

MINUTES OF MEETING
O'GORMAN HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOOL COUNCIL
Tuesday, November 9th, 2010

PRESENT: Mrs. L. Clausi, Mrs. L. Belisle, Mrs. T. Rogers, Mrs. K. Canie, Mr. J. McGee, Mr. M. Pollon, Mrs. B. Ritchie, Ms. K. Marks, Mr. D. Berthier, Mrs. L. Madore.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mr. Pollon.

Welcome

Mr. Berthier welcomed Mr. Pollon as our chair for School Council 2010-2011. Members that were not present at last month's meeting were welcomed.

Opening Prayer

Opening prayer was read by members.

Additions to the Agenda

United Way Youth Challenge - Mrs. Rogers requested information on this event. Ms. Marks explained that students interested pay \$10.00 to participate. It is a fun event amongst local high schools. Funds collected by the participants are donated to the United Way.

Co-chair - Mr. Pollon asked members to think about whether or not they would be interested in co-chairing with him this year. Further discussion will be held at the end of the meeting.

Agenda Items for next meeting

– People for Education.

Adoption of Minutes

MOVED by Mrs. Clausi, seconded by Mrs. Belisle that the minutes of the meeting of October 6th, 2010, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

New Business

School Uniforms

It was requested that Mrs. Lafreniere inquire from Top Marks the availability of a v-neck pullover sweater the same as the vest for purchase.

A brief discussion followed on the current uniform policy.

EQAO Math & OSSLT

Mr. Berthier explained that our results in Math have gone up by 15%. This is the largest increase in our history. He stated that staff worked hard with students to improve our results.

The winter session of Math testing is the second week of January. The spring session is in June. The OSSLT test is held on March 31st, 2011.

Discussion continued on whether or not class size has an impact on our results. Currently our largest class size in math is 28 students.

Workshop - Becoming A Behavioral Detective - Hosted by Cochrane Temiskaming Resource Centre

Mrs. Canie shared pamphlets of this upcoming workshop hosted by CTRC and held at O’Gorman High School.

Parent Survey re: Parent/Teacher Interview

Discussion ensued regarding improving parent/guardian attendance at parent teacher interviews. It was suggested that we have a survey available for 25 parents at the November 18th Parent Teacher Interview. The survey would have the following questions:

1. Would you like to pick up your child’s report card the day before parent/teacher interview?
2. Which time slot do you prefer?
3. Comments/suggestions.

Mrs. Rogers surveyed the other high schools and shared her findings with council.

Website Information

Mr. Berthier explained that he hopes the school will have control of their own website in the very near future. Once we have control he would like to set up a rotating calendar with current and upcoming events.

Reaching Out Grant & School Improvement Plan

Mr. Berthier stated that we have received the \$1,000.00 grant from the Reaching Out Grant and we have also received \$500.00 for parent involvement from the Board. Members were asked to give some thought for discussion purposes at the next meeting on the use of these funds.

Goals for School Council

Discussion ensued on goals for 2010-2011.

Members of council were encouraged to review the News & Update section on the Board Website as it contains information on the Virtue Program and Faith & Pastoral Care.

Co-Chair

Mr. Pollon asked if anyone would be interested in volunteering as co-chair. Following a brief discussion Mrs. Canie volunteered to be co-chair with Mr. Pollon.

This was approved unanimously.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 12th, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Seminar Room.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Mrs. L. Madore
Recording Secretary

Mr. D. Berthier
Principal