

Council Minutes - September 18, 2019

Summerside Staff Lounge - 7:00pm

Attended: Andrea Gordon, Becky Stanistic, Chelsey Prince, Christine Lanos, Dahlia Maxwell, Heather Neelin, Hicham Benkirane, Kathy Linkletter, Melissa Humphries, Nik Cotter, Saaimah Malik, Sarah Ahmed, Sui Ling Lee, Jenna AuCoin, Kailey Satta, Lesley Girouard, Tony Mian, Navneet Bains, Rohini Dhaliwal, Talile Terfa Dibaba, Richard Toomer, Neil Roy, Erica Roy

Introductions - Everyone in attendance introduces themselves to the council. Christine kicks off the meeting by explaining how the school council works and lists the various executive positions. Previous holders of these positions take a few minutes to explain the role and the time commitment.

School Council - Everyone present is asked if they would like to hold an executive seat. Council proposes to create a new position as lead communications and everyone agrees. Christine notes that the new position will need to be proposed in the Constitution before being approved and Chelsey Prince volunteers to fill the spot in the meantime. The executive seats are filled as follows:

Andrea Gordon - Co-Chair
Saaimah Malik - Co-Chair
Hicham Benkirane - Treasurer
Jenna AuCoin - Secretary

Members at large:

The following people agree to be members at large and will be considered part of quorum (along with the executive) in case of voting: Becky Stanistic, Dahlia Maxwell, Kathy Linkletter, Sarah Ahmed, Sui Ling Lee, Tony Mian, Navneet Bains, Rohini Dhaliwal, Talile Terfa Dibaba, Richard Toom & Erica Roy.

Teacher Representatives:

Nik Cotter, Melissa Humphries, Kailey Satta, Heather Neelin (vice-principal), Christine Lanos (principal)

Council Training

There will be a day of workshops offered for council training on Saturday, November 9th. More details to follow.

For more information regarding School Council please visit:
<https://ocdsb.ca/cms/One.aspx?portalId=55478&pageId=237877>

Updates from Teaching Representatives:

MakerSpace

- Teacher meeting next week to plan for this year
- Parents always welcome to help out and offer expertise

Arts

- Choir in October
- Gr. 8 Band will begin soon
- Gr. 7 band will begin after Thanksgiving
- All gr. 7 and 8 students have begun their instruments in class.
- Intermediates are currently looking into purchasing some art supplies for some upcoming division wide activities

Sports

- Junior Girls and Boys soccer tryouts going on - tournament the week of October 15th
- Intermediate Ultimate frisbee teams have been prepping for their tournament next week. We have 48 students in grades 7-8 participating with M. Long, Ms Plumb and Mme Grenier Practices are twice a week after school.
- Cross Country run club is happening for grades 6-8 in preparation for regionals on October 7. M Long, Mme Vallée and Mme Grenier practicing with the students every Tues/Thurs.
- Intermediate Football starting soon, led by M.Tompkins and M.Satta

Student Leadership

- Intermediate orientation week happened during the first week of school. All intermediate teachers organised and executed a variety of activities to help our new and old students transition to the division. Speed social, Collaborative art work, workshops on leadership, organisation, being kind, being involved and a division wide game minute to win it assembly were on the agenda. An amazing, positive experience was had by all.
- 10 grade 8 students were selected to be ambassadors to help the grade 7's transition to our division, Offering support to get to know their way around the school and to show them the ropes.
- A Google classroom is set up for all 145 intermediate students with a focus on mental health and mindfulness. Connecting the division through technology and eventually have student leaders operate the classroom.
- M. Cotter, Ms Ally, M. Holtlander, Ms Plumb and Mme Grenier have been working hard to launch our Terry Fox fundraising. A launch assembly was done on Tuesday, with two grade 7 students and two grade 8 students mc'ing the event. A story map about the life of Terry Fox is being created by the whole school. Daily math challenges and spirit days are in the works for next week.
- Wednesday, Sept 18 all grade 7 students went to MacSkimming for a day of leadership activities.
- Thursday, Sept 19th the 8's will be going.

Other

- Great first few weeks
- Terry Fox Run
- Student Levy
- Pizza
- Milk
- Online forms - media, tech
- Scholastic Book Fair, last week of October

Meeting Dates for 2019/2020

A vote was proposed to change the meeting dates from Wednesday to Thursday. While Wednesday won with a majority vote, it was proposed to hold half of the meetings on Wednesdays and the other half on Thursdays. No objections were raised and the meeting dates were set as follows:

- Thursday, October 17th, 2019
- Wednesday, November 20th, 2019
- Thursday, December 12th, 2019
- Wednesday, January 15th, 2020
- Thursday, February 20th, 2020
- Wednesday, March 11th, 2020
- Thursday, April 16th, 2020
- Wednesday, May 20th, 2020
- Thursday, June 18th, 2020

Please note all meetings will be held in the Summerside staff lounge at 7:00pm.

Fundraisers

The following fundraisers/events were laid out as follows:

October

Launch of Parent Resource Library - tentative launch date is Thursday, October 17th at 6:00pm before the next council meeting. The goal is to make the parent resource library accessible to parents.

Leaders: Chelsey and Becky

Halloween Dance - Friday, October 25th, 2019

Sub-Committee formed

Leaders: Erica, Tony, Richard

November

A tentative movie night scheduled for November 14, 2019 was scrapped due to it being the night of parent teacher interviews.

A Boston Pizza night has been proposed. More details to follow.

Leader: Saaimah

December

A MacMillan's frozen food order to be launched and delivered.

Leaders: Andrea, Navneet, Saaimah, Sarah, Tony

January

Movie night - January 23rd, 2020

Leaders: Rohini, Saaimah

February

A second Boston Pizza night has been proposed. More details to follow.

Leader:

March/April

Spring dance - TBD

A second MacMillan's or a Purdy's order. To be discussed and decided at a later date.

Andrea

May

Summerfest - Saturday, May 30, 2020

Leaders: Andrea, Chelsey, Becky, Richard, Jenna, Erica, Tony

Lunches

The matter of changing/adding a new lunch option was discussed. Lunch Lady will be starting shortly. The options on the table are Pita Pit, Subway and possibly Whole Foods. This will be discussed at a later date.

Notes from the Treasurer

- The 2017-2018 council report and financial report were prepared by the previous council and given to the principal to be sent to the OCDSB Chief Financial Officer (Christine has already the original copy).
- The council acquired and received 2 weeks ago, a new safe that will be kept at the school for all fundraising events. The price the council paid for it is \$148.15.
- The council was approved to use the school cash online system for the pizza program at the beginning and for other fundraising events in the future.

Meeting was adjourned around 9:00pm. Looking forward to a great year on school council 😊 😊