissions process is pretty different than applying to Canadian universities. In this presentation, you will learn what the Common App is, when you should take the SAT or ACT, what holistic admissions is, and more!

Co-op and experiential education at universities


Jay Smith
University of Waterloo

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Learn about all the ways students can gain hands-on learning experiences at university to complement their learning in the classroom. This includes projects within their courses, extracurricular activities, internships, and co-operative education. We'll let you know the benefits of



Launch is a great opportunity for career showcasing.

How are boards able to use the recordings? Can they be used for parent sessions?

Can access be longer than 30 days?

- Not sure. As long as the students registered then they have access. Videos are stored on their website.

Consideration for province-wide? Maybe with the new career counselling organisation.

This is a “conference” regarding your pathway and can be used as a reach-ahead for the SHSM. Ramsey is reaching out to support this Launch conference because there is no transportation cost. Huge benefits to a local initiative. If you can help, contact Ramsey Shuck (Ottawa Carlton). PDSB had grade 9s are on Take our kids to work while grades 10-12 do the launch and then grades 7-8 come into the school for tours.

School Mental Health Ontario Presentation

- Kyla King kking@smho-smso.ca and Theresa Wilson twilson@smho-smso.ca

 SMH-ON presentation - OGLA - November 12.pdf

Oct: [Supporting Students' Mental Health - Professional Advisory | Ontario College of Teachers](#)

Ppm169: [Policy/Program Memorandum 169 | Education in Ontario: policy and program direction | ontario.ca](#)

[Mental Health Literacy Modules for Career Studies \(GLC2O\) - School Mental Health Ontario](#)

[Find a resource - School Mental Health Ontario](#)

[Student Engagement Toolkit - School Mental Health Ontario](#)

[School Mental Health Ontario](#)

**Identity affirming and evidence informed resources.

General Discussion Items:

1. Summer School eLearning (not registration through PRISM) - it would benefit all boards to have a spreadsheet for the transfer of marks from eLearning boards (instead of waiting for kids to bring these in with report cards?).
 - [Private institutions have their own concerns](#)
 - [The workload is a concern for schools \(not knowing the students took the course in another board\). We also need to make sure that the marks get uploaded to OCAS and OUAC manually - given the increase this is more work. What is the actual plan? Can we share ideas?](#)
 - [Request to consider a consistent plan across boards and perhaps con-ed departments?](#)
 - [There is a software program that allows transcripts to be uploaded.](#)
 - [Confirmation that eLearning course counts towards graduation requirement.](#)
 - [Let's continue the conversation after people go back to their con-ed departments to see what is happening. We also need to know about the OUAC transmission and to make sure that the student benefits in their university/college marks.](#)

Add this conversation to the next agenda.

2. I'm looking to have someone come to my school to present everything there is to know about OSAP (both to parents and students). This could be a day presentation and/or evening. I work in a small rural community school (in Walkerton). Who would I look to do this?
 - [Advice from the group: Usually a specific College or University would have their Financial Aid officer come in; Our local college's financial aid department provides in-person and online sessions for families;](#)

3. For boards using PowerSchool and myBlueprint, how are you sharing diploma type with myBlueprint? We have been told by myBlueprint that we are the only board sending the diploma information via integration. Our IT team is trying to determine how best to send diploma type with the new requirements. Would love to have a contact name that our IT team could reach out to.
 - I believe they are working on this based on the student grade it would change accordingly.

UPCOMING 2024-25 Meeting Dates

NEXT Meeting: Tuesday, January 14 - 9:30 am – 12:00 pm

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86129616189>

Tuesday, March 4 - 9:30 am – 12:00 pm

Tuesday, April 15 - 9:30 am – 12:00 pm

Tuesday, May 27 - 9:30 am – 12:00 pm

Requesting volunteers for land acknowledgment

OGLA 2024-25 Contact list will be Updated

Land Acknowledgements for Upcoming Meetings:

January: Melissa Baker Cox

February: Vanessa Di Marcelli

A separate link for other subgroups: Powerschool and Scheduling; Powerschool and myBlueprint; monitoring/tracking data in terms of student achievement and graduation rates.

- See SubGroup Form [HERE](#)