## SCHOOL COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2016-17

It's been another successful school year at OSS. We want to thank faculty and staff for supporting student achievement. As everyone continues to settle into our new building, many accomplishments were achieved...

<u>ACADEMICS</u> - There are many programmes and initiatives set up in the school to support the success of our students. Here are just of a few of them:

- Saving Our Students (SOS) provides an opportunity for students to catch up on and complete assignment to help improve their chances of success.
- Our equality and inclusion team continued its work focusing on anti-bullying initiatives and mental health awareness and has now grown to include a GSA... HUGS (Humans Understanding Gender & Sexuality)
- After school programs for Math and English support.

**SPORTS** - OSS students made some very strong teams. Here are just a few of their successes:

**No Cut Sports (Ultimate Frisbee and Badminton)** for grade nine students who have not been on a team before.

Senior Boys' Football- GBSSA Finalist

Senior Girls' Basketball - GBSSA Finalists

**Nordic Skiing** – 7 athletes competed OFSAA Championships

**Swimming** – after strong performance at GBSSA Championships, 3 swimmers went on to OFSSA

**Badminton** – several strong performances at North regionals including 2 third place and a fourth place finish.

**Wrestling** – 10 wrestlers competed at the OFSAA Championships including 2 bronze medals and a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish.

Junior Girls' Basketball - GBSSA Champions!

<u>ARTS</u> - Arts students also had a very successful year including numerous public performances and competitions.

**Music** – Earned 2 Gold and 2 High Silvers at Musicfest Regionals and as a result travelled to Musicfest Nationals in Niagara Falls. Our bands also had numerous performances in the local and surrounding communities.

**Dance** – Our Dance team was successful in a number of competitions this year.

**Drama** – Our budding young thespians held a number of shows and also had a very successful run at the Sears Drama festival. Additionally, our Improv Team had a very successful run at Regionals.

We at School Council are always excited to hear about OSS student accomplishments, and this year we are thrilled to congratulate Terry Bullen, a longtime OSS teacher, and a three-time Canadian champion lacrosse player who this year was inducted into the Orillia Sports Hall of Fame. Congratulations Mr. Bullen!

Sincerely,
The parents/guardians of School Council

Cindy Haché Chair