

Ottawa Technical Secondary School School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: November 3, 2015

Location: School Library

Present:

Bruce Giles, Parent and Chair
Jennifer Tremblay, Vice Principal
Chantelle Crete, Parent
Shel Gerber, Parent and Co-Chair
Judy Dwyer, Parent

Opening:

The Monthly school Council meeting of the OTSS was called to order on November 3, 2015 by Bruce Giles at 7:10pm., Chair, School Council.

1. Welcome - Chair

Bruce Giles welcomed members to the meeting.

2. Approval of Agenda and October Minutes

The October meeting minutes were approved by Shel Gerber and seconded by Bruce Giles.

3. Happenings at OTSS Principal/Staff Report

-Halloween spirit week was last week....terrific job by students' council....pumpkin pie eating contest, costumes galore and a dance on Friday.

-We also had a very successful Halloween bake sale, thanks to Mme. Sauve's baking students. Funds were raised to support our Best Buddies program.

-VOCOM soccer was held last Thursday, with a huge turnout of participants and was a very successful day.

-Current interscholastic sports include the Girls volleyball team and the Boys basketball team.

-IEP's were sent home with all students for parents to review

Upcoming events....Mark your calendars!

-Remembrance Day activities next week: Tuesday the 10th, we will be welcoming a guest speaker from the Canadian Navy.

Wednesday the 11th is our own Remembrance Day assembly, organized by Ms. Loker and Mr. Guvenc with our students. Parents are welcome to attend.

-This Wednesday is Take Our Kids To Work day for our Grade 9 students.

-VOCOM Dodgeball is starting. This is the "crown jewel" of all VOCOM events.

-November 26th is our PSP challenge, with students in our physical support and autism programs hosting a number of other schools for a day of friendly competition and comraderie. Thank you to Mr. Poulsen for organizing this annual event.

-Semester 1 midterm report cards will be sent home on Thursday November 19th.

4. OCASC meeting report

Beverly Naylor - OCASC Rep was not in attendance. We will add this to the December agenda.

5. Cancelling of January Meeting

January 2nd meeting will be cancelled due to Holiday Break . A vote was taken and the result was unanimous.

6. Future Guest at meetings

A short discussion was had and a few suggestions were made. the Co-Op teacher Jane McIntyre, Regional Health Nurse, Student Council/ Staff advisor, Link Crew Leader.(these older students mentor the grade nine students and buddy up with them throughout their first year to make sure they feel comfortable at school)

7. Update on Council Projects

The multi cultural dinner was discussed . We agreed on a few things in order to have this even run smoothly. We all agreed that April or May would be the best time as winter is coming to an end.

Jennifer Tremblay (vice Principal has agreed to speak to Mr Weisbach to ask if his class would be able to prepare food as well as when the best time for his class would be.

Jennifer also suggested that perhaps we could pair this event up with the visit from new grade 9 students visiting the school as well as the Greenhouse sale.

Shel Gerber suggested setting a tentative date and sending an email out to get a feel on how many parents would be willing to participate as well as contribute.

8. Pro Grant Funds:

a Discussion was had about these funds. Money was used for the Parent Resource Library the money left will go towards expanding the Library by adding audio books and DVD's.

As discussed previously a new website is being made and info on the Library will be added. While waiting for this website Bruce suggested that we have a list o the books made up and made available to parents and the procedures for signing them out and be added to the existing website.

9. School Council Email

Jennifer will look into having an email account made for the school council. This will eliminate the Chair using a personal account and make the transition of info easier when the time comes for a new Chair person.

10. Best Buddies

Best Buddies is a lunch time group for students who help out with the children in our special needs program. If students are interested in becoming involved they can see Ms. Jamie McDonald (teacher) who supervises this group.

11. Cancellation of meeting in the winter months

Be advised if School buses are cancelled on the days that a School Council is being held the meeting will be cancelled.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm by Judy Dwyer , seconded by Chantelle Crete

13. Next Meeting: December 2, 2015 in the School Library