

OAKVILLE TRAFALGAR HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
(Thursday September 20, 2018) 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. 7:00 – Welcome and introductions– **Meena Sahi**
2. 7:05 – Call to order– **Rob Best**
 - a. Approval of minutes of last meeting held June 13, 2018
 - b. Approve adoption of agenda
 - c. Any new business
3. 7:10 –RDC update – **Hunter MacKinnon, Ethan Smith**
4. 7:20 - Nomination forms for elected positions 2018/2019 - **Meena Sahi**
5. 7:30 – Financial updates –**Rob Best**
 - a. Review of 2017/2018 School Council contributions (OTHS Website) -
Rob Best
6. 7:40 – Principal Updates – **Meena Sahi**
7. 7:55 - Community Connections / PIC Update – **Anette Winslow**
8. 8:10 – Motion to Adjourn

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING Thursday October 11, 2018 7:00 pm

Meeting Format:

1. Please send agenda items to rob.best@cogeco.ca by Monday before each council meeting.
2. New business brought up during call to order may be deferred to following month.
3. Agenda is time bound to respect everyone's time. Chair will manage time and ensure council decides on agenda items to discuss and/or defer to next meeting should it be necessary.

Minutes from September 20, 2018 School Council

Attendees: Rob Best, Anette Winslow, Sandra Hurl-Smith, Meena Sahi, Carolyn Adams Hill, Evelyn Uvakov, Gayle McGinnis, Kimberly Swinoga, Margaret Finlay-Watzeck, Meetu Vijay, Roberta Veitch, Rosalind Ward-Smith, Shohreh Bhatti, Tracy Jarvis, Uzma Turan, Karen Chun, Ayesha Mawaz-Khaiv, Grace Lee, Brennan Howard, Emina Begagic, Corina Grigorof, Caroline Stickland, Nancy Welyhorsky, Dogmei Chen, G. De Lin, Joanne Pretsell, Megan McMulkin, Tara O'Connell

Welcome and introductions – Meena Sahi

- Meena introduced herself and welcomed parents
- Introduced VP Julie Schnurr

Call to Order - Rob Best

1. Approval of minutes of last meeting held June 13, 2018
Approved: Roberta Veitch
Seconded: Sandra Hurl-Smith
2. New business?
Tara O'connell – dropping off students in parking lot.

RDC update – Hunter MacKinnon, Ethan Smith

- Tuesday was the club fair, booth in Atrium
- Information on meetings provided
- Grade 9 elections
 - o Must be elected in
 - o Elections take place in 2 weeks
 - o FaceBook used
- Fall fair delayed next week, will do something in spring (Relay for Life may cause an issue with timing)
- Spirit day (Sept 28 – Orange day) – residential school awareness
- Tentative to have 2 coffee house sessions (mid Nov and mid April) after school where students do impromptu performance , non-competitive
- Formal (Gr 11+12) Dec 12, Simi Formal (Gr 9+10) April 22 or 23
- How do students know?
 - o Social media/remind app/posters/snapchat/Instagram/Facebook/OT website
- Do you welcome other students?
 - o All are welcome, you do not need to be elected
- Meena: teachers who sponsor ensure they leave space for new Gr 10/11/12 students

Nomination forms for elected positions 2018/2019 – Meena Sahi

- Meena went over form, positions, timelines and voting process (required if >1 person is interested in any one position)
- Self-nomination forms mailed out on September 20th. To be considered for elected positions of Chair/Co-Chair, Secretary, or Treasurer, you will need to fill out form and drop off form to Main office by 4pm Thursday Oct 4, 2018.
- Should more than one person be interested in any of the 3 positions, election will be held in the Staff lounge at the next council meeting on Thursday Oct 11, 2018 @ 7pm.
- If only 1 nomination is received, the parent will be acclaimed to the position on school council.
- If there are no nomination for elected positions, nominations will be taken from the floor during the meeting on Oct 11, 2018.

Financial Updates - Rob Best (see attached financial summary)

- Budget was discussed
- Meena brought up financial section of OT website to show funds raised over the years and what council has contributed
- Rob described challenges last year due to School Cash Online process. However \$7,700.00 donations showing with overall budget to start off with of \$11,413.35
- A number of parents explained the difficulties in donating. Job aid on how to donate will go out with minutes.
- Parents are interested in getting some metrics on donations for School Council vs engagement.
- Meena explained what \$\$ raised for Engagement fee go towards. Reminder there is a list from minutes on June 13th pg. 4. Very different than what \$\$ raised for School Council goes towards.
- Meena confirmed that money raised from cafeteria goes towards School General Funds

Balance: \$3713.35.

PIC Grant budget: \$0

PRO grand: \$957.97

Not yet deposited - \$7,700.00



School Budget
June 1 - Sept 1 2018

Principal/Staff Updates - Meena Sahi

Staff and School Enrollment.

We have 1355 students registered at OTHS. This is an increase from last year, which has required us to hire new staff, as well convert some rooms for classroom use.

We welcome the following new staff who are joining OTHS due to leaves of absence, growth to the school population, or retirements.

Jodie Schnurr - Vice Principal
Michelle Haynes– Business Manager

Jordan Black – Math
Tova Ciccotelli – Art and Drama
Vikas Gupta - Business
Madison Hahn – Math
Matt Hendry – English
David Hyde – HAL
Jenna Inglese - Sped and English
Anchla Joshi – Science
Jeff Leonard – History
Rishi Malhotra – Business
Shaan Malhotra – Geography
Olena Olejarczyk – French
Anna Ouwehand – Math
Sarah Powell – English
Larissa Puhach – Sped and FS
Abdel Samiky – French
Alex Iadipaolo – Sped and elearning
Marina Biasutto – Social Science
Devan Singh – Math
Jeremy Theobalt – Construction and Tech
Lameck Zingano – Social Science

Facility

- Our building has had some upgrades during the summer:
- A new track was built
- Parking lot was painted – additional sign and foldout barriers are ordered
- New counters and cabinets in the art rooms and darkroom
- New lighting in being installed in the theatre and cafeteria

Smooth Transitions for our grade 9 and 12 students

- Link Crew activities for grade 9
- First PD Day – Teacher focusing on resilience
 - Guest Speaker Laurel Crossley
- Guest Speaker Andy Thibodeau - October 3rd
 - Getting Involved / Community Building
- Grade 12 assembly for post-secondary planning
- Grade 11 and 12 scholarship and international application presentations

Focus of the Board and School in our Improvement Plans

- Student Wellbeing
- Student Engagement and Achievement
- 21 Century Learning skills in technology enabled classrooms

Changes Parent Volunteer Drivers and Transportation for Athletics

- Student cannot drive other students
- Volunteer Drivers must be 18, have a unrestricted license and a criminal record check (even parents)
- Teams will be transported mainly by taxi, bus, student or parent drive self, or parent volunteer drivers

Gifted Boundary Expanded for OTHS

- More details will be discussed at the next council meeting
- The adjusted boundaries will be implemented beginning September 2019 for students entering into the Grade 9 SGP.
- Students in Grades 10-12 will be allowed to continue attending the SGP at their current school.

Relay for Life Year

- In 2016, OTHS raised \$286,000 at our Relay for Life. Here is the [link](#) of our
- HDSB Relay story for that year.
- This year our event will run 11am to 11pm
- We will have learning activities for the students who do not sign up for Relay
- We will need parent volunteer

Halton Learning Foundation

The [Halton Learning Foundation](#) (HLF) is a registered charity that collaborates with the Halton District School Board to assist students and support school programs.

HLF partners with individuals, corporations and community foundations to eliminate financial barriers to education for public school students in Acton, Burlington, Georgetown, Milton and Oakville. The foundation provide assistance through emergency funds for students-in-need, post-secondary scholarships, and engagement funds to help schools purchase tools and resources to engage students in learning.

In the first 9 days of school, our staff have accessed the HLF barriers fund for our students 4 times.

Halton Learning Foundation's **15th Annual Benefit Bash** in support of HDSB students

Where: Oakville Conference Centre

When: Thursday, Nov. 1

Time: 5:30-9:00 p.m. (doors open at 5)

Thank you

Ann Harvey Hope has served this community since 2010 and I would like to thank her on behalf of our students for her dedication. She has decided to not run in this election.

New item of business – Parking lot issue

- Don't have supervision
- Ordered new signage
- Considered barriers to place
- Will also consider volunteers from parents (this was welcomed and parents on council will reach out to Meena to help out with parking lot supervision)

Community Connections - Annette Winslow

- OTHS website updated with upcoming events
<http://oth.hdsb.ca/home/parents/parent-connections>
- Welcome Coffee – invite will be going out for Oct 4th through Event Brite
- Targeted to parents new to the OT community and every grade 9 parent
- Applied for Pro Grant in January
- PIC money may come in around Christmas time
- PIC conference Oct 13th

Motion to Adjourn 8:23pm - Rob Best

Approved: Margaret Finlay-Watzeck

Seconded: Anette Winslow