

O'GORMAN HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Monday, February 24th, 2014

6:00 p.m. - School Library

PRESENT: Mrs. C. Lauziere, Mrs. T. Sebalj, Mrs. A.M. Chalmers, Mr. D. Berthier,
Mrs. L. Madore.

ABSENT: Mrs. J. Ducharme, Mrs. P. MacInnis, Mr. J. McGee, Mrs. L. Duval,

The meeting was called to order at 6:14 p.m.

Opening Prayer

- was recited by members present.

Approval of minutes - October 10th, 2013

MOVED by Mrs. T. Sebalj, seconded Mr. D. Berthier
that the minutes of October 11th, 2013, be adopted as circulated. Carried

Review last year's goals

Mr. Berthier reviewed the goals set out in the last previous years. The main goal is to engage parents. A sample of the pamphlet created by the previous Parent Council was shared with the committee. Mrs. Madore stated that the pamphlet will be inserted with progress reports going home March 6th, 2014.

New Business

- CPC Promotional design

Mr. Berthier explained the credit we have for a pull up banner to be used at Parent Teacher Interviews, Orientation and other school events to promote parent engagement.

Review of last year's goal

Mr. Berthier explained that we need to determine what our goal will be for this year. He briefly summarized the goals set out in previous years as an example. He also mentioned that a report is sent at the end of each year to the Director outlining the work accomplished by council.

Mrs. Lauziere explained that as a parent of a grade 9 student this year she would like to share her experience so far to open up discussion:

- Parents of this group of grade 9's have been together from JP to OICS.
- All parents have the same concern that grade 9's are not prepared for high school.
- How do parents help out their kids.
- Have a link on Facebook for parents to communicate regarding assignments, etc.
- Time management is lacking for these students.
- Mrs. Sebalj offered to meet with students to help them organize their binders & lockers
- Is there a way we can collaborate with OICS – maybe in second half of grade 8.
- How do you make this into a goal – right now it is a concern and a matter of opinion.
- Consider how do we support parents – example – Facebook string; Twitter Account
- Could we have a Tool Kit for parents of incoming students.
- Make parents aware that there will be information sessions
- Could we set up a section on the Parents Corner with top 10 questions.
- Maybe the last five minutes of class could be spent on organizing binders
- Reach out to parents of grade 8's from OICS
- Have a night before grade 9 students come in September for parents to come in and find out what is going to be happening.
- Mrs. Lauziere is prepared to do a power point presentation
- Parents receive timetable before students so they can review it.
- On the first day of school the grade 9's meet with their Link Crew.
- Suggested parents come in the afternoon and followed by the Grade 9 BBQ all in one day.
- Could we look at other boards and see what other opportunities might be available.

Red Cross design

The deadline date has passed.

Second Semester Parent/Teacher Conference - (Engaging Parents)

Mr. Berthier asked if members of council would be available to greet parents at the April 24th Parent Teacher Interviews:

Mrs. Sebalj - 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Mrs. Chalmers – 6:00 to 8:00p.m.

Mrs. Lauziere – 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Berthier will approach Mrs. Ducharme for 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Mrs. Lauziere will send out a request to the members of council absent to find out if they are available to greet parents.

Mr. Berthier will approach Mrs. Duval to see if she is available as the Liaison from OPK. Perhaps a table can be set up.

Agenda items for next meeting

Review of Grade 8 Transition book
Promotional layout and design for pull up banner – update.
Finalize goals
Review of Tool kit for parents.

Working Meeting

An informal meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 4th @ 6:00 p.m. in the School Library to finalize the pull up banner. Mrs. Lauziere will send out an invitation to everyone to confirm.

Adjournment

MOVED by Mrs. Chalmers, seconded by Mrs. Sebalj
that the meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m. CARRIED

Mr. D. Berthier
Principal

Mrs. C. Lauziere
Chair

Mrs. L. Madore
Recorder