

OSS Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 19, 2018

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

In Attendance: Jim Sammon, Sandy Madorin, Jen Munroe, Megan Francis, Lisa Mavrou (teacher rep), Jonah Odlozinski (student rep), Alistair Dickie, Shannon Daggett

Regrets: Ethan Odlozinski, Sue Surrey

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Introductions & Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Megan and Lisa were introduced to the committee 	
2. Student Report (Jonah)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School has been busy • First exams over, second semester started and settled in • Blue Dot Project – during exams, promoted mental health awareness and positive mindset going into exams • Semi-Formal coming up on April 6 – theme is “Dreamworks Production” – open to all grades • Sports – boy’s basketball (SR) – attended OFSAA; success at cross country skiing (OFSAA) and wrestling (OFSAA); Dodgeball tournament coming up (intramural, prizes); currently starting up are badminton, girl’s rugby, track and field; looking at rowing, lacrosse • Chinese New Year celebration – international club • Music department went to Collingwood Music Fest and did very well • Ms. Matthie won a national award - “Music Counts Canada” 	
3. Staff Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Teacher interviews were March 7th – quieter than most • OSSLT – coming up on Tuesday, April 10 for the Grade 10s – prep and extra support for students occurring now to prepare for this. Just the Grade 10s come to school that day; shortened 4 classes in the afternoon (drop in vs formal classes) • Midterm reports – April 30; PA day April 27 • “Spring Fling” – music event May 4 • Specialist High Skills Major – Health – lots going on, obtaining extra certifications, etc. Going to visit Georgian College for fitness testing, U of T Kin Department, etc. • Fitness room open every day at lunch now. • Relay for Life – Now every other year event. This is due to drain on the community. Taking a break this year. 	

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4. Principal's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We were hosts for Ontario winter games (fencing) and will be again in 2 years – student volunteers were a great help • Just finished up School Climate survey – can be challenging to get students to complete this • Course selection for next year almost finished – very important re staffing complement • Prom on 8th of June – must be a prospective graduate, including community service hours • Graduation on June 28th at Rotary Place – not necessary to limit guests 	
5. New Business	<p>5.1 – By-law Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan to write these up at next meeting • Samples in binder but need to personalize <p>5.2 – Gender Identity in the Classroom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Sammon reviewed documents from school board related to this • Students can now identify their gender as they wish in PowerSchool – can leave as blank • Child can change gender identify without parents there • Teachers can ask student which pronoun they prefer 	Mr. Sammon will circulate these documents so that we can give them some thought or send suggestions forward before the next meeting
6. Next Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday, May 28 	agenda to be sent out by the Friday prior to the meeting