

Ohpaho Secondary School Council

2025-26 Annual Report

OSS Council is proud to reflect on a successful year supporting students, families, staff, and the broader school community during our second year of operations. Building on the foundation established during our inaugural year, the School Council continued to strengthen collaboration between parents, school leadership, and the broader Black Gold School Division community.

Throughout the 2025-26 school year we remained committed to enhancing student learning and fostering meaningful family engagement. As an advisory body to the principal, the School Council achieved the following during the 2025-26 school year:

- Expanded communication and parent engagement efforts through regular monthly newsletters and social media updates.
- Utilized the Alberta Schools Enhancement Grant to attend the Alberta School Councils' Association course titled "Effective Engagement in Your School Community" which provided new ideas for facilitating two-way communication between families and school leadership.
- As a result, three surveys were conducted during the year to engage families outside of school council meetings. Early in the fall, interest was collected regarding volunteer opportunities and School Council-led events to better understand how families would like to participate and support the school community. A second survey in spring facilitated sharing parents' perspectives of student stressors. The school year's final survey focused on evaluating school communication practices and identifying opportunities to improve information sharing and parent engagement. Survey feedback was shared with school leadership to help inform planning and decision-making for students and the school.
- Met regularly throughout the school year to provide advice and feedback to the principal regarding school policies, budgeting priorities, the Assurance Plan, and other school-related matters as required.
- Continued participation in Black Gold School Division's Council of School Councils to share ideas, learn from other school communities, and strengthen advocacy for students and families.

The School Council would like to thank the administration, staff, families, and volunteers for their continued support and commitment to the success of Ohpaho School. We look forward to continuing our work together in support of student learning and school community growth in the coming year.