

OTSS School Council

Minutes of School Council Meeting held on May 6, 2014

Opening:

The monthly School Council meeting of the OTSS was called to order at 19h05 on May 6, 2014 in the library by Bruce Giles, Co-Chair, School Council.

Present

Bruce Giles
Andrea Fisher
Jennifer Tremblay
Annette Vogt-Cearns

- **Approval of Agenda and Minutes from April 1, 2014**

Approved by Andrea Fisher, seconded by Annette Vogt-Cearns.

3. Happenings at OTSS Principal / Staff report

Happenings at the school – Jennifer Tremblay

- Reference Library –
- \$500 spent
- Plead case from last year and were given the \$500 that we did not spend last year
- Now working on buying e-books, videos and more books
- An email link will be given to the Librarian – Nadia Thornton
- She will lend out the materials
- The lending will be done via the child to keep track
- May be ready by end of the month
- An example of a working library of this type can be found on the St. Peter's H.S. website
- CBC piece about how there are more police visits to this school than others in the area

- Started as a negative story, was better near the end, but the first impression not good
- Cory McCary – SRO police officer who is linked to the school
- He has a group of only 3 schools which he visits several times in his rounds (OTSS, Rideau and Queen Elizabeth)
- This accounts for the frequent visits as most other officers linked to schools have more
- The frequent visits have been positive – Officer Cory knows all of the students, he is pro-active with the students and many like him

- This has been a phenomenal year – clean up students

- Staff looking into running Transition Fair evenings for the special needs students
- Thinking about attaching them to School Council Meeting nights
- Guest speakers
- Hoping to bring in more families, by offering a service

Physical Education, Athletics and the Arts – Mustang Report

Varsity Sports

Badminton had a competitive presence at the April NCSSAA Far East championships. The team supported each other & improved measurably throughout their campaign.

While the required level of ability & commitment may not have been present enough to enter a varsity team into the NCSSAA enough players expressed an interest in starting a 'baseball club' that will continue working on developing their skills & hopefully play a couple of exhibition games in May (better chance now that the City has agreed to open their fields May 12th).

Track & Field have their last invitational meet Thurs. May 8th to test themselves before next weeks, May 15th, by the 1st round of OFSAA qualifying meets, ie. NCSSAA Conference Finals.

Vocom Sports

Boys & Girls Ball Hockey featured both schools used to play each gender-based tournament. OTSS provided 5 teams, with 1 of the boys teams & 1 of the girls teams each making the finals. Students had fun en route to many personal achievements. Next sport is track & field, tournament date Tues. May 13th (rain date Wed. May 14th). Last sport is co-ed softball at the end of May.

Other News

REEL Canada representatives were hosted by our school in April providing us with a new release feature film screening called, "Breakaway". Target audience was grade 10-12 classes. The writer & star of the film, Canadian born & York U. educated actor, Vinay Virmani, was also present & held a Q & A session after the screening with the audience. This is a new release & has been recently touring the province (50 school screenings!).

Coming Up

Students in the various Arts classes had a wonderful experience attending a spectacular multi-arts disciplinary show, "A Musical Taste of Our Canadian Heritage", at Algonquin Colleges on April 9th. There were spectacular costumes, music, acting & celebration of Canadian culture.

TECH NEWS

- **Paint for Life**
- On April 30th, 15 students did 130 manicures to raise money for the Cancer Society.
- Many students donated money
- Ms. Kenelly's and Mr. St. Louis' class delivered 100 flyers
- Wavey and Ms. Gaunt's class made Cancer bracelets for sale
- We raised \$1285.35 which will be given to the Cancer Society

- **Hospitality Department**
- has a field field trip - May 16th to the Chateau Laurier, Artistic Cake Design, 3-course lunch and tour of Hospitality department at Algonquin.

- **Dual credit students**
- finished their course on April 23rd. All 3 were successful and we are very proud of them. We are in the process of registering 10 students for next year: 5 in baking in Semester 1 and 5 in Food prep for 2nd semester.

- We made close to \$400 at the Spring bake sale to raise \$\$ for CHEO.
- **Masonry students**
- participated in a Field trip May 2nd to Parliament Hill and the Bytown Museum. The students have had the opportunity to explore the stonework of the Parliament Buildings and the canal.
- **Construction students**
- will have an opportunity to participate in a Constructour On May 16th hosted by Algonquin College. Students will tour the restoration of the Parliament Buildings and Lafarge Canada, finishing with lunch at Algonquin College.
- Two students participated in Skills Canada Qualifying competition at St. Lawrence College in Kingston on April 12th. One competed in Carpentry and the other competed in Welding. It is very impressive that they spent the time to prepare and took one of their Saturdays to compete. True dedication! Next week a third student will be competing at the Provincial Skills Competition in Waterloo. She will be representing OTSS in the Masonry competition. We wish her well!

Math/Science

- Collaboration among teachers with respect to: 1. instruction (how can I adjust my approach to help my student who is struggling with measurement? 2. assessment (discussions about leveled grading is at the forefront and teachers are appreciative for the possibilities that leveled grading will benefit student success).

- **Pro Grant**
- See "Happenings at the School" on page 1 for update (Reference Library)

- **Other dates to remember**

May 7 – Green Engineering Workshop by Ottawa U
 May 8 – Field Trip – Science & Tech
 May 13 – Vocom Track & Field - OTSS
 May 14 – Body Works Workshop – Scientists in School
 May 15 – NCSSAA Track & Field – E. Conf.
 May 16 – Field Trip – Hospitality students
 May 21-22 – NCSSAA Track & Field – City
 May 21 – Vocom PSP Sports Day – SGCSS
 May 29-30 – Regional Track & Field – Terry Fox
 May 29 – Vocom Co-ed Softball – SGCSS

- **Adjournment –**

Meeting of May 6, 2014 adjourned – approved by Annette Vogt-Cearns and seconded by Andrea Fisher.

The **next meeting** will take place on **June 3, 2014**.

Submitted by Annette Vogt-Cearns.