



OTTAWA TECHNICAL SECONDARY SCHOOL COUNCIL

June 7, 2016
19:00 to 20:00
OTSS Library

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees:

Bruce Giles, Parent, Co-chair
Andrea Fisher, Parent and Secretary
Christina MacDougall, Parent
Stephen MacDougall, Parent
Jane Alexander, Principal

STANDING ITEMS	ACTION BY
1. WELCOME	Bruce Giles welcomed attendees to the meeting.
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES	Minutes approved by Christina MacDougall and seconded by Bruce Giles (May 3, 2016)
3. HAPPENINGS AT OTSS PRINCIPAL/STAFF REPORT	<p>We are definitely in the final phase of the school year, with classes winding down and exams set to begin soon. A full calendar with all pertinent dates and a final exam schedule are posted on the OTSS website. We are eagerly anticipating a wonderful commencement ceremony on Wednesday June 29th at 10m with a luncheon to follow.</p> <p>Other upcoming events include the OTSS pancake breakfast on Wednesday June 8 as well as our Athletic Awards later that day.</p> <p>Also related to athletics, our Track team had a phenomenal season, with 3 of our athletes travelling to the provincial championships in Windsor. Gray Whitney came 6th in the province in the 100m boys race while Sarah Mailloux came fourth in the province in the 100m girls contest. We are so proud of these athletes and their coaches Mr. Poulsen and Ms. Abbey.</p> <p>Our Civics and Careers teacher Molly Ensom and our English and History teacher Sara Loker attended the Edugala as finalists, with Ms. Ensom winning the</p>

prestigious award, honouring the very best educators in all public and separate boards, colleges and universities in the region. We are very proud of both Molly and Sara.

Our enrolment for next year is looking very healthy, with a large cohort of grade 9's (63) joining OTSS as well as some new grade 10 students.

Matt Giroux, a member of the Tech department has graciously formed a partnership with Costco whereby they have offered to provide backpacks and school supplies to any student in September. A letter went home whereby parents can add their son/daughter's name to the list to receive this gift.

The board is conducting a parent survey and an e-mail went out to all parents with login information. Please take some time to complete this as it is always important to get parental feedback so that we can make changes where necessary.

At the last meeting I reported that we would have a new VP, Rachelle Sintic, to replace Jennifer Tremblay in September. Ms. Sintic will still be joining the OTSS admin team, however Ms. Tremblay will be staying and we are very pleased that she will be assuming the role of Principal! We know that she will do a fantastic job as she is very passionate about our school and is a tremendous advocate for students. This of course means that I will be leaving OTSS, which is a very difficult thing to do. I have been asked to become the Principal of Curriculum Services and while I am very excited to take on this new role, I will miss the students, parents and staff very much. Thank you to all of the parents and school community for their support and kindness over the past years.

4. REPORT ON OCASC MEETING

Beverly Naylor, OCASC Rep was not in attendance. The need for this agenda item will be reviewed at the September meeting. Bruce Giles suggested monitoring the web-site for up-dates.

5. SUGGESTIONS ON FUTURE GUESTS

Gregory Alan will be invited to the September meeting to discuss the GLP.

Jenifer Tremblay

6. CONCERNS/QUESTIONS FOR UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

Shelly Gerber will up-date the Council Newsletter. Jane Alexander/delegate will include in the welcome package given to new parents in September.

Shelly Gerber & Jane Alexander/delegate

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Bruce's daughter will be graduating this year and he is stepping down as the Chair of School Council. Committee members thanked Bruce for his leadership as Chair. Bruce was presented with a card, beautiful plant made by students, school pin and a cake.

Bruce's speech:

First off, I would like to thank all of you for your help with the School Council over the past year. When I first announced that this would be my final year with the School Council a number of people asked me if I would miss coming to the school. I can honestly say yes for two reasons. First off, as most of you know I have a history with this building as a former graduate from here. Coming here on a regular basis has brought back some fond memories of my high school years here. As I hope when your sons and daughters also look back after they have graduated they will have fond thoughts of their time here. Secondly, I would like to think that in the past five years I have been here I have helped to improve things at OTSS. Also, because I still have a soft spot for this building and what goes on inside and through the School Council I have felt a part of it. Finally, when I was first asked to help with the School Council, I remembered how this school got me through a rough spot in my early high school years and through the years after my graduation I thought of this school as an old friend. So being in the school council was my way of paying back an old friend. The one thing I would like to close with is, over the past five years I have come to realize that through OTSS's staff, students and yes even parents that I am leaving my old friend in very good hands!

Thank you,
Bruce Giles,
Co-Chair OTSS School Council

Jane Alexander shared her plans next year to be Principal of Curriculum Services. Members thanked her for her valuable contribution to the students and student council. Jane will be terribly missed and fondly remembered.

Meeting adjourned at 20:00 by Bruce Giles and seconded by Andrea Fisher.

NEXT MEETING

September 13, 2016
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19:00 – 20:00