

OSS School Council

Wednesday January 8, 2025 / 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM / Ohpaho Secondary School

Agenda

- 1. Welcome & Call To Order**
- 2. Agenda Approval**
- 3. Approval of Meeting Minutes - [November 20, 2024 Meeting Minutes](#)**
- 4. Reports**
 - a. Chair's Report - 2025 Goal Setting
 - i. School Vision, Beliefs & Principles
 - ii. Engagement with the Community
 - iii. Community Special Events
 1. Fundraiser - April 2025
 2. Other ideas - career night, gym drop-in sports, movie/sport night
 - b. Principal's Report
- 5. New Business**
- 6. Old Business**
 - a. Parent Fundraising Society
 - b. Graduation 2025
- 7. Upcoming Events**
 - a. Upcoming Meetings
 - i. ASCA Course - January 14 - 7 to 9 pm: The Work of School Council: It's NOT About the Meeting - Email oss.council@gshare.blackgold.ca for Zoom Link
 - ii. Regular Meetings: February 12, March 12, April 9 at 6:30 pm

OSS School Council Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2024

In Attendance: Sandra Jory, Karen Stiles, Amanda Saunders, Kim Terry, Chantelle Riddel, Joanna Stokes, Aisha Syed, Shelley Hamilton, Dan Lake, Matt Hill, April L'Heureux, Debbie Weir, Cole Neuman, Danika May,

Regrets: Leanne Martin

- 1.) Welcome & Call to Order at 6:31pm
- 2.) Agenda Approval: There are no additions to the agenda. Approved as submitted.
- 3.) Approval of Meeting Minutes from Oct 9, 2024: Approved as submitted
- 4.) Reports
 - a. Chair's Report:
 - i. Operating Procedures- Procedures approved by those present. None opposed. Passed.
 - ii. October 2024 Black Gold Council of School Councils Update: Written report attached.
 - iii. Alberta School Council \$500 Engagement Grant: Written report attached
 - b. Principals Report:
 - i. Updates:
 1. 1st quarter has finished and CTF- 142 (ISP) Individualized student plans completed. Accommodations/Strategies were selected. Good feedback from parents re: ISP's. Report cards are coming out before next meeting, currently reviewing comments. Any feedback from parents would be appreciated.
 2. Parent/Teacher Interviews: Feedback received from parents is to run more than one night so that more families can obtain a time slot. Looking at implementing a more open format to parent teacher interviews in the spring. In this format teachers are all in a common space. Discussed concerns with privacy and conversations being overheard. Looking at alternate avenues for accommodation of conversation that would require some privacy ie. communication to book time, alternate private space available as needed. The school would like to try this format in the Spring. Other Feedback: Booking was restrictive for a families. Some double booking had occurred and caused some disruption for some families.
 3. Assurance plan: This is a 3 year plan that every school needs to complete. It is a fluid and growing document that evolves as the school year happens. It is a document that aids in planning and goal setting for the school, input can occur from council and

students. They will have more information to share at our next meeting.

4. Remembrance Day : Unable to accommodate all the students in one space, so had to stream it. Streaming was not successful so they will look at holding two separate events, one for junior and a 2nd for the high school. Kids seems engaged in ceremony and there was an interactive element.
5. Cafeteria: It is open! It is seeming to be quick and efficient even with a line up of kids.
6. Outdoor Sign: There will be an outdoor lighted sign. Installed early in the New Year.
7. Yield sign: The stop sign has been replaced by a yield. So parents yield to buses. There will be a yield on the student's side to help with the flow of traffic. They will be an installation of speed bumps in the student parking area to help maintain speed. But if the cost is too high may not be able to install same.
8. Post Secondary Fair: Dec 5th. Will mostly be public with some private institutions.
9. MADD presentation: November 22 for junior high students.
10. Club updates: Volleyball finished. Basketball is just starting up. There is now additional clubs: model parliament, board games, film club, citadel club, QSA, Ski club, Open gym(mornings and lunch), fitness room(mornings), crochet club, leadership/Student council
11. Band Concert will be held Dec 3rd in conjunction with Leduc Composite.

5.) New Business:

- a. Goal Setting for 2024-2025
 - i. School Council's Role in Setting School Vision, Beliefs & Principles
 - ii. Engagement with the Community: How do we support our community around us. Invite to community members. Being a good neighbor. How do we use this building to make it a community school? Combination parent/student involvement with service event.
 - iii. Community Special Events
 1. Fundraiser/Event-tentative April 2025
 2. Other ideas-career night, gym drop-in sports, movie /sports night

Brainstorming Goals/Priorities for School Council from group

- Community engagement: Food bank drives, ID card penalties option to donate.
- Leadership Group will be visiting Lifestyles and potentially the band.

- b. Student Council Report: Present by school council representative Cole Newman.
 - i. 24 member, 4 elected members, 20 regular members grades 8-12. Still in early stages of planning. Looking at doing a food bank or women's shelter drive. Great engagement on Spirit days from students. Looking at building

community and enhancing student engagement. Will be utilizing social media to communicate with the students. A member from student council will be looking to attend our OSS student council.

6.) Old Business:

- a. No Cell-Phone Policy: A little bit of an increase with kids not respecting this. Will need to be reinforcing this rule a bit more in the next little while.
- b. Parent Fundraising Society: Shannon not present to provide an update re: Casino. Elected School Council will not be holding a dual positions as fundraising society. Parents are welcome to create a fundraising society in addition to school council.
- c. Graduation 2025 Update: Meets once a month. Grad colors have been chosen, planning the slide show. There will be a newsletter out to parents. Parent involvement still to be determined.
- d. Bathrooms: Legal is being consulted on installing a camera on the bathroom issues. Vandalism is still an issue. Feedback from parents is that a pony wall would be beneficial for privacy. Mr. Lake is unsure if this is feasible at this time but can keep in mind.

7.) Upcoming Events

- a. Upcoming Meetings:
 - i. January 8, February 12, March 12, April 9

Meeting Adjourned at 7:38pm