

OTSS School Council

Minutes of School Council Meeting on October 1, 2013

Opening:

The monthly School Council meeting of the OTSS was cancelled at 19h25 on October 1, 2013 in the library by Bruce Giles, Co-Chair, School Council due to the absence of a quorum.

Present

Bruce Giles
Jane Alexander
Kelli Watson
Jennifer Tremblay
Annette Vogt-Cearns

- **Happenings at OTSS Principal / Staff report**

Physical Education, Athletics and the Arts

Fall Varsity Sports

Teams confirmed for NCSSAA competition are Sr. Boys Soccer, Sr. Boys Volleyball & Co-ed Cross Country Running. This is the 1st time in our schools modern history to put forward a soccer team. Both Soccer & Volleyball have opened their regular season with competitive performances. Next home game for volleyball is Thurs. Oct. 3rd. Next home game for soccer is Tues. Oct. 15th, both 4 pm starts. Cross country running continues to improve their endurance in anticipation of their East Division Championship Meet 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 in the 1 day tournament. Students are now preparing for Boys & Girls Flag Football which will be followed by soccer. Encourage your son or daughter to get involved.

Health and Physical Education News and Special Events

- 'Fitness For Life'...access to our well equipped fitness center continues to expand. It will now be open & supervised Tues. & Thurs. mornings, 7:30-8:30 a.m., lunch time on selected dates 11:45-12:15 p.m. & after school Mon.-Thurs. 3-4 p.m.
- The annual National School Terry Fox School Run, Walk, Ride & Roll, took place Fri. Sept.. 27th with great weather & lot's of enthusiasm. Students benefited from a guest speaker, 22 yr. old Justine, a cancer survivor herself, who shared her story & talked about the advances in cancer fighting research. Senior phys. Ed. students canvassed classes for donations to the Terry Fox Foundation & The Canadian Cancer Society. Once again our school community demonstrated compassion & generosity donating \$200. This is our 10th year of involvement & over this period the school has surpassed the \$3,000 mark.

English and History

The English classes are taking full advantage of our two rolling computer labs. Students are learning to use adaptive software such as the predictive "Word Q" which can help students with their spelling and word choices and "Premier AT" which allows students to have their material read aloud. Both of these programs are available free to families in the OCDSB to install on their home computers so students can continue to use these programs at home as well.

The History classes have been creating Propaganda posters related to their studies on World War One, some of these are on display across from room 215. The students have done a great job examining the use of language, images and colour as they study the impact of propaganda on the Canadian population during this time.

Tech News

- Students have completed their Safety basics and have begun many projects within their classes.
- Several of our Technology teachers, along with student representatives, are getting prepared to present the following programs at the World of Work, October 22: Welding, Cosmetology, Hospitality, Masonry and Woodworking/Construction
- The World of Work is a joint initiative with OCDSB and the Catholic board at the Ernest & Young Center. It provides an opportunity for approximately 4500 grade 8 students from both boards to view Technological programs and SHSMs from our two boards. Students also have an opportunity to speak to Community partners in the various careers, as well as explore post secondary training options.

Math and Science

Math: Ives Bolt will be attending the Ontario Association of Math Educators Leadership conference in November and will be looking forward to learning about new developments in Math education.

Science: Ives Bolt will be encouraging and paying for Ms. Wasilewski's membership in the professional group - Science Teachers Association of Ontario. It will offer her updated material on current research within science instruction for school children.

- **Other dates to remember**

October 10 – Progress reports distributed

October 11 – PA Day - no classes

October 14 – Thanksgiving Holiday - no classes

October 16 – IEPs due

October 11 – PA Day – no classes

October 17 – Parent Teacher interviews

October 21-25 – Work Experience

October 22 – World of Work

October 30 – Awards of Excellence (ceremony for the awards handed out last year)

October 31 – Halloween Dance

November 5 - School Council Meeting
November 6 - Take Your Kids to Work
November 7 - Term 2 begins
November 11 - Remembrance Day Assembly
November 12 - Marks due
November 15 - PA Day - no classes

- **Adjournment –**

Meeting of October 1, 2013 adjourned at 7:25 pm.

The next meeting will take place on November 5, 2013.

Submitted by Annette Vogt-Cearns (from notes provided).