

OAKVILLE TRAFALGAR HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
(Thursday April 12, 2018) 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

ATTENDEES:

Andrew Bigham, Marie Day, Susan Miles, Tracy Jarvis, Chris Riedy, Martha Testa, Rob Best, Meena Sahi, Carolyn Adams Hill, Paria Parsamanesh, Annette Winslow, Ann Harvey Hope, Kim Swinoga, Evelyn Uvakov, Roberta Veitch, Olaf Alksnis, Rosalind Ward-Smith,

AGENDA

Approval of minutes of last meeting held February 8, 2018
Approve adoption of agenda
Any new business
RDC update – **Student representatives**
Financial updates –**Marie Day**
Principal / Staff Updates – **Meena / Susan Miles**
Community Connections / PIC Update – **Anette Winslow**
Other items – **Rob Best** - What to do with remaining funds in budget.
Date for May meeting conflicts with Spring Music Concert. Suggestion is May 3rd or 24th.
June 14 meeting date conflicts with HDSB Retirement Dinner. Suggestion is June 7th social.
Staff appreciation day May 4th. Period 3 and 4 lunch.
8:00 – Motion to Adjourn

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY May 10, 2018 7:00 pm

1. 7:00 – Call to order– **Rob Best**
 - Approval of minutes of last meeting held February 8, 2018
Approval: Roberta Veitch
Second: Susan Miles
2. Adoption of agenda approved.

3. New business:

- Marie Day - Question: Are all parents represented by school council? Noted that quite a number of people from the Chinese community get updates as they came to the first meeting.
- Meena suggested having better materials in the introductory package.
- Susan suggested having meetings with department heads as a means to attract a more diverse council.
- Rob suggested taking this up in the New Year given we only have one meeting yet.
- Trustee Harvey Hope noted there is currently a school calendar survey underway. All parents received an email about the survey. Trustees wanted to quickly survey parents about their preference between two dates for the PD Day in October 2018. The municipalities delegated the HDSB with a request to have the PD day on the Municipal Election Day, Oct 22nd rather than the draft plan of Oct 5th, the Friday of Thanksgiving weekend. The HDSB strives to coordinate PD Days with the Halton Catholic District School Board (HCDSB) as it costs money to have non-aligned days due to shared bussing. The HCDSB also surveyed their parents.
- (Since the SC meeting, the issue has been decided by the Board - the PD day will be Oct 5, 2018. The survey response rate was very, very good.)
- Lastly, due to population growth Oakville has redrawn its Ward boundaries before the Oct 22, 2018 election. (This calculation is done before each election cycle.) Oakville added a 7th Ward (above Dundas, East of Trafalgar) and made some other minor ward boundary changes. However, the HDSB does not yet qualify to have another Trustee, nor would Oakville likely be where the 12th one would be - more likely Milton or Halton Hills. Therefore, the Trustees had to determine how to distribute the 11 trustees within the Halton region. So beginning after the 2018 Municipal Election (i.e. Dec 1st), the 4th Oakville Trustee will represent Oakville Ward 3 and Oakville Ward 6. This means that the OTHS and Iroquois Ridge families of schools will have the same trustee.

4. 7:05 – RDC update – **Student representatives: Anisha Basra**

- Coffee house beginning of May (date tbc)
- Grade 9/10 semi-formal - 250 tickets sold
- Spring fest May 23 - details coming
- End of May elections
- Fall blood drive
- This week, grade 11 classes carnival - activities in atrium.

- “We create change” - ‘Feed the People’ provide children in Ethiopia with primary education.
- Social media, snapchat, Instagram - forms in office end of May.

5. Financial Update: **Marie Day**



Budget ending Mar
2018

- Financial summary corrected.
- \$3713.35 left in budget after commitments accounted for.
- Options discussed and vote will take place later in the meeting.

6. Principal update for March and April: **Meena Sahi**

- OSSLT changes and extended time built into schedule
- We are hopeful our scores will improve this year.
- Financial Literacy speaker for grade 10's.

Student Events

- Halton Skills Competition – 3rd place in electronics challenge
- Music –5 silvers 1 bronze and an invite to the nationals
- Robotics Team competition McMaster University – going to provincials
- Debate
- Model UN- outstanding and best delegate awards
- Reach team to Halton finals
- Girls and Boys Hockey at Halton Finals (first girls hockey team)
- Swim team went to OFSAA 3 medals
- Ski and Snow Boarders went to OFSAA
- DECA Student competed at provincials and one student went to Internationals (part of cafeteria sales supported the student at the international competition).
- Improv- Toronto Regions

Upcoming Events

- Jr. Semi Formal – April 19
- Prom – May 17 in Hamilton (Liuna Station)

- Spring Fest

Facilities

- Cafeteria, Theatre and Library lighting
- Track replacement - after finish of sports teams - will aim to be done by September
- Counter replacement in art rooms
- New wiring (completed) and furniture in cad lab and upgrade to wiring in com tech room

Next Year Staffing and Enrolment

- 1365 projection for next September-- Currently at 1336
- Retirements expected by end of the month, approx. 6 additional teachers - interviews started already. Optional attendance is over for this year. This year we are not taking large numbers of children from other areas of Oakville.
- Question: any chance of acquiring capital equipment from shrinking boards. Ann Harvey Hope said all boards are bursting. No chance.
- Hiring process - Meena says that her main priority is to get the best teachers possible. Unions have regulations about hiring current which we follow.

OTHS Staff Report - **Susan Miles**

- 5th Week Reports sent - March 22 (grade 9 11, grade 10 - 7, grade 11 - 6, grade 12 - 19) - under 60%/ failing = 43 students
- 3 Credit Recoveries completed
- OSSLT April 10 - if the student is not successful, they will be notified. Paper results are sent home in June (pass or fail). 300 students wrote.
- Connection to grade 8 teachers to discuss course choices for September 2018
- ARE YOU READY FOR HIGH SCHOOL? - April 30, 40 students from feeder schools invited to spend time ahead of the school year. Leadership helps.
- OPEN SESSION - grade 8/9 teachers - while grade 8's visit OT
- "TAKING STOCK" 2nd of 3 reports due April 27 (for OT information)
- Planning for commencement

7. 7:40 - Community Connections / PIC Update – **Anette Winslow**

- 5th parent night: Dr. Meg Popovic - a lot of positive feedback afterwards.
- Next parent night: May 1 - police officer will talk about DUI. New program at OT called "weeding out".
- There will also be a discussion about prom.
- We will ask parents for feedback about the speakers over the year.
- Suggestion: have a buddy system to get other communities involved.

8. 7:50 - Other items

- Next meeting: conflict, changed to May 3.
- Final meeting: social - Wednesday June 13
- Staff appreciation day: May 4th – Sandra Smith to help organize and will use a "Meal Train" app to fill out what parents can bring. Suggestion to have it in the staff room in periods $\frac{3}{4}$. The staff can socialize with each other and parents. Sandra will send out a virtual signup sheet. Chris Reidy and Anette Winslow have offered to help.

Last item – Vote on budget

- We have some money left in the budget, but we do not need to use it. The other items are chrome books, etc. Meena suggested we wait until next year as needs may evolve.
- No objections from council during vote – Passed motion to hold funds over until next year.

Question from Annette: response from Meena - SHSM program approvals will be known in April.

Computer technology

Manufacturing-robotics

8:15 – Motion to Adjourn

Marie Day, second Olaf Alksnis