

OTSS 2015-2016

School Council Year End Report Introduction

October 3, 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians of Ottawa Technical Secondary School Students:

It's that time of year, when the leaves are falling and OTSS students are well into another school year.

I have completed the Annual Report for your perusal. You will note that there were several happenings at the OTSS School Council during the last school year; as well as some new new implementations.

I have enjoyed the past year as Co-Chair to your School Council Meetings.

Along with Shelly Gerber our other Co-Chair and the rest of the team, they have all been dedicated and supportive of the council. All of us together, have worked as one.

With my daughter graduating last June, the 2015-16 school year will be my last year as Chair or Co-Chair. As a former graduate of this school myself, it has been both a pleasure and an honor to serve these past five years as either Chair or Co-Chair.

All parents or guardians of students attending OTSS, are welcomed to be members of our School Council which takes place the first Tuesday of each month during the school year, except January.

I hope for the coming new school year, there are more and new faces surrounding the council table in the 2016-2017 school year.

In closing, I would like to wish the 2016-2017 OTSS School Council a successful school year and thank-you for your time.

Sincerely,

Bruce Giles

Co-Chair, Ottawa Technical Secondary School Council 2015-2016

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The following officers were elected to the 2015-2016 School Council: Bruce Giles and Shelly Gerber as Co-Chairs and Andrea Fisher as Secretary. The position of OCASC Representative was Beverly Naylor. We have all enjoyed our positions on the School Council over the past school year. We also appreciate the time and effort put forward from the teachers and staff of OTSS.

The following is a summary of the school council's activities carried out over the 2015-2016 school year:

- Chris Ellis, Trustee of Ottawa-Carleton District School Board (OCDSB) introduced himself to the council and circulated a document with the 2015-16 priorities.
- The school has had a School Resource Officer for 10 years. Const. Alex Kirady introduced himself to the council. He then talked about his police experience and discussed examples of his positive interactions with the students.
- A proposal was put forward to the School Council to develop an information flyer about the council. Chantelle Cret volunteered to help develop it in the coming months.
- Again this year, the Council's Pro-Grant was used to expand the Parent Resource Library that was first started by the School Council. Also, it was agreed to that some of the funds would be used for audio books and DVD's to be added to the collection.
- A new system was developed by the council to warn members of cancelled meetings due to inclement weather. It was used for the first time this year and worked very well.
- Mr. Mike Loewen gave a presentation on OTSS's Outdoor Education Program. As this is a new program at the school, members found this presentation very interesting.
- The School Board made changes and improvements to the school's Web-Page. This also included the School Council part of the page and as time permits will be brought up to date.
- Andrea Fisher the council's Secretary developed a new format for the council's Minutes. It was voted on that this new format would be used in future Minutes.
- The school's Principle, Jane Alexander announced at the June meeting that she would be stepping down at the end of the school year. The council as a whole thanked her for her help over the past year and wished her good luck in her new position.

I, Bruce Giles wish to thank each and every one of the council members who have contributed to the success of our School Council over the past school year. I also wish to thank the staff and the teachers who have committed their time and their efforts in their reporting of school activities. I also would like to thank at this time, the various guests who have given presentations at our meetings. Their knowledge that they have passed on to us has been a great help during the past school year. I could not have done it without the support of all of you.

Respectfully submitted by,

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