

OSS School Council

Wednesday February 12, 2025 / 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM / Ohpaho Secondary School

Agenda

- 1. Welcome & Call To Order**
- 2. Agenda Approval**
- 3. Approval of Meeting Minutes - January 8, 2025 Meeting Minutes**
- 4. Reports**

- a. Chair's Report
 - i. Council of School Councils Update
 - ii. February Newsletter
 - iii. School Vision, Beliefs & Principles
 1. Vision Survey Feedback
 2. SOAR
 - iv. Community Special Events
- b. Principal's Report
 - i. Fee Updates & Policies
 - ii. Assurance Plan
 - iii. 2025-26 Budget

5. New Business

6. Old Business

- a. Parent Fundraising Society

7. Upcoming Events

- a. Upcoming Meetings
 - i. Rescheduled - ASCA Course -Feb 18, 2025 - 7 to 9 pm: The Work of SchoolCouncil: It's NOT About the Meeting - Email oss.council@gshare.blackgold.ca to register.
 - ii. Regular Meetings: March 19, April 16, at 6:30 pm

OSS School Council Meeting Minutes

Jan 8, 2025

Attendees: Sandra Jory, Leanne Martin, Karen Stiles, Amanda Saunders, Chantelle Riddel, Dan Lake, Matt Hill, April L'Heurex, Kim Sauneuf, Dawn Aschenbrenner

1.) Welcome and Call to Order at 6:32pm

2.) Agenda: There are no additions to the agenda. Approved as submitted

3.) Approval of Meeting Minutes: Approved as Submitted.

4.) Reports

a) Chair's Report: 2025 Goal Setting

a. School, Vision, Beliefs & Principles

- Student council has been tasked with coming up with a vision for the school. Dan has started a draft for an assurance plan with planned feedback from council. The vision document can look at incorporating ideas from student council, parent council and school and bring forward of a draft.
- Values Brainstorming: What word comes to mind: SOAR acronym
- inclusion, kindness, integrity, ambition, aspiration, accountability, respect, strength and resiliency, attitude, agile, capacity, original, synergy, ownership, open-mindedness, opportunity, responsibility, resolve, relationship, resolve, service, self-improvement, skills, synergy, safety, success.
- Brainstorming Ideas for Council Roles: Community Champions in fundraising/grant supplies for arts/options. Teachers often don't have time to go canvassing the community. This could be a role for parents in support of teachers. May also include grant research and application.

c.) Trustee Invitation: Sandra will extend an invite to our trustees to attend the next council meeting.

b) Principle Report:

- a. Communication: Please notify the school if you feel you are not aware of school events. They are trying to communicate via a variety of streams i.e. social media, PowerSchool.
Feedback given: Calendar on the website does not show detail of event like time.
- b. Exams/Junior School Midterm/Diplomas: What is the perception of having the junior students being allowed to go home after their midterm exams. They are trying to manage and respect that the High School students are in exam week, so minimizing interruptions as much as possible. No concerns were brought forward by the parent group.

- c. Report Card: Feedback was given that there was no communication to notify parents that report cards are ready to view on PowerSchool.
- d. Hiring: We are looking at hiring an English teacher and in reach program(additional support to students) and CTF.
- e. Grad Meeting: The committee met yesterday and are finalizing dates and plans. Looking at June 7th with grad celebration at school.
- f. Knife Incident: Communication went out to parents re: a threat involving a knife in which the RCMP were involved. SRO was involved in the incident. Looking at engaging students in discussions about what is considered a concealed weapon. The Violence Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) and protocol is a tool utilized by the school to address these types of risks. It was utilized with this incident.
- g. Policy: Developing student conduct, late, parking lot policy. Also looking at addressing conduct within the parking lot as proactively as possible
- h. Options Fees: The school does have allowance to waive option fees so as not to be a barrier to participation. Can look at how this is communicated to students.
- i. School Culture: In December the theme days went well and students seem to have good participation. Staff and student games were run to help develop community and belonging.
- j. Open Gym: Looking at increasing availability of open gym times and having the space for students as able.
- k. OHS policies: Looking at developing safety policies as a school division to address safety hazards in classes like welding/shop. Recommendation from parents was to look to community resources/program that may subsidize safety equipment i.e. Mark Work Warehouse. A call out was made to parents to aid in this if have community connections.
- l. Grants: Discussion was had if Council has a role in helping to apply for community grants to help support arts/options within the school.

5.) New Business: None

6.) Old Business: None

- a) Parent Fundraising Society: Carried forward for next meeting.
- b) Graduation 2025: A parent grad committee has been formed for this graduation. They are looking at fundraising ideas for this event. We will remain in communication with the grad committee, so we are not overlapping.
- c) Parent Volunteer: Parents have self-volunteered as the needs arise. Dan would like to encourage an open-door policy re: parent involvement. There is nothing formalized yet in place, but welcome parents offering as they are able. Council could look at reaching out to parents to call out availability and skills to offer the school to help create a database.

7.) Upcoming Meetings

- a. ASCA Course-January 14-7 to 9pm: The Work of School Council: It's NOT about the Meeting-Email oss.council@gshare.blackgold.ca for Zoom link

b. Regular Meetings: February 12, March 12, April 9 at 6:30pm

Meeting Adjourned at 7:49pm