

OSS Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 28, 2018

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

In Attendance: Jim Sammon, Sandy Madorin, Jen Munroe, Megan Francis, Lisa Mavrou (teacher rep), Sue Surrey, Jonah Odlozinski (student rep), Ethan Odlozinski (student rep), Alastair Dickie

Regrets: Shannon Daggett

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Introductions & Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcoming of group members to final meeting of the year 	
2. Student Report (Jonah and Ethan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The band had their Spring Fling and Spring Concert and trip to Montreal and Quebec (workshops, performances, concerts). Mrs. Watson has announced her retirement. • Spring sports are underway – rugby, track, tennis • Student Council had pancake breakfast. Grade 8 day being organized (June) – tours, games, etc. – superhero theme • Enviro-Action – sold water bottles, went to competition at board office (placed second) • Science Competition went well – Senior team won • Student’s Council had wellness week – meditation, etc. • Abilities Week – bake sale with profits to Shriner’s • Student Council elections have occurred • Me to We just finished a water walk – carried water from park back to school – very good learning experience – funds raised for Me To We & for Water First which work with communities in northern Ontario • Me to We did a vow of silence – off phones and silent for a day – to raise money for people without a voice – approx. \$100 raised • Co-op job fair a success • Exams upcoming • Prom – June 8; Grad is June 28 • OPP vs student basketball game on June 4th, possible Dodgeball tournament as well • Ultimate Frisbee – GBs tomorrow (May 29) • Rugby did well, Grade 9 and 12 girls have done well in track 	

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3. Staff Report (Lisa Mavrou)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid-April – all staff had laptops updated which is helpful • Scales Reptile Park visited – very well received • April 30 – midterm reports were issued • Co-op fair – very good turnout from classes – attended by staff, students, employers and community • May 29 – a tornado drill • Honours Breakfast – May 30 – all of period 1 – for students on honour roll from Semester 1 • Rotary Student of the Month – Chloe Palfrey (trips to Africa, Me To We), brought dance group from Africa to the school • June 6 – Arts Night – music, art, dance • June 8 – Senior Drama performance • June 12 – EQAO for the Grade 9s • June 15 – in class exams • June 21 – exam starts • June 28 – commencement at 3pm 	
4. Principal's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chiller was replaced so air-conditioner was working – it was off for an hour and a half this morning but fixed quickly • June 7 – all students should walk or bus to school – OSS is a polling site so limited student parking that day • Co-op program was discussed – very productive and meaningful for many students • Prom June 8 – at Hawk Ridge • Athletic Banquet – June 12 • Boys baseball, girl's softball, ultimate and track are still finishing up • Graduation – no limits to guests but parking is very limited • School Climate results – participation rate was 68% two years ago; this year it was in the 90s. Results are on a positive trend and improvement from 2 years ago • Peter Bowman will be principal starting September 2019 – coming from Barrie North 	
5. New Business	<p>5.1 – By-laws</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group discussed the Article #2 and #3 drafts • It was decided that more clarity needed on School Council duties re the School Board and OSS • The group felt that the second and third sentences in Article #2 draft are not seen as correct re what we actually do as a council – will need to be revised 	<p>Mr. Sammon has circulated the OSS documents (sent home yearly) that clarifies what school council members do as well as the SCDSB memorandum – Administrative Procedures re School Council (A7200)</p>

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5. New Business (cont'd)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Sammon shared the SCDSB statement/goals re parent councils as well as the description he uses to invite parents out to council meetings on screen • Mr. Sammon shared ideal re school council from a principal's perspective: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Be a forum and advise as needed ○ Support kids as we can ○ Be link to community • The group felt the objectives goals can likely be pulled from the SCDSB memo and Mr. Sammon's documents <p>5.2 – Council Mission Statement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Article 3) – on the current draft this is the mission statement of the school vs the school council – the group felt that this needs to be revisited – probably before the objectives/goals can be finalized <p>5.3 – Important Issues for 2018-19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing parent involvement • Clarifying role of council at OSS <p>5.4 – Increasing Parent Involvement in Council for 2018-19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group discussed possibilities of organizing a night for parents ideally responsive to the climate survey (eg: mental health, bullying, etc). A wellness event? Using board resources and community resources would mean the \$500 budget could be spent on pizza/dinner 	<p>Alastair will work at a new draft of the Mission Statement & the Objectives/Goals, using the circulated documents.</p> <p>He will share this via email and group members will give feedback within 48h</p>
6. Next Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 17, 2018 	