

OSS School Council News

January 2025

We are excited to welcome you to the first edition of our School Council newsletter! As a new school community, we are thrilled to have the opportunity to come together to build a positive and supportive environment for our students. The Parent School Council plays a key role in shaping the school experience, and we're eager to share updates, upcoming events, and opportunities for you to get involved.

Fall Highlights

- Establishment meeting held and the following individuals were elected:
 - Chair - Sandra Jory
 - Vice Chair - Leanne Martin
 - Secretary - Karen Stiles
- Operating Procedures were drafted, discussed and approved.
- Alberta School Engagement Grant - ASCA course scheduled January 14, 2025 (see below)

2024-25 School Council Goals

As a new school, Council is excited to work with the school community on the following:

- Collaborate on determining Ohpaho's vision, values, beliefs & principles
- Engage with the greater Community: neighbouring businesses, community neighbours, parents and students by hosting community special events and a 2025 Fundraiser (date tbd).

Upcoming Events

January 8, 2024 @ 6:30 PM - School Council Meeting - ALL WELCOME!

January 14, 2024 @ 7:00 PM - Course - The Work of School Council - It's NOT about the Meeting

To facilitate our work, OSS Council approved the use of the Alberta School Engagement Grant to attend this workshop hosted by the Alberta Council of School Councils:

School Councils often struggle with identifying the types of activities and work they should be doing in order to truly fulfil their legislated role. In this workshop, school councils are encouraged to examine what they are doing in relation to the Assurance Framework, their intended purpose and the intended result of their work, and then consider strategies to enhance the school council's role in the school community, supporting the expectations of legislation and the Assurance Framework.

All school community members are welcome to the workshop via Zoom.

If you would like to register for the January 14 session or have any questions regarding OSS School Council please email oss.council@gshare.blackgold.ca