

Oakmont Regional High School
School Council Meeting Minutes
December 7, 2016
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Call to order and approval of Nov. minutes – 5:58pm

Attendance: Jason Tamulen, David Uminski, Kris Bogosh, Ina Carey, Christine Kerravala, Brittany Smeltekop, Jakki Therrien, Joe Macchia, Alex Arcangeli, Liam Cole, Laurynn Bedard, Maura LeBlanc, Emily Quill, Jennifer Lafortune, Siobhan Bartkus, Ralph Kay, Liz Woollacott, Lincoln Stiles.

Student Update:

Seniors – Laurynn Bedard: Cap & gown meeting was held to decide on design. Seniors voted-will reveal results on Friday Dec. 9th for measurements. Lauren described 3 designs chosen from. Mr. U was impressed with voting despite his concerns. Officers had chosen predominantly green despite being female-haven't heard many negatives. Some good questions from seniors at meeting. Q- from Mrs. Lafortune "will chosen gown be the standard for future?" A – Not sure yet. Friday seniors will also be surveyed regarding class song and class trip. Next meeting – pushing advertising for t-shirt designs – green, gray, white and black should be included. Want t-shirts to be given earlier as class has been spirited. Lots of interest in class video – so starting – meeting Monday.

Juniors – Alex Arcangeli: Popcorn sales going well, thanks to parents. Butter braids fundraiser - \$2,400 total sales, they are coming in Dec. 15th. Prom planning has been on hold for a bit with other fundraisers-we're in swing, only décor and other minor planning remain.

Sophomores – Emily Quill: Candle fundraiser - a no go, others already did it. Hope to have another option for January-researching now. Will aim to have Prom 2018 booked by the end of January.

Freshman – Liam Cole: Design for t-shirt done, deciding on company to complete. Buffalo Wild Wings fundraiser in March.

Student Council – Maura LeBlanc: Faculty Christmas Party Dec 22nd, 5:50pm – invites are out. Jan. 27th Mr. Oakmont being brought back, but revamped. Survey going out about a Winter Dance – formal or casual? Question about dates from Mrs. Bogosh. Seems to be a change – will verify dates.

Teacher Update:

-Amy Dubovick: FSU decision day was last week. 22 acceptances, 3 pending grade submission. Financial Aid Night was Dec. 1. Math modeling field trip to MWCC.

-Jakki Therrien: French NHS is accepted/can proceed. Jakki is still planning requirements for our chapter.

-Paula S: Progress reports this week.

-Mr. Uminski: January meeting time – asked to change meeting time to 5 because of a hockey game. 4?? Depends on musical schedule. Decided on 4pm, January 4th.

-Budget requests – Mr. U

-Council members who spoke at school committee had done a great job. Spoke on scheduling, lack of librarian, and directed studies. Yesterday at dept. chair meeting Dr. Mazzola spoke that he is not opposed to block – does work and is economically in the middle. Seems we won't make a change to block unless we want to. Will continue with analysis. Looking for ways to get kids out of directed study even if no new teachers. Dept. heads asked to look for .5 class proposals to get kids out of alternating directed study. We need to make clear for students that such .5 courses will not be priority.

-Q – Mr. Macchia – how can this be done without new teachers?

-A – would replace existing full time classes. Will still be dependent on teacher #'s.

-No credit is given for directed study-in response to Mr. Macchia's questions.

-Academic Success Center students are mixed in, but do get credit. ASC is an intervention for non-IEP students.

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Going to look at putting directed study kids in academic success center. Looking to get more kids credit. Most have every other day. Ina asked about waiving phys ed or independent study to prevent every other day issues. -Interested parties of budget have met with Supt and business manager.

-Mr. U has requested 8 FTE's. Adjustment Counselor, Librarian, Sped team leader liaison, 2 Para's for Sped, 4.5 FTE seems to be what we may get. .5 adjustment counselor, academic success teacher, math, social studies-soc/psych, librarian. Have requested other dept. heads to be restored – didn't make it. Asked for all co-curricular reinstated: GSA, OEA, school store remain on the list of potential reinstatements. Most supplies have gone through. Some discussion of English and social study labs closing and getting Google chrome book, etc. Benefit of doing so: more accessible to Google classroom, less maintenance, open up classroom space.

Q -What are we doing for those not intending to go to post-secondary school?

A – 12-14% presently not going to college. Our mission is to prepare kids for whatever they intend to do.

Mount has partnered with industry for training program. Mr. U talked about a meeting 10 yrs. ago with businesses. What can we do? Businesses wanted “soft skill”, communicate effectively. Sped has transition program until 22. Learning center practicing career skills.

-Overall – \$2 million deficit just for level services based on state #'s and town indicators. There is a new Ashburnham business manager that may be more school friendly. Rep. Zlotnik spoke with Mr. U about underfunding by State. Rep said bill looking to rectify ch.70 money is in works. Number of parents at school committee meeting asked about override – committee hasn't committed, but not said no.

Mrs. Davis has begun process for a meeting for planning override/lobbying – next. Wed. 6pm 12/14.

Q- Jenn Lafortune – can we use parent town pages?

A – Yes – use social media. Ashburnham parents Facebook page had some misinformation regarding HS present technology. We're rectifying the information.

Students clarified how much HS teachers use varied technology programs. Computers and Careers helps. Hopefully override wouldn't need to be much and will pass. Will need word out and parents to vote.

-Block scheduling analysis – survey writing. 4 surveys – students, parents, teachers, alumni (additional versions for school choice?) No more than 10 questions. Broke into groups for survey creation. Will share in Google docs for people to respond to. Will try to have results for Feb. meeting. Finalize surveys by Jan. meeting. Will be a Google form document.

Adjourned at 7:24 pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 4 at 4:00 pm