

School Council Minutes
October 2, 2019
Nims Library, ORHS

Meeting Start: 5:00pm

In Attendance:

Absent:

Siobhan Bartkus	Katie Miville
Susie Eriole	Jason Tamulen
Shannon Baker-Kahahelis	Brittany Smeltekop
Paula Stefanakos	
Tony Telicki	
Ron Putnam	
Joe Macchia	
Amy Dubovick	
Phil Bottone	
Jakki Therrien	
Ani Seppelin	
Max Charboneau	
Liam Cole	
Phoebe Brooks	
Isaiah Parris	
David Uminski	
Evander Samuels	
Jill Childress	
Wendy LeBlanc Kelly Hansen	
Wendy Provencial Jen LaFortune	

First Order of Business:

- Membership/Welcome New Members
 - Clarifying the role of School Council
 - Introduction and welcome to new members
- Election of officers
 - Co-Chairperson-Siobhan Bartkus
 - Secretary-Susie Eriole

Approval of Minutes: May 2019-approved

Student Updates:

Seniors:

- Dues collections just about complete,
- Homecoming banner is almost complete,
- Now working on senior Halloween party,
- Mrs. Dubovick will visit their class meeting to talk about graduation speakers

Student Council:

- Big weekend with homecoming, spirit week and tailgate-each class participates with food, banners, and games leading up to the football game.
- Homecoming dance 6:30pm-10pm. Semi-formal attire, no jeans, no sneakers.

Sophomores:

- Starting collections of class dues in homerooms on 10/3

Juniors:

- Great turnout for collection of dues already
- Booked DJ for prom and looking to create a prom committee once homecoming is over

Freshman:

- No update at this time, elections just held a week ago.

Teacher Updates:

NHS Induction (Paula Stefanakos) induction ceremony on October 23 at Monty Tech, Lions Club sponsors the event. Eligible seniors will get their letters tomorrow to apply. Service hours are well underway with many requests coming in from the community. Recently hosted a BBQ with NHS members to brainstorm mission and goals for this year.

Guidance update (Amy Dubovik): Financial Aid night tonight 10/2, PSAT coming up on 10/19, senior conferences going on right now.

French Honor Society (Jakki Therrien) is in full swing, bake sale at the Halloween party, French week coming soon and planning is underway, hoping to show a movie for elementary kids-Beauty & the Beast. 'What the French' on OTV to bring awareness to over 43 French-speaking countries around the world.

Women in Technology (Wendy LeBlanc)-9 girls will participate, a mix of sophomores and juniors. Ultimately will present here at ORHS at the end of the year. 21 interns this year.

General Announcements:

Homework Free Weekend Oct. 4-6

October 9 is Walk to School Day, students at Briggs will walk with our students

Parent Conferences are October 9 & 10

Information:

-MCAS results tabled until November meeting

-Cameras have been installed inside the building-used in the case of an emergency, every entrance has internal and external camera, cameras are located outside bathrooms as well

-Vaping issue at ORHS: Mr. Uminski shared literature on safe driving and drug education guide, also displayed confiscated items for the council to see the various paraphernalia used in vaping

-Other building improvements include new lighting (energy efficient) throughout the building, history department computer lab is a working project space now, new turf field, and new track surfacing, lecture hall was refurbished with new AV equipment

Discussion:

Flex Block Trial-

-Beginning October 15, lasting 9 weeks

-Students will have the responsibility to choose certain mini-lessons on everything from study skills to engaging in co-curricular activities, adopting a growth mindset, adding to school climate and culture, healthy decision-making, goal setting, and more

-Flex block can be used for academic purposes (student initiated or teacher initiated)

-Blocks will be shortened to accommodate the flex block, once a week teachers will get an extra prep to make up for time spent in flex block

-January 2020 data kept will be analyzed for efficacy

School choice-

-Communication last year was that we were not accepting any school choice

-Superintendent did make some exceptions

-In the past we have accepted about 20-30 each year at the high school

-Each year School Committee votes on whether or not to continue School choice.

Meeting time in the future 5p-6:30pm each month, next meeting November 6

Adjourn: 6:22pm