

OSS School Council

Wednesday March 19, 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 - [February 12, 2025 Meeting Minutes](#)**
- 4. Reports**
 - a. Chair's Report
 - i. ASCA Course - The Work of School Council - It's Not About the Meeting
[Handouts](#)
 - ii. School Vision, Beliefs & Principles
 1. Vision Survey Feedback
 2. SOAR
 - iii. Community Special Events
 1. May Spirit Night
 2. Fall Career Night
 - b. Principal's Report
- 5. New Business**
 - a. CUPE Strike
- 6. Old Business**
 - a. Parent Fundraising Society
 - b. Grants - Nutrition
- 7. Upcoming Events**
 - a. Upcoming Meetings
 - i. Regular Meeting: April 16, at 6:30 pm
 - ii. Annual General Meeting: May 21 at 6:30 pm

OSS School Council Meeting February 12, 2025

Attendees: Sandra Jory, Leanne Martin, Karen Stiles, Amanda Saunders, Chantelle Riddel, Dan Lake, Kim Terry, Shannon Caul, Gary Hansen, Shelley Hamilton

1) Welcome: Meeting called to order by Sandra at 6:34pm

2) Agenda: Addition of Trustee Report

3) Approval of January 2025 Meeting Minutes: Spelling Corrections added. Approved as corrected.

4) Chair's Report

a) Council of School Councils Update:

- (i) The last meeting in January introduced the concept of visible learning. Strategies include: detailing learning intentions and success criteria for students so that they achieve a better understanding of what they are to be learning and what that will look like. Collective teacher efficacy is the next strategy. This has teachers working together within their departments to enhance collaboration and promote continuity of learning goals. Can be easier to define in CTF courses but harder in Social and other core subjects. Applying visible learning is going to take time to develop and establish within the school culture. Based on John Hattie research.
- (ii) Newsletter: The meeting also provided the opportunity to network with other school council members and gather new ideas. As a result Canva was utilized in the most recent newsletter, which also included a survey question. She hopes to include survey questions with each newsletter.
- (iii) Facebook: New council Facebook site has been set up to help increase social media presence (47 members currently).

b) February Newsletter: Will email out separately, new survey question each month

c) School Vision, Beliefs & Principles

- (i) Vision Survey Feedback: Question: What do you envision for the future of Ohpaho in terms of student success, community involvement and overall learning experience. What are the top 5 values you believe are most important for our School to prioritize in shaping a positive and supportive learning environment. We received 7 responses. Results attached to the minutes. Student leadership will be asked to identify values as a student body.
- (ii) SOAR: Keep this in mind for future value development. Will include a shortlisted version of words from last meetings minutes and survey.

d) Community Special Events:

- (i) **Brainstorming:** Potential Career Day Event: Can solicit the parent body for volunteers to help provide a wide range of careers and jobs to share with the student population. Maybe include a BBQ and food element. May want to consider offsetting Leduc Composite Career Day which is March 25th.
- (ii) **Books:** Ideas for book drives to help support school. Ideas included teachers posting a list of wanted books for the classroom. Book drives, Indigo grants etc.

5) Trustee Report

- a)** Written report submitted and included with minutes

- b) Strike Update for CUPE staff:** There are currently 4 school jurisdictions on strike and 5 more have moved to a strike vote. Once a strike vote happens, they have 72 hours to move forward. Our school will have 18 staff affected if this moves forward, our division is one that has taken the vote. Will try to minimize administrative needs by sending out mass communication that the school will be operating on minimum staffing. The timing of the strike is unknown.

Contingency Planning is being done by head office to help support the school administration as needed. OSS looking at how to manage things as simple as attendance at the school.

6) Principal's Report:

- a) Staff Update:** They have hired 2 new teachers. Dajna Kadjan English and inreach. Emile Tourangeau CALM, CTF courses. That has allowed us to look at supporting our grade 8 and 9s, as there is a broad-spectrum of educational needs in these grades, from excelling to those having academic challenges. Flexpoint classroom is being offered to help support students, it can be a catch-up environment to allow students to keep progressing or get back on track.
- b) Block Length:** Considering offering core subjects in semester for grade 8 and 9s. This would mean an 80 minute block vs the current 40 minute.
- c) Registration:** Will be having a high school orientation March 3rd for grade 9 students. Parent meetings and open house on March 13th at 5pm for junior students entering the school. School council is welcome to set up a table at this meeting. At 6pm-8pm there will be the parent orientation for high school orientation. The school will also be offering a refresher zoom session for grade 11 and 12 regarding course selection in early April. Registration will occur April 14-17 for grade 9, 10 and 11s. Junior high option selection will occur in mid-May.
- d) Parent Teacher interviews on March 20th:** Will look at unscheduled drop in meetings based on teacher consensus.
- e) Graduation:** 90% (Green) set to graduate. There are students that are set up for a 4 year plan to achieve their diploma. School counselors are always available to discuss academic requirements and post secondary education requirements.
- f) Assurance Plan:** There are two goals at this time one is to develop a school culture and the second is to address numeracy and literacy. It feels like the rhythm of this plan is more atypical than usual and is being done on the fly this year. They will be looking at including visible learning in the assurance plan. School council will be included within the plan with goals for the year. This 3 year plan is fluid in nature and is open to adaptation as needed.
- g) Budget:** Doing very well with the budget as they still have funds on hand due to conservative spending (\$177,000). Will be ordering some more desks, desktops, tables for cafeteria, bookshelves, bulletin board and whiteboards. We are also looking at a trophy case or display case. The outdoor sign will be coming soon and it just needs to be electrified.
- h) Sports:** Staff is super engaged in extracurriculars and they continue to add multiple options for students. Ski-club and Jasper ski trip is coming up this month.
- i) The Drama play Hadestown** has its debut this weekend. Come out and support our students.

- j) Youth Leadership Day is being hosted by OSS.
- k) Breakfast Club is up and running for students that missed their breakfast. The school will likely need to look at subsidizing the program. Could be supported by parent Fundraisers (book fundraiser). Discussed exploring a partnership with Independent Grocery store or grants to help fund projects like the breakfast club.) Potential to have local businesses donate (Cobs, coop, Starbucks, independent grocers).

7) Old Business

- a) Parent Fundraising Society: Tabled.

8) Upcoming Meetings

- a) ASCA Course-Rescheduled Feb 18, 2025 7 to 9pm: The Work of School Council:
It's NOT About the Meeting : email oss.council@gshare.blackgold.ca to register
- b) Regular Meetings: March 19th, April 16th 6:30 pm

9) Adjournment: meeting adjourned by Sandra at 08:30 pm.