

OSS Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 26, 2016
 6:00 pm – 7:35 pm

In Attendance: Jim Sammon, Cindy Hache, Sandy Madorin, Sue Surrey & Steve DePiero, Shannon Daggett, Jen Munroe, Jewel Sisson, Amanda Salmon, Alex Salmon, Raven Cotnam, Carolyn Stirling, Adrienne Spottiswood, Mr. Brooks, Mrs. Deborah Arcuri, Jonah Odlozinski, Amie Gregory

Regrets: Marlene Limpright

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Introductions & Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact information was collected 	
2. Elections & Appointments & Roles of the Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair – Cindy Hache • PIC* Committee Rep – Shannon Daggett • Secretary – Sandy Madorin <p>The council is a forum for questions and the group has an advisory role as well. Input is offered. Input also required re field trips and food policies. *PIC = Parent Involvement Committee</p>	
3. Fundraising and Field Trip Forms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Were circulated • Need to be signed off by Cindy as chair 	
4. Student Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jonah said the new year has started off well • Grade 9s had a good Grade 9 day at Tudhope Park • Grade 9 SC tryouts are coming up soon • Upcoming events – coffee house (talent show) coming up Thursday • Jewel noted that Grade 9 day was effective in positive role modelling from older students and helped younger students get to know older ones • School year otherwise going well 	
5. Volunteer Criminal Record Checks (VSS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New members need to apply for one (forms to take to police station from office) • Members who had these done at an elementary school need to do a transfer plus the yearly declaration – transfer requires getting a form signed by principal of the elementary school 	Members of the committee are to get police checks or waivers completed

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6. Principal's Report/Teacher Report (Mr. Sammon)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great start up to the year • Less transition and change compared to last year • Challenge this year - very full re numbers, large classes • Some relief on the way – additional sections • Other challenge – this year the new physical space is affecting the dynamics and processes (first start-up in new school) – more an issue for staff vs students • October 20 – university information session – hosted by PF - 6:30 – 9 pm Essential for grade 11 and 12 students, good for grade 10 students as well View books are provided by reps from all Ontario universities • Oct. 27 – 9-11 am – College Information and Apprenticeship Fair • OSSLT (literacy test) – coming October 20 for Grade 10 students (online) and then if students are unsuccessful they can write it again the last week of March (reports for students who were unsuccessful to help them prepare for this). If they pass in October they don't have to write the March test. March test – students choose if they want online or paper (for this year anyways) Some concerns about computers and everyone writing this online. Kids seem fine with format. Jewel reported that some students not in English this semester are worried they will be at a disadvantage with the test in October. Mrs. Acruri reassured that the test is on Grade 7-9 curriculum. There are online prep tests available to anyone (EQAO.com) • Math EQAO is 2 days – whatever semester the student has math. There is a window each semester, not a specific date across the province 	
7. Food and Beverage Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brought in a few years ago • High sodium, carbs, salt, caffeine, etc. restricted • Certain number of days per year where such foods can be sold • Affects fundraising and menu of food items available for sale, also vending machines • Is a challenge financially – due to limits on fundraising • There are 10 days declared as exemption days – clubs, groups submit requests and then a committee of 3, including Mr. Sammon • Eg: if a dance day is chosen, other groups could use that day as well • There is a list of approved vendors that can be used on non-exempt days • 4 dates submitted so far • Nov. 4, 24, Spring Fling, March 8, May 5 	

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8. Upcoming Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> October 18, 4- 6:30 – board is hosting a networking event for school council members - need to go in and register if you want to attend - “Connections” – Cindy suggested it would be great if someone could go and report back. It’s an opportunity to make connections with other schools – will also be posted on website www.scdsb.on.ca/connections October 12 – Parent Teacher night, 5-7 – at OSS 	
9. New Brochure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modern learners, modern learning New brochure on technology and learning – one to be distributed to each family 1:4 computers: student in building Students welcome to bring own devices Teachers have laptops and projectors, use Google classroom, etc. 	
10. PRO grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is \$500 to spend on parent engagement (eg: previously we have done magnets, had guest speakers) 	Please consider ideas for upcoming meetings re how to spend this money this year
11. Fundraising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cindy suggested the group consider fundraising down the road This Parent group has not typically done fundraising but Cindy proposed that we consider this down the road 	
12. Next Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday, November 21 Monday, January 23 Monday, March 20 Monday, May 15 	Mr. Sammon will send out an agenda the Friday prior to the meeting