

OGLA Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2025

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Welcome

- Germaine Falzone (YCDSB) & Martha Biagi (DPCDSB)

Land Acknowledgement

- Martha Biagi (DPCDSB) - student narrated land acknowledgement



Minutes

- Tiffany Roberts (RDSB)

OUAC - Lois Ferguson (lois@ouac.on.ca)

Regrets but sent the following information:

OUAC Important upcoming dates

1. Guidance Spring Dialogues (Virtual) – April 24, 9:30 – 11:30 am

2. April Grades Deadline – April 24/May 1

April 24

- Deadline for Ontario high schools to report all midterm or final grades available for 4U/M courses and interim grades for full-year courses to the OUAC. The OUAC will send the grades we receive before the deadline to Ontario universities when they are received.

May 1

- Target date for Ontario universities to receive all midterm or final grades available for 4U/M courses and interim grades for full-year courses from the OUAC. The OUAC will send the grades we receive before the deadline to Ontario universities when they are received.
- Grace period built in to accommodate schools experiencing reporting issues.

3. University Response Deadline – May 29

The latest date all high school applicants who submitted their application by the January application deadline can expect a response from an Ontario university. This includes an offer of admission, a refusal or a deferral, once additional information is received.

4. Applicant Response Deadline – June 2

The earliest date an Ontario high school student may be required to respond to an Ontario university offer of admission and give a financial commitment (e.g., registration deposit, residence deposit, etc.). All other admission-related elements, including scholarships, other forms of student assistance or financial incentives, and offers of residence, are considered part of the offer of admission. Therefore, a student may accept these other offers before June 2, 2025, but Ontario universities will not compel a student in any way to make a decision before this date.

OCAS: Vanessa De Luca (deluca@ocas.ca) Erin Farelly (farrelly@ocas.ca)

- Launch of a shared calendar (basic version in spring and robust version later). It can be used to submit events
- Basic version - details coming to those who hold an OCAS account.
- Plan - the events will go through an approval process before becoming visible.
- Robust version - will be available to the colleges to post their events as well.
- Send Vanessa ideas if you have any regarding this.
- College Dialogues A.23 Fleming, A. 25 Georgian, A. 29 Mohawk. May 1 in the Sault.<https://www.ocas.ca/resources/college-dialogues>
- College Boreal - Toronto Campus - free nursing tuition for the first year.
- Fall 2026 - program dates are now live on [ocas.ca](https://www.ocas.ca)
- For this year - April 26 - deadline for Marks, June 1 tuition fees due.

OUCA - Chris Coupland (coupland@queensu.ca) - regrets but update will be offered at the guidance dialogue

Discover Year - Jay Gosselin (jay@mentoru.ca) (15 mins)

PURPOSEFUL GAP YEAR PLANNING

- The following link can be shared for schools to request flyers

[Discover Year - Request for Flyers](#)

- Program began with student inquiries at Ottawa U and employers
- Private career college - earning a certificate in career and leadership skills.
- Coaching model is used and can be matched with a coach.
- Locations - Toronto, Ottawa, and remote.
- 75% come directly from high school.
- Age range 17-22 with average is 18.5
- 1:6 ratio with facilitator to student
- RESP can be used
- Students have tuition, however work experience is paid and they often have additional funds by the end (approx. \$6000)
- Support to find housing in September - stay in a hostel with the group (former jail, kind of fun, rooms are blocked for them). Hostel fee is extra and amounts to about \$400 for the two weeks.

[Presentation - Slidedeck](#)

OSCA –Lisa Butera-Fracassi (lisa.butera-fracassi@tcdsb.org)

- OSCA Survey - details are being finalized.
- Look at the OSCA website/survey coming soon.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION - Patty Marino (patricia.marino@ontario.ca) -regrets

Leonard Bumbacco (Education Officer) and Erika Runion

- EDU Updates
- New Minister of Education - Paul Colandra
- March 26, 2025 - email to ONSIS - On May 1, the diplomas and certificates will be sent.
- Graduates who receive their diplomas (ie, first semester grads - use the Stephen Lecce diplomas)
- May 6 - Skills Guidance Day - reminder to sign up
- Career Coaching
 - Time to schedule sessions before the end of June

- No new information for the 2025-26 school year.
- High satisfaction rate from HIEC.
- Guidance and Skilled Trades/Experiential learning
 - Year 3 of 3 in funding
 - Currently no new information for 2025-26 school year.
- Financial Literacy Graduation Requirement
 - May 2024 announcement - , beginning in September 2025, students will be required to successfully complete a financial literacy graduation requirement as part of the Grade 10 mathematics course to ensure that all Ontario graduates possess essential financial skills and knowledge.
 - TVO, liaise with subject matter experts. TVO will be the primary point of contact for technical questions regarding development and administration.
 - More information and support resources will be provided prior to the start of the 2025-26 school year
 - If school boards have any questions related to the technical implementation and development of the financial literacy module, inquiries should be directed to OntFinLit@tvo.org.

Questions provided to MOE from members (in advance):

1. (Reg - HWDSB) Is there an update to the inclusion of NAC2O as meeting the Grade 10 History requirement of the OSSD?

- [Information will be communicated to directors when available.](#)

2. (Kristie - OCDSB) What is the status of the Grade 8 & 12 exit surveys? Is more information coming (i.e. what are the questions that are being asked, how is the data being collected and by whom?).

- [Memo to sector November - “in the near future” - boards are asked to continue to use policy. Boards are required to do this at the end of grades 8 and 12. There will not be any reporting requirements this year.](#)

3. (Corey ALDCDSB and Lisa - HDSB) When can we expect to receive the new grade 8 and 12 exit survey questions?

- [*\(response provide in question #2 above\)](#)

What about info on the grade 10 financial literacy requirement?

5. (General from March meeting) Exit Survey - are there specific questions that the Ministry would like boards to use?

- (response provided in question #2 above)

4. (Lisa - HDSB) -Will the government be incorporating feedback from the Career Coach pilot this year and consider changes for next year (i.e. the 1 coach: 6 student ratio)....and whether this is the best use of funding to support education and career/life planning for students?

- Yes.

6.(Lisa Galay-HDSB) Clarity on credit substitution rules with new grade requirements for current grade 9s.

- Ministry is working on this.

7. (Lisa Galay-HDSB) What about info on the grade 10 financial literacy requirement? *

- Information will be communicated to directors when available.

8. (Judy Brydges-HCDSB) When to expect the changes to CPS and any other related Guidance documents.

- Patty will get back to us.

Discussion from members:

Martha - can we get a copy of the years for the Ministers of Education so that guidance secretaries can request the correct copy?

- Request will be shared

Tracy Hunter (UGDSB)- Question in terms of new diploma requirements in relationship to mPLAR - how does JR tech compulsory fit into the JR PLAR assessments/equivalencies?

- Question will be shared

Germaine - Is financial literacy required for Locally Developed pathways? If the students are not taking the grade 10 course, then how can they can have access?

Course for credit recovery has to be attached to a course.

Will there be a different set of modules for applied and academic?

- Questions will be shared

Lisa - Can Career Coaching be offered virtually? Is it a ration 1:6?

- Yes ratio is 1:6 (coach:students), contact HIEC for format

Ministry Memo - March 2025

- New OSSD states one grade 9, 10, and 11 math course—Confirm that the pathway of students going from grade 9 math to MEL 3E, then 4E will no longer be permitted?
- Is there a list of updates made to the Ontario Schools Policy document? (i.e. Royal Conservatory credits)
- Also, online learning graduation requirement and students requiring 'opt in' documentation
- LDCC extensions for 2025/26
- COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT - What is the intention of having “local businesses” on the Ministry website? It seems to contravene the intent of the service.

[Get Your Volunteer Hours - MOE site](#)

Career Coaching - Ministry Meeting information

Wednesday April 23rd:

10:00 – 11:00 am

Microsoft Teams

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 234 796 016 101

Passcode: a5ks7rB3

1:30 – 2:30 pm

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Meeting ID: 286 606 511 571

Passcode: m3jF6vX6

Sample Exit Surveys

[Sample exit survey questions](#)

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[DPCDSB - exit survey questions](#)

OGLA Association Review

- Handbook revival - subcommittee may be requested
- Review membership - members and fees

- Current funds support Zoom account as well as the Tom Tittel and Joanne Twist awards. Financial reporting and responsibility. Martha will follow up with the fees and see if OSCA would be willing to take us on.
 - Perhaps a once a year meeting in person
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Bristol University–UK Applications

Travis Weslake and Holly Hancock (holly.hancock@bristol.ac.uk)

UK Applications: [Slide Deck](#)

Don't need to send predicted grades. They will look over the transcripts.
People like Holly can help if they ask about a process that we are not familiar with.
Janet - all UK universities will be through UCAS - one application.

Erin Mills Connect

Catherine Chamberlain: (info@erinmillsconnects.org) (15 mins)

Transitions After High School Booklet - PEEL

[Erin Mills - Beyond High School resource](#)

Michener Institute

Teresa Diel (TDiel@michener.ca) and **Miranda Chang**

See [Slide Deck](#)

General Discussion Items:

OGLA membership

Volunteers for Land Acknowledgement-

May: **Ereney volunteered**

2024-25 Meeting Dates

Tuesday, May 27 - 9:30 am – 12:00 pm