

OSS Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 21, 2016

6:00 pm – 7:35 pm

In Attendance: Jim Sammon, Cindy Hache, Sandy Madorin, Marlene Limpright, , Jen Munroe, Amanda Salmon, Alex Salmon, Raven Cotnam, Jonah Odlozinski

Regrets: Jewel Sisson, Carolyn Stirling, Adrienne Spottiswood, Sue Surrey & Steve DePiero, Shannon Daggett, Amie Gregory

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Student Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This past month there were Halloween events, first dance, etc. • Student Council reps went on trips to OELC, including grade 9 reps. • Transition b/w fall and winter spots. Boys volleyball and girls basketball are done. Girls volleyball, boys basketball and wrestling have started. • Karaoke event planned as well as Christmas events. 	
2. Principal Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tomorrow night at Lion’s Oval – “Most Likely To Succeed” @6:30 – a video will be shown that was shown to all staff in the county. Like a high school without traditional barriers. More project oriented. Everything culminates in a show – they create something to demonstrate what they have learned. Emphasizes that the learning and the demonstration of the learning is more important than the numbers. Reinforces that kids will want to learn what they perceive as useful. Supports student choice and inquiry based learning. Students have more control over their own learning. • Grade 8 Information Night, Wed. January 18th, 2017, 6pm. • Kathy Wallace, Director will be retiring – search is on for a new director. • Reports out today • Verification forms for contact information have also gone out. • Online OSSLT – was challenging although staff and kids handled things well. Most students at OSS actually finished. These will be marked. Some students according to IEPs are allowed extra time which meant a 5 hour test and it was handled well. Students who were unsuccessful are able to write again in the spring. • October 28 – had first annual awards celebration. Awards for academics but also character, hardworking, resiliency, etc. • November 11 – first Remembrance Day ceremony at the new school. Students were split in 2 so two ceremonies. At 1100 everyone was around the flagpole. • Bands and drama are up and running. Band was in parade yesterday. • PA day this past Friday related to mental health. 	

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2. Principal's Report (Cont'd)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In May OSS will be hosting the board's wellness day. • There was a "hold and secure" situation a few weeks ago. This occurred after school hours and there were approx. 250 people in building due to a basketball game. • Upcoming events – Holiday Concert for music students is December 15. Arts Night is December 19. December 19 is also an immunization clinic (catch up day). Could be 20 day suspension for students not immunized/without paperwork 	
3. Official Grand Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Likely spring of 2017 • This is where someone from the ministry is invited • Details to come. 	
4. Pro Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents Reaching Out (magnets, speaker) • Cindy suggested something related to mental health. Promoting healthy mental health strategies, etc. Engaging speakers. 	
5. Connections event at the School Board (Parent Involvement Committee)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cindy, Shannon and Jen attended. Cindy shared a binder with information to use for school council. At the event, all secondary schools got together at one table. One thing that came up was parent involvement. One school had great ideas – eg: council members going to feeder schools to encourage parents to participate, cookie table at parent teacher interview night, email reminders, attend Grade 9 night and speak. Parent Involvement Committee was also interested in hearing feedback on priorities. 	
6. Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prom will be Friday June 9 	
7. Next Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday, January 23 • Monday, March 20 • Monday, May 15 	Mr. Sammon will send out an agenda the Friday prior to the meeting