

OAKVILLE TRAFALGAR HIGH SCHOOL  
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING  
(Thursday February 8, 2018) 7:00 p.m.

**AGENDA**

ATTENDEES:

Andrew Bigham, Tracy Jarvis, Roberta Veitch, Ann Harvey Hope, Sandra Hurl-Smith, Margaret Finlay-Watzeck, Susan Miles, Olaf Alksnis, Marie Day, Kimberly Swinoga, Carolyn Adams Hill, Rosalind Ward-Smith, Martha Testa, Rob Best, Meena Sahi, Tara O'Connell

1. 7:00 – Call to order– **Rob Best**

Approval of minutes of last meeting held January 18, 2018 -  
Ann Harvey-Hope says she regrets missing last month's meeting.  
Approved: Margaret Finlay-Watzek  
Second: Tara O'Connell

2. Approve adoption of agenda

Any new business?

- Olaf - how to acknowledge academic excellence at OTHS?
- TDSB has implemented a Naloxone policy - will HDSB implement same? Ann Harvey hope will make a list of follow up items.
- Vaping - policy discussion.
- School Cash On-Line update from Ann Harvey Hope

3. 7:05 – RDC update – **Student representatives: Andrew de Souza**

Wear Olympic colors. Celebrate Olympics.  
Semi-formal - grades 9 and 10 - in April

*Andrew is this year's "student of excellence" in recognition of his achievement in academics, citizenship, sports, volunteer work.*

4. 7:15 – Financial updates –**Marie Day**

OTHS School Council Monthly Financial Summary - January 2018

Activity	Amount	Note	
<b>School Council</b>			
Opening balance (Jan 1)	\$7,660.52		
Inflows Jan 1 - Jan 31	\$0.00		
Outflows Jan 1 - Jan 31	\$0.00		
Ending balance (Jan 31)	\$7,660.52		
<b>PIC Grant</b>			
Opening balance (Jan 1)	\$570.43		
Inflows Jan 1 - Jan 31	\$0.00		
Outflows Jan 1 - Jan 31	\$0.00		
Ending balance (Jan 31)	\$570.43		
<b>PRO Grant</b>			
Opening balance (Jan 1)	\$0.00		
Inflows Jan 1 - Jan 31	\$1,000.00		
Outflows Jan 1 - Jan 31	\$0.00		
Ending balance (Jan 31)	\$1,000.00		
<b>Donations</b>			
Donations Not Yet Deposited	\$750.00		
<b>Outflows: Payee</b>			
	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Reason</b>	
N/A	\$0.00		
<b>Commitment</b>			
	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Spent to Date</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Four student scholarships to be awarded at end of school year	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Dr. Mag Popovic - April (TBC - school may be sharing the cost)	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
SmartBoard for Rm 218 (Math)	\$2,728.95	\$0.00	\$2,728.95
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
			\$0.00



Budget Jan 31 2018

- Including donations not yet deposited (\$750.00) and subtracting Commitments for Scholarships (\$2,000) and SmartBoard (\$2,728.95), budget balance as at Jan 31, 2018 is \$3,681.57
- PIC/PRO balance is (\$570.43 + \$1,000=\$1,570.43). After Dr.Popovic expense is (~ \$800.00) PIC/PRO balance is \$770.43

5. 7:25 – Principal / Staff Updates – **Meena / Susan Miles**

PRINCIPAL REPORT: Meena Sahi

- Next week is the Optional Attendance request meeting (Tuesday), with parents being advised the week following.
- Literacy test prep work is underway. Sessions are available online as well.
- Student of excellence - see above.
- Capital funds secured for cabinets and countertops in all art classes and dark room - to be done as soon as possible - possibly by March break.

- Upcoming School trip to Spain.
  - Upcoming School trip to New York.
  - Overnights for OFSSA - swimmers will be first.
  - Robotics kids participating in their major competition in March
  - Student and Parent surveys - "Have Your Say"
  - This is a student, parent and staff survey. Students and Staff will complete at school, parents were sent an email to go the school website and complete.
  - Used as a data measure for the school plan and the multi-year school plan
  - Immunization suspensions begin tomorrow - 42 children still on our list.
  - Families were called to help them update their records. OT staff will try to minimize loss of class time.
- STAFF REPORT: Susan Miles
  - Final exams - completed January 25 - January 30
  - On-line exams - choose your location - new approach
  - OT results: failures: grade 9 - 2, grade 10 - 3, grade 11 - 16, grade 12 - 13 = 34 failures
  - Promotion meetings held - 3 credit recoveries to be completed in semester 2
  - Self-paced learning - 18 students in semester 2
  - Course selection for September 2018 - information/instructions shared at assemblies - completed using **My Blueprint by Monday, February 19 - hard copy to period 5 teacher on Tuesday, February 20**
  - Course changes completed by Thursday, February 8
  - OSSLT practice test - Monday, February 12 - **TEST - APRIL 10 2018**

6. 7:40 - Community Connections / PIC Update – **Anette Winslow/presented by Sandra Hurl-Smith**

- In terms of the April Parent night - Dr. Meg Popovic - is booked.  
<http://drmegpopovic.com/>

Two options available for Dr. Popovic to present: Raising resilient children (engage in intentional conversation, etc.) and Stillness in the Storm (on anxiety).

*Consensus is around the latter topic. Sandra read details to be included in the presentation.*

- In terms of funding - Dr. Popovic costs \$750 + traveling expenses - probably around another \$50.
- In terms of next year, we should consider a budget of \$850 + for high quality speakers.

- Other ideas include doing a “super conference” with other schools, where we share the costs and can likely afford more expensive speakers.
- Vote for Annette to support sourcing a good quality speaker for next year. We will allocate \$1500 until the Pro Grant comes.
- Question: Could funds be transferred earlier in the year to have the cash flow to allocate for a speaker in November?

**Action:** Rob to follow up with Anette.

Based on discussion with Anette following meeting, update is as follows:

1. Funds remaining in PIC/PRO (\$770.43) will be sufficient to put a deposit down on a speaker for Nov 2018.
2. Council is prepared to earmark an additional \$800.00 this year should it be required; however in-flow of funds in September/October will also more than cover this amount.
3. Council understands the challenges with co-hosting a speaker so this likely isn't an option.
4. Finally, Anette will have more definite plans for speaker and costs for the April meeting.

7. 7:50 - Other items

- Olaf asked about hooks on doors in washrooms – Meena: schools will not put hooks on doors due to suicide risk.
- Should consider different ways to acknowledge student excellence.
- Current method is not without errors. Example of student with highest mark in class being missed and acknowledgment going to different student. With questions on process, no follow-up or explanation provided by guidance/staff. Meena committed to personal acknowledgement by means of letter to students.

**Action:** Council would like to know the current criteria for selecting School Council scholarships in order to review at April meeting.

Rob followed up and Kyle Pope provided criteria which are as follows:

*The committee selects students based on their involvement from different aspects of school life. The students demonstrate and support the various learning opportunities through artistic, technical, or athletic endeavors & not a candidate for another award and performing at their best.*

- Vaping policy at school is the same as smoking.
- School Cash On-line discussion was deferred until April meeting.

8. 8:15 – Motion to Adjourn

Marie Day with second by Kimberly Swinoga

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY APRIL 12, 2018 7:00 pm**