

Minutes for OTHS Council Meeting

November 9, 2017

Attendees: *Rob Best, Martha Testa, Marie Day, Meena Sahi, Andrew Bigham, Susan Miles, Ann Harvey Hope, Roberta Veitch, Margaret Finlay-Watzeck, Olaf Alksnis, Tracy Jarvis, Carolyn Adams Hill, Shalini Chandra, Pamela Barrett, Kimberly Swinoga, Catalina Mejia Rozo, Sandra Hurl-Smith, Andrea Dailey, Jane Jin, Tara O'Connell*

Call to order – Rob Best

Minutes from October 12, 2017 – edits noted and corrected. Minutes approved by Margaret Finlay-Wateczk and second by Tara O'Connell

New Business

Kimberly Swinoga - parking

RDC update - Ian Greer/Mohammed Ali

December 7th - Winter Formal for Grade 11, 12

Halloween - decorated as well as events throughout the week - movies in the caf, candies distributed partner with Free the Children - food and battery drive, cake walk, plaid day

Event November 16 - Coffee House - play music and perform

Book drive - people can email Club Connect

Financial Update - Marie Day

See OTHS School Council Monthly Financial Summary



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Financial Summary Se

Balance \$6,410.73

This year's PIC grant still coming in, earmarked for PIC.

This is down significantly from last year where there was \$10,000+ before school started.

The online and in-person requests have been successful. Via parent-teacher interview outreach and request. 56% of all donations have occurred since Oct. 24.

Add 4-\$500 scholarships to the Commitments.

Budget does not include all of the donations which have come in.

Kimberly Swinoga suggested we take another opportunity to raise funds, as parents may not understand this is something they give every year.

Sandra Hurl-Smith said that at Maple Grove they were successful in raising \$12,000 in one day.

The difference between Student Engagement fees and donations may be confusing to parents. While these fees are also down compared to last year, this item is called out in School Cash Online and attached to your student as it is not considered a donation.

Student Engagement fees are explained in details in School Cash Online, however considering a portion of these fees were intended to be for School Council is not clear especially since this fee is also down YoY.

Student Engagement fees potential 2016 \$36,000 – with intake of \$23,000 or \$19.17/student (# of students = 1,200)

Student Engagement fees potential 2017 \$39,000 – with intake of \$17,000 or \$13.08/student (# of students = 1,300)

Ann Harvey Hope will raise this again with the Board. Financial Services is having problems getting up and running with the new accounting system. Other schools are having similar issues.

Track - capital renewal - Meena mentioned that they wish for a building to store equipment. Next step will be to have a conversation with facilities to find out if a building will be included. If not, we may wish to do a fundraising campaign around this.

What is the athletic fee for? \$75 is on top of whatever team fee is being charged. The latter covers league and tournament costs. The former covers things like replacement of equipment, uniforms that wear out, transportation, supply costs, banquet and awards, registration for OFSSA, GHAC registration fees, and referees. Every 3 years, the gym floor is redone.

Angel fund is to pay for athletes who cannot pay. This year, 4 athletes have benefited from this.

Suggestion to request donations of a significant amount. Regulations apparently make this impossible.

Video could be made to request donations, via a class in school.

Principal / Staff Updates – Meena / Andrea Dailey

Introduce Andrea Dailey

Athletics

Girls Rugby 7's – Ontario Champions

Robotics team 1334 winners and best robot at Southwest

International competition in Windsor and team 1374 made it to the semifinals.

Jr. Boys Volleyball – in the finals today and finished 2nd at GHAC

Midget Boys Cross Country team placed 1st in HSSAA and 4th

overall for their division at GHAC

Winter Sports Season has started

Co-Curricular Events

Model UN travelling to Montreal

Ontario Student Leadership Conference in Niagara Falls

We Day Participation

Music Retreat to Orillia

Canadian Math Challenge Participation

DECA Exams written

November Events

Successful Parent Interview Night

University Post Secondary Fair

College Post Secondary Fair

US Colleges Evening event

Training for 12 to complete OUAC applications

Excellence Night to celebrate achievements in 2016/2017 school year

Student Led Remembrance Day Assembly tomorrow

Take Your Kids to Work Day

Up-Coming Midterm Report Card

Reminder about Performance Task Time and Exam Schedule Dates

– both can be found on the website; students need to be in class

during this time

Upcoming Student Engagement Assembly with Ian Tyson November 28

Student Engagement Assembly Plan for Semester Two

School Plan

School Effective Indicator 2.5 - School and Classroom Leadership

Staff, students, parents and school community promote and sustain student well-being and positive student behaviour in a safe, accepting, inclusive and healthy learning environment.

WELLBEING AND RESILIENCY
EQUITY AND INCLUSION
DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

STAFF REPORT NOVEMBER 9 2017 - Susan Miles

- October 19 - Excellence Night
- October 26 - Parents' Night - LARGE turnout - invite feedback and suggestions from parents
- October 15 - College Fair - 10 schools
- November 1 - Take Our Kids To Work
- November 1 - University Fair - 30 schools represented
- November 6 - staff meeting - equity survey, Well being, Cross curricular literacy, Applied learning, tech tips - staff choice
- November 15 - Grade 8 Night

Community Connections/PIC Update - Annette not able to attend tonight

250 parents attended event highlighted by Dr. Jean Clinton.

Q&A was very positive - topic was current and messaging was strong

December Community Connections - December 5 - panel with Liaison Officer, Public Health, Social Worker as well as Admin. will attend. An OT focused event. Format based on feedback from last year.

October conference - Keynote Speaker, Booths

Topics were far ranging. Run via volunteer speakers.

PIC grant has been approved but not yet deposited into the OT bank account.

OT Website - Andrew Bigham

Link to web changed. Google updated. New header. Tabs updated. Irrelevant data deleted. Board updated site

coincidentally. Teacher websites more uniform. A lot more behind the scenes changes have happened. Feedback encouraged.

Submission of Principal Profile – Rob Best

Reviewed. It is comprehensive. Council members welcome to review. It is there for the future if/when Meena moves from the school.

It will be shared on the website after it is submitted.

Request of staff to provide list of items for council to consider by January – Rob Best

Donations/video could perhaps be prepared and released in December. Subcommittee could be created to fund raise.

Parking - Kimberly Swinoga

Lay-by – cutout in front of the school. Kim would like to raise awareness that the Town parking enforcement officers were E-ticketing unsuspecting parents who were dropping off students in the morning at the transit lay-by. Parents may not know this is illegal and perhaps some communication to the parent community should be made regarding this. Liaison should be contacted to discuss the issue.

Meena added - painting the parking lot has been approved. It will be done either before the winter or early spring. The signage and cross walk hash tags will be clearly marked.

Motion to adjourn: Marie Day and Roberta Veitch

Meeting adjourned @ 8:10pm