OES School Council Meeting Minutes

DATE: September 16, 2025

Time: 6:30 p.m.

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Attendance: Julianna Merritt, Erin Caetano, Marc Dickner, Nicole Mortimore Kailey Potter, Krista Allen, Meghan Plamondon, Christine Peck, Terri Weir, Chelsea Cook, Deah Neves, Marina Dehek, Niamh Doyle, Kery Coroy, Jayden McGinnis (15)

A. **Call to Order :** 6:29 By Julianna

B. **Treaty 6 Land Acknowledgement -** By Julianna

C. **Additions and Deletions -** Discussion of website

D. **Adoption of the Agenda -** Erin Caetano made the motion to adopt the agenda. Meghan Plamondon second the motion

E. **Adopt Previous Meeting's Minutes -**Chelesa Cook made the motion to adopt the Minutes from the AGM in June

F. **Reports**
   - **Trustee**

   Tamy Davis , one of the directors of learning went to Dominica

   Chrstine spoke on summer boot camps offered to students. Some of the camps included CALM, Photography, Welding Early Childhood Care and Aesthetics and Hairstyling etc.

   Valley View School replacement sign arrived.

   Teacher/Labour update - Not much movement has been made.

   Books that will be removed from libraries are ones that have "Any visual depiction of sexual act. Schools and divisions will decide which books will stay.

Teachers will catalog their classroom books. They do not have to submit the lists to the government but will be available for parents so see.

- **Administration**

A Great Start to the Year

We have had a wonderful beginning to the school year! Our Welcome Back BBQ & Meet the Teacher evening, Parent Tea/OES 101 session, and the Welcome Back Assembly all helped set a positive, calm, and welcoming tone for students and families. We've received many compliments, and it truly feels like this year is off to a smooth and encouraging start. Thank you, School Council, for your assistance in making these events a success!

Staffing & Class Sizes

As our school population continues to grow, we've worked closely with NGPS to make thoughtful staffing decisions that prioritize small class sizes and expanded learning opportunities.

This year, we welcomed:

- Two new homeroom teachers
- One teacher replacement
- A part-time reading interventionist
- A reassigned teacher as a part-time teacher-librarian and kindergarten,
- A full-time Phys. Ed. specialist
- A full-time Music specialist

These changes allow us to:

- Keep class sizes at an average of **18–22 students in K–3** and **23–28 students in grades 4–7**

- Offer richer programming in literacy, library, music, and physical education

- Provide more targeted support by organizing our educational assistants into grade-level groups

To make this possible, we made small adjustments to our operational budget and slightly reduced the number of educational assistants, while creating additional homerooms and literacy support. The end result is more personalized attention for students and stronger programming across the school.

Building OES Pride

We continue to foster school spirit by encouraging students and families to participate in school-wide events and wear OES spirit wear on **Wednesdays** and special occasions. Families can order OES swag through our online **URstore**, with items delivered directly to their homes.

Clubs & Athletics

Our extracurricular opportunities are now underway, giving students a chance to explore new interests and showcase their talents:

- Cross Country Running (Grades 4–7)
- Lego Robotics (Grades 5–7)
- Plant Club (Grades 4–6)
- Leadership (Grade 7)
- AMA Patrollers (Grades 5–7)
- Dungeons & Dragons (Grades 6–7)
- Handbells (Grades 3–7)
- Choir (Grades 3–7)

New Additions

- **Digital Street Sign** – Installation to take place soon, providing a great way to share updates with families and the community.

School Action Plan (Looking Ahead to 2026)

We are committed to student growth and wellness, and have set three exciting goals:

1. **Math** – By June 2026, 90% of students will show measurable growth in math fluency (15% improvement from baseline scores).
2. **Literacy** – By June 2026, at least 15% more students will meet or exceed grade-level expectations in reading and writing, supported by evidence-based instruction.

3. **Wellness** – By June 2026, student wellness will improve, with a 20% increase in positive self-reports on the annual wellness survey.

Upcoming Events

- **Provincial Literacy & Numeracy Assessments** – Teachers are currently administering these across all grades.
- **School Photos** – September 15–16
- **Terry Fox Run & Assembly** – Friday, September 26 at 1:00 p.m. Families are welcome to join! Volunteers are needed for crosswalk and traffic safety.
    - **Fundraising Goal:** $2,000 for the Terry Fox Foundation
    - **Fun Incentives:** Top two classrooms will win a Hot Dog BBQ with Mr. D and Mrs. Mortimore. If we meet our goal, Mr. D will do the run in a chicken costume!
- **Orange Shirt Day Assembly** – September 29, recognizing National Truth & Reconciliation Day

Future Opportunities & Projects

- **Grade 7 Quebec Field Trip** – Bringing Canadian culture and history to life
- **Division 2 Playground Upgrades** – Replacement of saucer swings
- **Large Gym** – Installation of a new digital screen for school use

ATA News

The Alberta Teachers' Association has announced a potential job action beginning **October 6, 2025** if a settlement is not reached. In this event:

- Students would remain at home, with the exception of ECS or PUF students with significant learning needs or disabilities, who would continue to attend under the supervision of support staff (as per NGPS directives).
- Programming for these students will continue to the best of our ability, though adjustments may be necessary depending on the length of job action.

	Administrative Staff		
	Name	Position	
	Marc Dickner	Principal	
	Nicole Mortimore	Assistant Principal	

Teaching Staff		Support Staff	
Name	Position	Name	Position
Mrs. Laura Dunstall (K1/K2)	Kindergarten 1 & 2	Mrs. Megan Blum	Educational Assistant
Miss Kala Hawkins (K3)	Kindergarten 3 & Teacher Librarian	Mrs. Lisa Johnson	Educational Assistant
Miss Kimberley Davies (1D)	Grade 1	Mrs. Shelley Kippers	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Margarita Kison (1MK)	Grade 1	Mrs. Trisha Ollenberger	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Marina Dehek (1/2MD)	Grade 1/2	Mrs. Sandra Possnett	Educational Assistant
Miss Soraya Malik (2M)	Grade 2	Mrs. Jaclyn Sherman	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Michelle Shera (2S)	Grade 2	Mrs. Jackie Suian	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Christine Lapachuk (3L)	Grade 3	Miss Lesley Timson	Educational Assistant
Miss Staci Young (3Y)	Grade 3	Mrs. Nicole Trechka	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Gloria Rose (3/4R)	Grade 3/4	Mrs. Rebecca Wedman	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Jennifer Blount (4JB)	Grade 4	Mrs. Lorna Wilkie	Educational Assistant
Miss Melissa Fraser (4F)	Grade 4	Mrs. Renata Surcan	Secretary
Mrs. Rhianna Belair (5B)	Grade 5	Mrs. Shelly Birch	Secretary
Mrs. Lynette Hailes (5H)	Grade 5	Mrs. Danica Brent/Miss Kala Hawkins	Learning Commons Facilitator
Mrs. Kerry Fegyverneki (6F)	Grade 6	Mrs. Brandy Trueman	Pre-K Facilitator
Miss Kaylee Reed (6R)	Grade 6	Miss Ambre Doerkson	Wellness Coach
Mrs. Jocelyn Phillips (7JP)	Grade 7		
Miss Niamh Doyle (7D)	Grade 7		
Mrs. Shana Olson	Music		
Mrs. Christy Moser	P.E. 1-7		
Mrs. Heather Belseth	Inclusive Education/Wellness		
Mrs. Rebecca Matthew	Literacy Lead - Interventionist		

- **Onoway Parents Educational Fundraising Association update -** Meeting to follow

G. School Council Calendar of Events:

- **Write-on-stationary** :Orders were well received

- **Turkey Dinner:** Karren will organize the turkey dinner again. She has reached out to Barhead COOP again as last year was a great success. Turkey Dinner will be Dec 17.

- **Bus driver/ custodian:** Jodisa will organize with the Jr/Sr high school again this year

- **Terry Fox :** Council will supply freezies

- **Website:** Please make sure to check out the Fundraising website to see updates.

H. Correspondence

- **Adjournment at :** 7:26