

OSS Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 23, 2017

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

In Attendance: Jim Sammon, Cindy Hache, Sandy Madorin, Marlene Limpright, , Jen Munroe, Amanda Salmon, Alex Salmon, Raven Cotnam, Jewel Sisson, Carolyn Stirling, Shannon Daggett

Regrets: Adrienne Spottiswood, Sue Surrey & Steve DePiero, Amie Gregory, Jonah Odlozinski

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Student Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Jewel, Grade 10) – everything is going well, students stressed by exams • Student Council – doing ice cream for exams • Teachers are helping students who are stressed 	
2. Principal Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director retired Dec. 31. Replaced by associate director who is retiring next week. • Hunt is underway – we may know by Wednesday evening who the new director will be • School very busy – Sports on hiatus now. Wrestling has just started and will continue after exams. Art showcase in December (drama, music, art). Holiday season – 3 parades and 2 community performances, concert, arts night, elementary school visits made it very busy for the band students. • OSSLT – will be written on March 27th (Second version, paper and pen only). Students and staff persevered in the fall when the online test difficulties happened – were able to manage these until it was taken offline. Everyone was very invested emotionally and there was a great deal of uncertainty. Students who were unsuccessful will write in March. Students don't know if they passed yet or not. Students will be counted for an attempt if they logged on which is good for those who know they will have to take the course. • OSS has been randomly selected to participate in an international version of EQAO that focuses on math, science and English. Randomly, 80 of our 15 year old students are selected. Typically draw from Grade 10 students. Last time it was half online and half on paper. • Grade 8 visits – Mr. Sammon has gone to most schools. Guidance leads have been out to all schools. When students are selecting their option sheets, it's important to give it good thoughts. It impacts loading of teachers/sections that will run, etc. based on these numbers. The courses that will run are then timetabled. Not a lot of room to play with. 	

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2. Principal's Report (Cont'd)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 8 night rescheduled til tomorrow, January 24, 2017 – a chance to showcase, warm, supportive environment of the school (vs impression that it could be a “super school”. Numbers at OSS are approximately 1050, not far off the “old” Park Street or ODCVI • Parking has been challenging with snow removal. After two snowfalls, the school was down 45 spots. Snow had to be removed by dump truck. Some students do not have sidewalk access to the school. • Graduation Retakes – Feb.28th • Graduation – at rotary, no limit to tickets. Date is Thursday, June 29. Working with the city for better parking, It is in the afternoon • Semester 2 will start soon. Timetables organized. Some new staffing. 	
3. Official Grand Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No new news here • Likely end of April – need to pick this date 	
4. Pro Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents Reaching Out – some of this funding may be used for magnets, etc. for distribution at the Grand Opening but no decision yet 	
5. Next Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday, March 20 • Monday, May 15 	Mr. Sammon will send out an agenda the Friday prior to the meeting