

O'GORMAN HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Thursday, October 11th, 2012

6:00 p.m. - School Library

PRESENT: Mr. Michael Pollon, Mr. Jamie McGee, Mrs. Kelly Torresan, Mrs. Peggy MacInnis, Mr. Stephen Brown, Mrs. Maryann Mawdsley, Mr. D. Berthier, Mrs. L. Madore.

REGRETS: Mrs. Jacqueline Nemis, Mrs. Theresa Sebalj, Mrs. Ginette Kennelly,, Ms. Julie David.

Meeting opened at 6:12 p.m.

1. Opening Prayer

The opening prayer was read.

2. Welcome

Mr. Berthier welcomed everyone to Parent Council 2012-2013.

3. Membership

The list of members was circulated and updated.

Mr. Berthier will approach a member of the teaching staff & support staff to join school council. Julie David is the student trustee for this year. Mr. Berthier asked if members knew of anyone else that might be interested in joining the committee to let him know and he will approach them. Parent involvement in high school life is very important.

Mr. Berthier will also approach the parish priests from St. Joachim and Sacred Heart church as Father Pat from St. Anthony's is not able to attend meetings due to his busy schedule.

4. Role of Council - Review

Mr. Berthier reviewed the role of Parent Council. He spoke briefly about our future goals and continuing to use the One Year Action Plan from last year.

Mr. Berthier stated that he will share the fundraisers going on in the school. He will also share fundraisers sponsored by OPK. This year's focus is the Bus for Us fundraiser.

Julie David is our student trustee this year and will share activities from the students' perspective.

Mr. Berthier stated that we can't have a meeting without the principal present however Mrs. Maisonneuve, vice-principal can attend in his absence.

Mr. Pollon asked about a finances for the school. Mr. Berthier explained the money available through the board (Parent Involvement Fund) and from the Ministry (Reaching Out Grant). Parent Council doesn't do fundraising as OPK is there for that reason.

5. Future of OPK

Mr. Berthier attended the OPK meeting a few nights ago and the membership is dwindling. He asked if we can go out and try to recruit someone to sit on OPK. Mr. Berthier explained that they do not fundraise by going door to door. They usually have one big fundraiser and work the canteen at school dances. They meet once a month. If we know of anyone interested in volunteering by helping out in the background, please him know and he will pass the information on to OPK. They are not closing up shop but worried that because three of the current members will no longer have children at OHS this will probably be their last year. OPK does allow parents of former students to be part of the committee but often parents do resign as they continuing volunteering in the community.

6. One year action plan

Action plan will be sent out for everyone to review. We did very well last year in meeting some of the goals on the Action Plan.

7. Election of Chair

Mr. Berthier left the meeting so members could elect a chair.

Mr. McGee nominated Mr. Pollon as chair. Mr. Pollon accepted the nomination however asked if he could have a co-chair in the event we were discussing financial issues he could step out of the meeting.

Mrs. MacInnis nominated Mr. Brown as co-chair. Mr. Brown accepted.

Congratulations to Mr. Pollon & Mr. Brown.

8. Selection of meeting dates

Thursday, November 8th at 6:00 p.m. in the School Library.

9. New Business for next meeting

Mr. Pollon will take a look at the Destination Planning Handbook and share the information with council members.

Parent Conference is on November 22nd . The pamphlet and Tips for Parents will be sent out and shared at our next meeting in order to plan our involvement that day.

Mr. Pollon asked if members had any agenda items to go through him or Mr. Berthier before the next meeting so we can be prepared.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

MOVED by Mrs. MacInnis and seconded by Mrs. Torresan.
ACCEPTED

Mr. M. Pollon
Chair

Mr. D. Berthier
Principal

Mrs. Madore
Recorder