

RPPS School Council Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2021 – 7 PM, Virtual Meeting

Participants:

- Chair ~ Varvara Chernogorskaya
- Treasurer ~ Michelle Sinclair
- Treasurer (apprentice) ~ Ewa Pyman
- Secretary ~ Kate Raspopow
- Book Fair Chair ~ Joni Hamlin
- OCASC Representative ~ Hart Shouldice
- Grade 6 Committee Chair ~ Angie Wagner
- 100th Anniversary Co-chairs ~ Crystal Holly Amado
- Volunteer Coordinator – Marion Siekierski
- Principal, RPPS ~ Heather Mace
- Vice Principal, RPPS ~ Sandra Miller
- Teacher representative ~ Jane Baron
- RPPS Teacher Participant
 - Jacqueline Whelan
- RPPS Parent Participants
 - David Mackie
 - Heather Watts

Regrets:

- Past Co-chairs ~ Sarah Jane Estabrooks, Kristen Healy
- Todd Lamont

1. Land Acknowledgment <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Read by Joni Hamlin
2. Review of Agenda; <p>It was suggested that an evening for parents could be added to the discussion. Agenda was approved, with suggested additions. <i>Moved by Varvara Chernogorskaya; seconded by Michelle Sinclair; carried.</i></p>
3. Review of October, 2021 Minutes; <p>Minor clarifications suggested by Book Fair Chair. <i>All agreed for these to be adopted.</i></p>
4. Business Arising from Minutes / Review of Action Items <p>a) Library renewal – estimates for maker space</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Information on options and pricing is being gathered from suppliers● Shelves have been ordered for outside walls (\$18K; covered by OCDSB)● Estimate \$30K+ for tables and storage cabinets. Supplier will be providing options for consideration; school administration will look at the options, and come up with different combinations of what could work for the space. Money for this exceeds ministry limits on what could be provided by the board; other sources of financing would be needed.

- Will return to Council at a later date, once options have been developed.

5. Chair Report

- Chair has been reaching out to committee and project leads to understand their work, how it fits together, and how they could support their work.
- Brought up the importance to strike a fundraising committee, develop ideas and put them into action quickly. Expressed willingness to collaborate, share ideas and leverage connections.
- Money would support core needs to 'keep the lights running'. Goal is to raise \$12,000.
- Last year the committee had about 5 people, but activities were limited due to COVID. Activities started in March: general request for donations (most successful activity); 1/3 draws (council/winner/community initiative; didn't launch due to delays in obtaining the license); pizza night (pizza kits; had souring problem); dreaming of Book Fair fund raiser; gift cards for Books on Beechwood. Money raised supported book shelf storage; money for Grade 6s; administrative costs.
- Council still has the lottery license for online raffles and draws.
- Mentioned that parent volunteers could help for fundraising, but Council leads are required.
- Dave Mackie reminded Council of the uniqueness of Book Fair, and how it brings school and neighbourhood communities together to enrich the education opportunities received at RPPS. that an in-person Book Fair could general significant funds, eliminating the need for other types of fundraising campaigns throughout the year (upwards of \$50,000). He mentioned the importance of school administration and staff in facilitating Book Fair, including access to facilities (i.e., for storage). He put forward that storage would be needed by April to resume book collecting, should Book Fair be able to take place in November 2022 (COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines permitting).
- Question whether in-kind donations (e.g., for field maintenance; promotion of website/newsletter) are possible, and they could be.
- **Action: Dave will circulate fundraising campaign idea info, list of things to support, and other info to Council members.**
- **Action: members to think about a fundraising committee and ideas. Rotating involvement also an option.**

a) Year-end Council Report

- Draft remains under development, and will be share with Council members, once finished.
- **Action: Report will be presented and discussed at the next Council meeting.**

b) Student Directory

- Raised idea of revising the Student Directory. It was shared that there hadn't been enough interest in previous years to do it. Suggest electronic directory might be the best option, with an opt-in google form for parent to complete.
- **Action: Crystal will fill out a Google form for Principal to share out this week. Principal will share previous square space form to help developing fields.**

6. Principal Report

- Shared that rapid testing is working well – when child shows symptoms at home or school they can get the kit; leave it at the school, and Ottawa Public Health will send a courier for pickup. No new cases at RPPS.
- Emphasized the importance of proper mask wearing (coverage, fit, clean). Also shared that staff can submit documentation for the use of different masks not provided by the board (e.g., N95 masks).
- Shared that school photos are starting in OCDSB with an immediate focus on Grade 12 photos; other grades will come, but still waiting on more info.
- Lost and found still has many items. The school is doing a donation after students review.
- 38 more Chromebooks have arrived (targeting 4:1 ratio in the district; RPPS striving for 3:1)
- The school is adding a new student management system (Aspen) as the daily interface. Transition was to occur beginning of December, but has been pushed back a bit.
- Shared that progress reports went home, and parent-teacher interviews coming next week.
- Indicated that what the school wants for the maker space is beyond what the school budget covers. Considering other school costs (photocopying, school desk upgrades, learning supplies). Have already spent \$4,500 in photocopying already (typical costs for a year are \$8,000 – 1/3 of the budget provided by government). Have to consider nice to have items vs must have items.
- Suggestion by a Council member was raised that the school could have an environmental awareness activity on the environmental impacts of paper, and a fun competition for students to decrease paper use.
- Highlighted October events – school bus safety week; concussion awareness; treaties recognition week; Halloween)
- Shared that the Remembrance day ceremony will be a combination of indoor/outdoor. Parents can attend the virtual district ceremony.

7. Teacher Representative Report

- Shared that for Treaties recognition week video resources were shared with classrooms along with follow-up activities. Students read Indigenous stories, and learned that storytelling is an important way of learning.
- Indicated that students will be doing 'junk drawer races', a Skills Ontario competition. Activities will differ according to grade.
- Council members asked if they could be provided with a list of things teachers would like money outside of school budget to support. Early examples include:
 - Guest speakers, Love2Groove, drumming workshop, scientist in the school, sensory body break walk for main hall or kinder hall, decals for body breaks (to support emotional regulation), Ozobots, musical instruments, colour printer for kinders, recess equipment, Forest of Reading (Ontario Library Association chosen books (EN/FR) where kids can vote on best books).
- **Action item: Teacher representative to share list of requests from teachers.**
- Jacqueline Whelan (RPPS Grade 2 teacher) presented about Forest school program and the impacts of nature-based learning on socio-physical learning in kids. A pilot program took kids to the forest one day/week, and demonstrated large benefits (e.g., confidence cooperation, risk taking, self-regulation; language skills communication skills, problem solving; gross and fine motor skills).

- In 2019-20 RPPS had been set to participate in the program, however this wasn't possible due to the job action taking place that year. Instructors came to RPPS school grounds and ran activities there, however this ended with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The program is willing to send instructors to RPPS, and teachers can put their name forward to have their classes participate, with the intent that they would continue with outdoor learning in their classes.
- Council asked what they would need for the program. No ask now, but there may be an ask to support purchasing equipment for the school that could be used for outdoor learning.
- **Action: Teacher representative will send a list of teacher asks to see whether some could be filled via community donations, and to align some asks with fundraising activities.**

8. Council – Committee Reports

a) Treasurer

- Indicated that budget with ongoing expenses would be shared, however there has been very minimal spending (\$102 on tulips), so there is nothing to report.
- Indicated it would be useful to receive a list from teachers on what they need to see how it could be supported; emphasized that tangible goals can help motivate fundraising.

b) OCASC

- Representative had a conflict at the last meeting, and will provide updates once OCASC meeting minutes are circulated.
- Next meeting would be the week of November 15th.

c) Book Fair Chair

- Book Fair Chair updated council on recent meetings and new members.
- She shared how some parents, particularly those with kids new to RPPS, have expressed a sense of disconnect with the school as they haven't had an opportunity to even see inside as would be done in normal years. The idea was raised as to whether in the New Year, when feasible given COVID considerations and protocols, whether there could be an evening hosted by Council for new RPPS parents to visit the school (i.e., in the evening when kids wouldn't be present). There could also be opportunity to promote fundraising and school activities at this event. Principal Mace did not reply to the request.
- Asked if it's possible to add pictures in the gallery to the school site.
- Shared information on the Storytelling Series and how it will be opened up to other schools. The Series will cost \$1,600, and we have \$2,500 in donations.
- Shared that the Friends of Book Fair have sorted all inventory. There will be 300 surprise bags at \$10/bag. Black squirrel also provided a \$500 donation.
- Classrooms will have a rolling Book Fair cart that will come to their classrooms; students can purchase a book for \$1.
- See Annexes I and II for more details on Book Fair and the Storytelling Series.

d) 100th Anniversary Committee

- Have been gathering information to get a sense of what's been happening and what's coming up. Re-iterated the information shared last meeting on the roll-out of the tulip fundraiser, and that 100th Anniversary events will run through to the end of the 2022-23 school year.
- Sub-committees are being set up; will provide the Council more information on these sub-committees at the next Council meeting.
- Shared the logo to be used as the 100th Anniversary brand; it's the Council's to use as is, but not to modify. Multiple versions were shared to be used for different types of products and/or events.
- Council members liked the logo. Many ideas were shared on how the logos could be used (e.g., in 2022 Book Fair logo). The consideration was raised about diversity and inclusion, and how we should consider whether we could see if altering one of the two figures in the core logo to be more inclusive would be possible.
- **Action: share the logos with Matthew so that he can create a 100th Anniversary page on the school website.**
- Question raised as how we could involve seniors and others in some 100th Anniversary activities. The Committee will develop text for the bottom of emails that would provide links to sign up for a mailing list.
- More information will be shared next meeting, which will help identify the volunteer help needed for activities and events.
- It was emphasized that children will be involved in every part of the activities (e.g., planting of the initial 500 tulip bulbs; colouring contests of the new logos)

e) Grade 6 Committee

- Have spoken with previous Committee members to see what was done in the past.
- There has been a question from parents on whether there would be a Grade 6 yearbook this year. The Committee Chair was referred to Mme Nix to see if she or other teachers would be interested.
- It was recalled that there was something done last year, but it that it was a large task. Students also did their own pages.

f) Volunteer Coordinator

- Brought up the question of the Maker Space and whether there are other items we could source via donations; there are some connections now.
- It was emphasized that we want the pedagogy to drive the items to be included in the Maker Space; every space is different. We may start with a few core items and see where that leads for the direction of the space.
- Volunteer coordinator offered to help with Maker Space.

9. Fundraising Committee

- Committee positions
- Spirit wear
- Suggested to have a pre-Christmas sale. Volunteers would be needed to help tirage orders

and with delivery. We would also need someone to reconcile orders in a spreadsheet and provide the order summary to the supplier.

- **Action: President to send out details to the group.**

10. Other Business

- a) Appropriate Use of Technology ([P.100.IT](#)) review and feedback
- Limited feedback was received. Concern was expressed regarding the requirement for discussion with your child on responsible use, and the lack of resources available to help guide the discussion. A handout, how-to guide, or other resources for parents (different versions based on child age) on how to start the conversation would be useful.
 - This feedback was deemed sufficient to go back to the board.
 - The OCASC representative will prepare a summary to share back with the Board.
 - **Action: Principal to provide the feedback form to the OCASC rep.**
- b) Newsletter
- The Council will bring back the monthly Newsletter; the Secretary will be responsible for preparing.
 - All of Council has a say; it is to be shared property. Last year, themes were chosen for a monthly newsletter – they solicited stories, volunteer portraits, etc.
 - It was suggested that the newsletter could be a good vehicle for eliciting parent opinions on how to follow-up on the RPPS commitment to Indigenous learning and the activities/events to hold. It was suggested that a Google form to parents might also help elicit ideas and see what they might like to help support.
- c) Teacher Appreciation Lead/Committee
- No discussion
- d) Informal, in-person meeting
- Council members seemed to agree that an informal meeting for coffee on the weekend would be a good option.
 - **Action: Doodlepoll to be sent out.**
- e) Other discussions
- The question regarding engaging with the MASC program – an art program RPPS has been involved with in previous years – was raised. This program was seen as somewhat duplicative to the Storytelling Series, so it wouldn't be engaged at the school level. However, individual teachers may choose to contact for individual speakers (there is a cost).

11. Adjournment

9:15

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 14, 2021 – 7 PM, Virtual Meeting

Annex I

BOOK FAIR REPORT TO RPPS SCHOOL COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 9, 2021

JONI HAMLIN

CHAIR, BOOK FAIR STANDING COMMITTEE

RPPS Open House for New Parents

Off topic but at our Book Fair meeting, had a request to have an open house for new parents to come and see what the school looks like. I think this could be a Council initiative for some time in the new year and would like the Principal to float the idea by the Board to see if and when it would be possible. The new parents I've spoken to feel a real disconnect with the school and it would go a long way in making them feel part of the school community. I'm happy to help coordinate it.

Rockcliffe Park Book Fair Storytelling Series

I asked Kate to circulate an update on the Storytelling Series so I wouldn't spend a lot of time on it. It will take place next Monday and Tuesday – November 15 and 16, and kick off the 60th Anniversary Celebrations for Book Fair. Happy to answer any questions.

Next Book Fair Meeting

The next Book Fair meeting is this Thursday Nov 11 at 7pm but it will be the last formal meeting for the Committee until some time in the New Year.

Committee Membership

We've had more changes in the Committee Membership and new volunteers as follows:

Nora Aljarchi has signed up to be the Administration Team lead

Out of respect for the Committee, Michelle and Varvara have stepped down as voting members but are always welcome at meetings, as are all parents.

Virtual Sale Preparations

The Friends group has reported that they are doing extremely well. They sorted all of the inventory last weekend and will have the bags prepared by this Sunday.

We expect to have 300 bags of books to sell at \$10 per bag. The categories are:

Classics

Thrillers/Mysteries

Sci Fi/Horror/Fantasy

Biography/Autobiography

General Fiction (this includes romance)

Cookbooks

Teen fiction

Black Squirrel Books is taking all remaining books from the community group and has even given a \$500 donation to Book Fair.

Sponsors

We've received \$2500 in sponsors so far, so we're well on track to meet the \$3000 goal in our budget.

Book Fair Swag Campaign

Campaign went live on Saturday. I received an update from our Swag volunteer Jennie today and the results to date and we've sold 7 shirts, 2 bags and had one \$20 donation.

We will run our campaign until March so we have plenty of time to meet our sales goals.

Council On Line Store and placement of Book Fair sale items

Matthew who runs the store was able to create a separate Book Fair tab so that's all sorted.

Rolling Class Book Shops

The Friends group has reported that they have organized books for the class book shops and that there is a good selection. I spoke with Heather and Cilina today and we've come up with a plan for the kids to each buy a book for a buck.

Annex II

Rockcliffe Park Book Fair Storytelling Series Presented by the Ottawa Children's Festival and Sezlik Realty Update November 8, 2021

The Storytelling Series will take place November 15 & 16 – 9:00am and 11:30am.

Total cost is \$1,625 total – will be paid to Ottawa StoryTellers by cheque from the Book Fair account.

There will be 8 storytellers, 4 English and 4 French

Broken down in the following categories:

JK and SK

Grades 1 & 2

Grades 3 & 4

Grades 5 & 6

There are 3 English-only classes and the teachers will need to decide if they want one English and one French teller or two English tellers. This decision needs to be made by Wednesday.

Each session should be approx 60 minutes with time for a Q & A.

JK and SK will only be 30 minutes (at the Principal's request).

It will be clear in all communications that this is the Rockcliffe Park Book Fair Storytelling Series Presented by the Ottawa Children's Festival and Sezlik Realty. Possibly by Mark Motors as well – we are awaiting confirmation on their sponsorship.

Each class participating will have the opportunity to ask 1 or 2 questions (time permitting). We suggest each class (beginning with RPPS classes) ask one question each and then they can go around for a second question if there is time.

A total of 10 classes will be allowed per storyteller. Once the teachers have confirmed their preferred tellers, the Principal can invite other schools to join in.

Book Fair will provide a volunteer for each session to host the Google Meet. They will ensure the connection is made for all participants, introduce the storyteller and facilitate the question and answer session.

HERE ARE THE TELLERS

English

Mary Wiggin

Mary Wiggin — Ottawa StoryTellers

For over 15 years, Mary Wiggin has delighted audiences with her storytelling. Renowned for her exquisite sense of language, Mary is a subtle master of the literary tale. She favours folktales and fairy tales with strong heroines and sound plots, but listeners should be ready for some surprises.

Mary specializes in telling stories for adults but she has lots of experience telling to younger audiences in schools and libraries and at the Children's Storytelling Festival. Her repertoire includes literary, historic, folk and fairy tales and she is especially fond of humorous stories. It's always good to share a laugh with the audience.

Kathie Kompass

Kathie Kompass — Ottawa StoryTellers

Kathie is an animated teller with 28 years of active experience.

Kathie's desire is to light a verbal candle, drawing the audience closer. She likes the taste of sharp, keen, vivid words in her mouth. Words that will create a picture in the Listeners mind as the story reveals itself.

Kathie is most comfortable telling to school children age 4 through grade 8. She delights in the mischief of folktales, the power of myths, and the true adventure of historical pieces

When storytelling for youth groups or schools she creates chants and participation stories to enrich the theme of the event and involve the audience.

Jennifer Cailey

Jennifer Cayley — Ottawa StoryTellers

For more than 30 years Jennifer has told stories to a diversity of audiences.

Performance Highlights include:

- The Book of Spells: A Love Story; with Jan Andrews: toured in Wales, Southern Ontario and most recently headlined at the Midsumma Festival in Melbourne, Australia
- The Fourth Stage of Canada's National Arts Centre:
Seven years telling at Speaking in, Speaking Out
- Storytelling festivals: Honolulu, Ottawa, Toronto, Eastern Townships, St Marys, Vancouver
- Stories From the Ages: 13 years telling at both the weekly winter series and long summer telling devoted to epic.

Jennifer has a special interest in voice and movement. She has completed five week intensive at the National voice Intensive and the Roy Hart international Voice Center as well as undertaking workshops with many master storytellers.

Janet LeRoy

Janet LeRoy — Ottawa StoryTellers

Janet LeRoy beams when children join her in song, rhyme, and finger play during Story Time at the Wakefield Library. Stories about turtles, bears, dogs, frogs, cats, and chickens bring smiles, wonder, and adventure. Listeners of all ages recognize themselves in her child stories. Janet was the featured storyteller in the Wakefield Writers Festival in 2014 and 2015. This is her third performance at The

Ottawa Children's Storytelling Festival. Janet teaches storytelling to both children and adults. She is a member of Ottawa Storytellers and Storytellers of Canada.

French

Lorraine Jeansonne

<https://www.storytellers-conteurs.ca/en/storytellers-directory/Lorraine-Jeansonne.html>
Mordue d'histoire et de l'environnement, Lorraine M. M. Jeansonne remporte la 3e place aux Contes en rafales de Storytellers Canada/Conteurs en 2012. Du coup, elle publie quatre contes dans le recueil collectif Déjà, ça se passait de même. En 2013, son conte La quête du visiteur est télédiffusé à Viens que j'te conte à Ottawa Télé Rogers; six autres contes à TV22 Clarence-Rockland depuis 2018. En 2015, son conte-théâtre « Les drôleries de Bella la pie bavarde » est présentée au Festival des Arts de la Scène Val-Gatinois. Depuis 2019, Lorraine participe au Festival du conte pour enfants d'Ottawa Storytellers.

(Translation:

A history and environment buff, Lorraine M. M. Jeansonne won third place in the 2012 Storytellers Canada/Conteurs Contes en rafales. As a result, she published four stories in the collective collection Déjà, ça se passait de même. In 2013, her story La quête du visiteur was broadcast on Viens que j'te conte on Ottawa Télé Rogers; six other stories on TV22 Clarence-Rockland since 2018. In 2015, her story-theatre "Les drôleries de Bella la pie bavarde" was presented at the Festival des Arts de la Scène Val-Gatinois. Since 2019, Lorraine has participated in the Ottawa Storytellers Children's Festival.)

Capitaine Bonnefemme

Accueil - Capitaine Bonnefemme - Contes pour jeunes, adultes et aînés.

Des années d'expérience à bord des navires de la Garde côtière canadienne et de l'environnement maritime ont nourri l'imagination fertile de Nicole Fournier, alias Capitaine Bonnefemme.

Issue de son passé d'éducatrice spécialisée auprès des jeunes sourds, ses gestes et ses mouvements complètent très certainement ses mimiques animées et ses expressions.

Son périple l'a conduite de Laval à Sydney, en Nouvelle-Écosse, et de Québec à Ottawa, en passant par les océans Atlantique et Arctique.

Maintenant retraitée près de Gatineau, elle écrit ses propres histoires et les raconte dans des écoles, des bibliothèques, des résidences et des événements thématiques. Ses aventures, intimement liées à travers ses personnages et sa lignée plus que colorée, se déroulent plus souvent qu'autrement à bord de son navire le «Porte-bonheur» (LuckyCharm).

Et c'est pourquoi ses talents de conteuse vous transportent vers ce merveilleux sentiment d'émerveillement qui vous fait subtilement tous douter... et si tout cela était *vraiment* vrai?

(Translation:

Years of experience aboard Canadian Coast Guard ships and in the maritime environment have fuelled the fertile imagination of Nicole Fournier, aka Captain Bonnefemme.

From her background as a special educator for deaf youth, her gestures and movements certainly complement her animated mimics and expressions.

Her journey has taken her from Laval to Sydney, Nova Scotia, and from Quebec City to Ottawa, via the Atlantic and Arctic Oceans.

Now retired near Gatineau, she writes her own stories and tells them in schools, libraries, residences and themed events.

Her adventures, intimately linked through her characters and her more than colourful lineage, more often than not take place aboard her ship "LuckyCharm".

And that's why her storytelling skills transport you to that wonderful sense of wonder that subtly makes you all wonder... what if it's all really true?)

Le Père Garneau

Le Père Garneau | Regroupement du conte au Québec

Le Père Garneau, originaire de l'Abitibi et du Témiskaming ontarien, est l'un des conteurs les plus en demande de la grande région d'Ottawa. Ayant un répertoire à n'en plus finir, ses contes proviennent en partie de son ancêtre Théophile Garneau, de l'histoire de sa famille, colons arrivés en Abitibi tôt après la « grande répression », ou le résultat de son infatigable imagination, concoctés afin d'amuser ses petits-enfants. Le Père Garneau a pu être entendu entre autres dans un grand nombre d'écoles de la région de la capitale nationale, au Centre des arts Shenkman, au Centre national des Arts d'Ottawa ainsi qu'aux Dimanches du conte et au Balai des conteurs, à Montréal. En 2015, le Père a offert un spectacle de contes de Noël à l'église Saint-Joseph d'Orléans. En juin, 2017, il a participé à un téléthon pour venir en aide aux sinistrés des inondations de l'est ontarien. Pendant 3 ans, le Père Garneau a animé une émission chez TV Rogers, la station de télévision communautaire francophone d'Ottawa. L'émission est maintenant diffusée au Nouveau-Brunswick et sur la chaîne locale de télévision de Rockland, dans l'est ontarien. En 2015, le Père s'est joint aux Rats d'Swompe pour former Le Père Garneau et les Rats d'Swompe. En plus des nombreux spectacles de conte dans la région, avec Le Père Garneau et les Rats d'Swompe, le Père a été récipiendaire du prix Le Coup de foudre Salut! à Contact ontariois en 2016, suite auquel ils ont donné plus de 65 spectacles. Le groupe a aussi été candidat pour le prix de Meilleur spectacle au gala Trille Or de 2017.

(Translation:

Father Garneau, a native of Abitibi and Temiskaming Ontario, is one of the most sought-after storytellers in the greater Ottawa area. With an endless repertoire, his tales come in part from his ancestor Théophile Garneau, from the history of his family, settlers who arrived in Abitibi early after the "Great Repression", or the result of his tireless imagination, concocted to entertain his grandchildren. Father Garneau has performed in many schools in the National Capital Region, at the Shenkman Arts Centre, the National Arts Centre in Ottawa, and at Storytelling Sundays and the Balai des conteurs in Montreal, among others. In 2015, Father gave a Christmas storytelling performance at St. Joseph's Church in Orleans. In June 2017, he participated in a telethon to help the flood victims in Eastern Ontario. For three years, Father Garneau hosted a program on TV Rogers, Ottawa's French-language community television station. The program is now broadcast in New Brunswick and on the local television station in Rockland,

Eastern Ontario. In 2015, Le Père joined forces with Les Rats d'Swompe to form Le Père Garneau et les Rats d'Swompe. In addition to numerous storytelling shows in the region, with Le Père Garneau and Les Rats d'Swompe, Père was the recipient of the 2016 Salut! Contact Ontario Award, following which they performed over 65 shows. The group was also nominated for Best Show at the 2017 Trille Or Gala.)

Marie Robertson (bio to come)

After 15 year of performing for stage and radio, Marie discovered storytelling and never looked back! She's part of this year's Children's Storytelling Festival.