

# O'GORMAN HIGH SCHOOL

## SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF MEETING

Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013

6:00 p.m. - School Library

**PRESENT:** Mr. Michael Pollon, Mr. Stephen Brown, Mrs. Maryann Mawdsley, Mrs. Theresa Sebalj, Mr. D. Berthier.

**REGRETS:** Mr. Jamie McGee, Mrs. Kelly Torresan, Mrs. Peggy MacInnis, Mrs. Jacqueline Nemis,, Mrs. Ginette Kennelly, Mrs. L. Madore, Ms. Julie David.

Meeting opened at 6:15 p.m.

#### 1. Opening Prayer

Mr. Pollon read the OHS Parent Council Prayer.

#### 2. Additions to Agenda for next meeting

- Parent Council would like to know what the plans are for the future of the OHS library.
- Would like feedback from Parent Council regarding possible closing of libraries based on a Parent Newsletter (Sept. 2012).

#### 3. Adoption of Minutes

MOVED by Mr. Brown, seconded by Ms. Mowdsley that the minutes of the meeting of the previous meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

#### 4. Unfinished Business

##### Parent Teacher Conference

- was discussed - the majority of parents knew where they were going
- Mr. Berthier appreciates parent council members greeting parents
- discussion of times for parent teacher interviews was discussed. It was suggested to change the times to 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. but there is concern that if we give up time slots it might be hard to get it back.
- Mr. Berthier stated that even though a child is doing well parents would like to see the teachers
- more communication with teachers, the better the child's educational pathway will be.
- parents get a good opportunity to also meet future teachers/educators

- add to the brochure a sentence “no matter where your child is in their education journey, we want to see you all at parent teacher meetings”.

### **New Business**

- Received funding of \$1,000.00 from the Parent Reaching Out Grant
- Received \$1,000.00 from the Speak Up Project - we are suggesting a culture evening “Foods of the World”
- Students thought of this idea
- Mr. Berthier will have a meeting re: Culture Evening and he would like to tie it in with parent teacher night - “Come taste foods of the World”
- Discussion on how this evening could work by involving the cultures of our OHS school culture.
- Tie in to giving back to the community
- Also have a “Foods of the World”
- Trying to perhaps merge Parent Reaching Out and Speak-Up Project on one night
- Theme - “You Don’t let your student go, you still walk with them”.

### **Inclement Weather - Exams**

Mr. Pollon questioned how we can get the messages re: weather as an example. Mr. Berthier said it was on the NCDSB board website.

- What happens if bad weather and bus cancellation on an exam day.
- School has emergency days set aside
- Can we have a notice on how this exam schedule could work if there are a lot of snow days.
- On the board website.

### **Principal’s Report**

Mr. Berthier will provide Mrs. Madore with a copy of his report.

- How to provide tips to parents
- Booklet ideas
- eg - “Making My Way” - Peel District School Board
- Make Durham Career Pathway to fit for our Grade 8 & 9.
- Hot links
- Booklet
- Pamphlet
- Natcho night
- Memory sticks
- Volunteer time by March 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Bring to the next meeting individual print out to put individual feedback from Parent Council

**Next meeting**

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**10. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

MOVED by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Berthier.

ACCEPTED

Mr. M. Pollon  
Chair

Mr. D. Berthier  
Principal

Mrs. T. Sebalj  
Recorder