

OTSS School Council

Ottawa Technical Secondary School- School Council

Minutes of School Council Meeting held on October 7, 2014

Opening:

The monthly School Council meeting of the OTSS was called to order on October 7, 2014 by Bruce Giles at 7:00 pm., Chair, School Council.

Present

Bruce Giles
Jane Alexander
Andrea Fisher
Judy Dwyer
Lyn Kennedy
Sarah King
Carl Dobbin

- **Approval of Agenda and Minutes from September 9, 2014**

Approved by Andrea Fisher, seconded by Bruce Giles.

- **Results for School Council Election**
- For the time being the position of Co-Chair/Vice-Chair will be dropped due to lack of interest of other members.
- Bruce Giles will return as School Council Chair.
- New secretary _____ has offered to take on the roll.
- As in past year since the council does no fund raising, no Treasurer was elected.
- **St. John Ambulance Presentation**
- Presented by Lyn Kennedy
- What St. John Ambulance training can do for the youth of this school
- At St. John they will be taught First Aid, Standard Emergency and MFR medical first responder
- Once the students have achieved their first aid certificates they will get a uniform with a \$50 deposit, which will be refunded if the time comes that they no longer want to return to active duty
- Training takes place every Monday night at Rideau Park United Church on Alta Vista Drive from 7:15 to 9:00 pm. The training sessions are run from September to June. Once they have received their certificates, the students will be able to go out on duties with an adult
- St. John's Ambulance covers the following:
 - Canada Day
 - Remembrance Day
 - 67's hockey games
 - Battle of the Atlantic
 - And many other duties
- For fun we have a Halloween Party, a Christmas Party, a Year-End Party, skating, sleigh rides with a pancake breakfast, Parades (Christmas and St.

Patrick's Day), Camp

- We also do bake sales, craft sales and bottle drives
 - In April we host an awards lunch for the youth
 - If you know any young people who would be interested please call 613-227-2021
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- **Happenings at OTSS Principal / Staff report**

Happenings at the school – Jane Alexander

Good news items:

- We had a successful Meet the Teacher night on September 25th. Great turnout.
- Our enrolment for the year has been finalized at 455, up from our projection of 450. This is terrific as it allows us to maintain all of our current programming and staffing.
- Stuntman Stu and the Magic 100 team visited the school to deliver a powerful Anti-bullying presentation on September 23rd. Our students were an attentive and respectful audience.
- Pursuant to our September meeting, at which Sarah Rush presented a proposal to incorporate a therapy dog into our Behaviour Intervention Program, I can report that we have welcomed her dog to the BIP with great success.
- Upcoming events:
- Terry Fox Walk, Run & Roll on Thursday October 9
- Friday October 10th is a PA day, Monday October 13th is the Thanksgiving holiday. No classes on either date.
- Parent Teacher Interviews on October 16th, 6-8pm in the gymnasium
- Progress reports will be sent home Thursday October 9

Physical Education, Athletics and the Arts – Mustang Report Fall Varsity Sports

Teams confirmed for NCSSAA competition this fall are Sr. Boys Soccer, Co-ed Cross Country Running & Sr. Boys Ice Hockey;

- Soccer is underway having played 3 games already, next home game is this Thurs. when they host Gloucester H.S., kick off 4 p.m.
- Hockey is about to start their regular season with a home opener this Wed. @ Bernard Grand Maitre Arena, 3 p.m.
- Cross-country running continues to improve their endurance by attending various invitational meets in anticipation of their East Division Championship on Oct. 17th.

Fall Vocom Sports

The Vocom Sports season got off to a strong start with a win by OTSS over Sir Guy Carleton S.S. in Ultimate Frisbee, over 40 students were involved. Approx. 30 students are involved in Flag Football teams & compete this Thurs. Oct. 9th, followed

by soccer in late October. Encourage your son or daughter to get involved.

Health & Physical Education

'Fitness For Life'...access to our well-equipped fitness center continues to expand. It is now open & supervised Tues. & Thurs. mornings, 7:45-8:30 a.m. (Early Bird Club), lunch time on selected dates 11:45-12:15 p.m. & after school Mon.-Thurs. 3-4 p.m., a community sponsor, Popeye's Supplements has made available some prizes & protein supplements for staff to make free smoothies following their workouts.

The annual National School Terry Fox School Run, Walk, Ride & Roll, will take place Thurs. Oct. 9th. Events include all school assembly with a guest speaker followed by an outdoor activity. The event is completely inclusive, i.e. Students can travel a course by walking, jogging, riding bikes/scooters or roll in their wheelchairs. This is the 10th year OTSS has conducted an event & will be presented with a banner commemorating the occasion.

Celebrations

OTSS Music Teacher, Mr. Keith Brown, received a 2013-2014 OCDSB Arts Recognition Award in Secondary Music Instruction. Keith joins, OTSS Visual Arts Teacher, Sheila Williams as a past recipient) of this award. Mr. Brown teaches both instrumental music, as well as, vocal music to all program areas of the school & gives our students opportunity that inspires.

For the 7th year in a row, O.T.S.S. has been awarded the Secondary School Quality Daily Physical Education Award by Physical Education Canada! We are 1 of only a few schools in our School Board to be recognized. All aspects of the physical education program, intramurals & athletics, are assessed before the honor is bestowed. We received a large banner that will be put, along side the other 5, in the gymnasium as a testament to the hard work & enthusiasm demonstrated by our Physical Education teaching staff, teacher-Coaches & student-athletes. **GO MUSTANGS GO!!**

5. Parent Reference Library

- The Parent Reference Library is up and running, information and listing of items to be put on the school's web-site in the School Council section. The idea was put forward to use this year's Pro-Grant to add Videos to the Library. This to be discussed at future meetings.

6. School Council Information Table

- A School Council information table will be set-up at the upcoming Parent-Teacher Interview Night.

7. Meeting Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM, next meeting November 4