

OSS Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 25, 2017

6:00 pm – 7:15 pm

In Attendance: Jim Sammon, Sandy Madorin, Sue Surrey, Kim Stevenson, Jen Couvrette (teacher rep), Alistair Dickie, Jen Munroe, Jonah Odlozinski (student rep), Ethan Odlozinski (student rep)

Regrets: Carolyn Stirling

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Introductions & Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact information was collected • Mr. Sammon clarified that School Council acts as a link between the school and parent community • Input is sought from committee members at various points vs elementary school councils which are more involved with fund raising, etc. • Also a forum for parents to raise broad concerns (not re their specific students) 	
2. Elections & Appointments & Roles of the Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair – Alistair Dickie • PIC* Committee Rep – Shannon Daggett? • Secretary – Sandy Madorin <p>*PIC = Parent Involvement Committee</p>	
3. Fundraising and Field Trip Forms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Were circulated (have been submitted by staff) • Some edits noted 	
4. Student Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethan reported that the Grade 9 reps for Students Council have been elected – 20 applicants and separate interviews – 11 Grade 9 reps were elected • Grade 9s have had their Link Day and it was a success – each Link leader has a Grade 9 class; Link leaders have opportunity for leadership, apart from School Council members • Clubs and sports have started up – there was a club/sports fair last week • Terry Fox Run has been postponed until next Thursday – fundraising is underway • Wednesday Lights Game is in the works • Next Wednesday – Aboriginal Games Event • Grade 9 Dance (event) coming up • Full School Dance coming up in November 	

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5. Volunteer Criminal Record Checks (VSS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required for all members of committee • If previous VSS can sign waiver • Can also have transferred from elementary schools 	Members of the committee are to get police checks or waivers completed. Those in attendance did this after the meeting.
6. Principal's Report/Teacher Report (Mr. Sammon)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jen reported that the Link Team was great this year (older students mentoring groups of grade 9s) – helped with the transition. • Mr. Sammon reported that the start-up has gone well. • Trying to establish a culture of excellence in students. • Tone in building is positive. • The school is very full – take time with option sheets in spring as these are used to build the schedule of classes – less flexibility later on. • Enrolment is 1104, staffed at 1020; Some out of area students have been accepted, some not based on numbers. Generally, need to follow geographical boundaries. Out of area students need to complete an application. • MyBlueprint is an excellent resource for students planning their post-secondary lives • Our field is in use now. Fall sports up and running. This will save Rotary Place fees. • EQAO released test scores this week – these are not the only indicator of a good school (eg: also teacher-student relationships, extra-curriculars, etc.). Literacy results went up 15%. Both academic and applied math results were up 4-5%. • UIP – University Information Program – this year hosted by OSS on October 19. Reps from each university come to that. There will be a college fair as well. • Current state of air conditioning at OSS – fans are going because the A/C is not working. Issues were discovered back in April/May – chiller system on the roof is the issue. Was supposed to be fixed by now and it has not been fixed. Mr. Sammon met with the director today and new unit has been ordered. In the meantime, students and teachers are relocating in worst case scenarios, moving to the library, etc. 	
7. PRO grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is \$500 to spend on parent engagement (eg: previously we have done magnets, had guest speakers) • Mr. Sammon suggested one option is putting money towards the new sign which will be a way of communicating with parents 	Please consider ideas for upcoming meetings re how to spend this money this year
8. Next Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday, November 20 • Monday, January 15 • Monday, March 19 • Monday, May 28 	Mr. Sammon will send out an agenda the Friday prior to the meeting

