

## OSS Council Meeting Minutes

**Monday, January 18, 2018**

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

***In Attendance:*** Jim Sammon, Sandy Madorin, Margaret Sawatsky (teacher rep), Jen Munroe, Sue Surrey, Jonah Odlozinski (student rep),

***Regrets:*** Alistair Dickie, Ethan Odlozinski

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Introductions & Welcome		
2. Student Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Holiday events went well – a different event each day the last week before the holiday break, music concert went well</li> <li>• Upcoming – semi dance in March</li> <li>• Sports have started – for example, boys basketball. Senior boys are doing very well. Blackball cancelled due to weather but reschedule for Feb 2/3</li> <li>• X-country skiing, and swimming going well</li> <li>• Girls volleyball and curling are currently underway</li> <li>• Students are gearing up for exams which start next week</li> </ul>	
3. Teacher Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LINK program for grade 9s is very effective – a way to connect seniors with grade 9s so they don't feel so intimidated – smooths the transition</li> <li>• Starts before school year starts and ongoing activities throughout the year – eg: exam prep strategies, time management, etc.</li> <li>• Robot challenge at OSS – 5 different schools participated, showcased at lunch so other OSS students could see it</li> <li>• New School sign in place and working</li> <li>• Arts night is tomorrow night with music, dance and drama, visual arts display, improve team</li> <li>• Grade 8 night is Wednesday – different clubs will be represented</li> <li>• Moratorium starts this week – no sports, field trips. Once informal and practical tests start, only one per day.</li> <li>• Grade 9s have been prepped re what exams will be like, what to expect, etc.</li> <li>• In class evals start next Thursday with period 4 first</li> </ul>	

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4. Principal's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School sign up and powered – some issues getting it running, and going off/on as it's supposed to (on all night). Appears to be set correctly now. Can run videos, etc. on it</li> <li>• Teachers and students all seem to have had a good, relaxing break</li> <li>• School has been busy</li> <li>• Wrestling has started</li> <li>• Band/music program has been very busy – parades, visits to feeder schools, etc.</li> <li>• Holiday Food Drive was successful, Green Haven, SPCA drives as well</li> <li>• OSSLT will be written this year on April 10 – paper only version this year</li> <li>• Grade 8 visits by principal and guidance have been done</li> <li>• Option sheets/course selection is coming up – very important to do this now to build the master timetable</li> <li>• It's very tight and difficult to change options later/after the fact</li> <li>• Grade 8 Night – can hand out flyers that night if School council wishes – has been done in the past to try and recruit more members</li> <li>• Parking a challenge this winter and will continue to be – in past years snow has been removed and dumped at Borland Street site.</li> <li>• Grad Photo retakes are coming up on January 26<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Graduation will be at Rotary Place again – no limit to tickets there. Parking will be allowed on the street, etc. Date of graduation is June 28.</li> <li>• Semester 2 will be starting shortly – still working on staffing/LTOs, etc.</li> <li>• Rotary Students of the month – Jonah Odlozinski, Hunter Birch the last two months</li> </ul>	
5. Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A question was asked regarding semester system – eg., Elmvale has math and science courses running year long. It is a school decision, often based on size of school and teacher availability. Semestering is the preferred method of delivery.</li> </ul>	
6. Next Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday, March 19 (Monday right after March break)</li> <li>• Monday, May 28</li> </ul>	agenda to be sent out by the Friday prior to the meeting