

SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES JANUARY 18, 2018

Attendees: *Rob Best, Martha Testa, Marie Day, Meena Sahi, Susan Miles, Pamela Barrett, Tara O'Connell, Olaf Alksnis, Kimberly Swinoga, Tracy Jarvis, Margaret Finlay-Watzeck, Uzma Turan, Chris Reidy, Rosalind Ward-Smith, Roberta Veitch, Carolyn Adams Hill, Anette Winslow*

Call to order – Rob Best

Minutes from November 10, 2017

Additional item - Pick up/drop off issues still occurring - Meena will send an update to parents by email.

Approve adoption of agenda and approval of Minutes from November 10, 2017

Approved by Roberta Veitch

Second by Kimberly Swinoga

Financial Update - Marie Day



OTHS Financial
Summary to Dec 31 2

Need to understand the amount for the fall speaker before we allocate funds for items on the wish list.

New (higher) fee on School Cash online - 1.5% - needs to be included in the cost of items. Same fee for cash, cheque, card. There is no note of this on the website. Waiting for Ann Harvey Hope to provide an update. Meena suggested contacting Ann Harvey Hope to raise this with the board.

Principal's Comments - Meena Sahi

New Staff

Morgan Lin – Geography

Vikas Gupta – Business

2 Math sections to still hire

3 Art sections to still hire That will complete the hiring. We don't expect any other staff changes.

Facility

Capital renewal project approved for 2018

\$25,000 for replacement of cafeteria lighting (3-5 year plan including changing seating to make it more compatible for group work) - atrium light fixture also needs replacing.

\$550,000 for replacement of the track and hopefully an outdoor equipment building. Meena is in discussions with the board as to what else is included (new grass, new drainage, fencing, asphalt and lighting replacement as required). The board is looking at adding additional turf fields - which require lighting. This is an issue for the community around OTHS so this will not be pursued in the short/medium term.

\$6000.00 for updating the wiring in the CAD Lab

Some interior painting is also on the wish list for this year, as budget allows.

Facilities budget will cover painting in the parking lot.

Upcoming Events

1. Course Selection

Students will be choosing their courses for next year

Optional attendance decision made in the 3rd week of February

2. OSSLT

Grade 10 write the literacy test on April 10 – a graduation requirement

Students will do a practice test at the beginning of the semester - first week of February

Remedial course available after school for students needing extra support

3. Student Excursions

New York Trip – Arts Focus

Spain Trip – Language Focus

St. Donato – Language/Ski Trip

For next year, there are preliminary discussions for a trip to South Africa.

Winter Events Summary

Excellent motivational assembly by Ian Tyson

Rebecca's Gift in support of Halton Children's Aid was a huge success

Exceptional Winter Music Concert

Winter Formal

Band and Choir visits to the elementary schools

Robotics Teams – First Robotics Kick off - Meena doing some research on bringing cost of facility down so the club funds can be used otherwise.

Winter sports ongoing

Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)

Experiential learning for students is a long term focus for the Board.

2 applications put forward for manufacturing and for tech/comp tech. It is likely these applications will be accepted. Students may have the opportunity to do a co-op and, participate in sector training and in sector events. Funds approved would allow for developing a program around the experience. Goal is to target 15 students minimum - ready for September 2018. Target is for grades 11 and 12. There are two SHSM programs in place right now at OTHS. The Board holds the funds.

Innovation Gnome

Gnome had to be shown doing something innovative. It is for the schools to see what other schools in the Board are doing to be innovative. "Shift" is a learning module offered to teachers to challenge teachers to be innovative in their approach to teaching - where students participate in rich inventive tasks to deepen their understanding in a subject matter.

Halton Learning Foundation

Looking for some parents to volunteer for a joint RDC and parent initiative to support HLF.

There are corporate sponsors, and a Gala in the fall.

This is an organization affiliated with our Board. They fundraise to fill the gap for students who cannot afford to have the same experiences as others.

For example, if a student needs toiletries (gift card from Shoppers Drug Mart). 6-7 OT students currently receive benefits from Halton Learning Foundation.

Staff Report - Susan Miles

- 15th Week reports sent home - guidance/ student success follow up
- collect exam accommodation forms for IEP/SSP students
- online students - NEW FORMAT for final exams (authentic, alternative assessment)
- EQAO - grade 9 students writing January 18/19
- self-paced students - most completing courses; some students carrying courses into semester 2
- university applications due January 17

PIC Update - Anette Winslow

Course Selection presentations next week.

Next speaker is Meg Popovich April 3rd.

Speakers for next November are being considered.

Other Items:

(see chart next page)

Staff wish list of items for council to consider– Rob / Meena.

Vote to support items on wish list:

Smart Board Projector

Leaves \$ in the budget

Unanimous decision to purchase the Smart Board Projector (Item #1 below)

Council will look at remaining items in April. First we are looking for update on speaker for next year and amount of funds that may be required to support from budget. In addition, some funds need to carry over into next year so need to keep this in mind also.

We can put a message on email for parents funds for new Chromebooks and Smart Boards.

Oakville Trafalgar list of items to consider supporting – 2018

Item #	Description	Quantity	Cost	Tax	Total
1	Smart Board M680 Interactive Whiteboard including Projector	1	\$2,415.00	\$ 313.95	\$2,728.95

SMART BOARD M680 INTERACTIVE WHITEBOARD INCLUDING ARM HITACHI UST CP-AX2505 DATA PROJECTOR (77"/195.6 CM DIAGONAL), 2 YR WARRANTY ON SMART BOARD, 3



Stock # 04140
\$2415.00 EA

Quantity:

Vendor: ADVANCED PRESENTATION
Category: AUDIO VISUAL EQUIPMENT
Brand: SMAWSBM680+CP-AX2505+HASWM05

NO MIN ORDER. NO DELIVERY CHARGE

Item #	Description	Quantity	Cost	Tax	Total
2	Dell Chromebook(s)	1	\$ 287.00	\$ 37.31	\$ 324.31

DELL CHROMEBOOK 11 (3180),INTEL 2955U PROC 1.4GHZ,CHROME OS,11.6" LCD, DDR3 MEMORY 4GB,16GB SSD,HDMI PORT,2 X USB 3.0,SD MEDIA CARD READER,INC. MGMT C



Stock # 20001
\$287.00 EACH

Quantity:

Vendor: DELL CANADA INC
Category: COMPUTER - CHROMEBOOK
Brand: DELL CHROMEBOOK 11

Item #	Description	Quantity	Cost	Tax	Total
3	Trolley for Chromebook(s)	1	\$ 389.00	\$ 50.57	\$ 439.57

TROLLEY WITH 2 PREMIUM TECH TUBS HOLDS 10 DEVICES (IPADS,CHROMEBOOKS OR A COMBO-POWER STRIP



Stock # 11005
\$389.00 EA

Quantity:

Vendor: ADVANCED PRESENTATION
Category: NETBOOKS & LAPTOP CARTS
Brand: FTT1010

DELIVERY 10 -12 DAYS

Meeting adjourned @ 8:10

Motion to adjourn: Tara O'Connell
and Margaret Finlay-Watzeck

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2018 7:00 pm