

Oakmont Regional High School Council Minutes
Thursday, February 8, 2018
6-7:30 pm
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Call to Order 6:00

Attendance:

Present: Paula Stefanakos, Ronald Putnam, Kelly Hansen, William Babincsak, Sydney Hertel, Alex Arcangeli, Liz Woollacott, Jakki Therrien, Amy Dubovick, Kelly Hansen, David Uminski, Ina Carey, Sioban Bartkus, Kristina Bogosh, Liam Cole, Shannon Baker-Kahahelis, Brittany Smeltekop

Approval of Minutes: December 2017 with Amendment~ National French Honor Society in minutes should simply read French Honor Society

Updates/Activities

Student

Seniors~ Alex A –

- Helping out with the Colin Carey Dodgeball Tournament, March 16th in New Gym. Serves as a fundraiser for seniors and the Colin Carey Scholarship
- Looking ahead towards graduation
- Class trip planning is getting underway

Juniors~ Mrs. Therrien

- prom committee began today
- Panera fundraiser coming
- Need to communicate with other classes to avoid overlap in fundraiser

Sophomores~ Liam

- Successful Buffalo Wild Wings fundraiser
- Unos one coming up, still working on date
- Kids movie night coming
- have narrowed prom venues

Freshmen~ William

- design chosen for class t shirt. Sales start next week
- working on a Panera fundraiser in March

Student Council~ Sydney~

- Winter Dance had to be canceled due to low ticket sales
- Carnation Sales end today~ To be delivered on Valentine's in HRs. Sales have been good. SADD helping out.
- Mr. Oakmont on March 1st \$3 students \$5 adults French Club selling crepes at intermission
- March 7-9th MASC conference
 - over 20 going
 - Amanda Porter running for President of MASC

- will participate in Polar Plunge while there to benefit Special Olympics
- Class competition March 14th in Cafe

Several Organizations helped out the Drama club with Valentine's for everyone. Intent is to make all feel a part of the Oakmont family

Addressed questions about overload and overlap of fundraisers. Trying to coordinate, but tough.

Teacher

Amy-Guidance

- Course selection moving online through portal~ kids do rough and then parents can look over.
- Parent meeting on March 8th at 4 in between conferences~ College Planning for Junior Parents

Paula~ NHS Update

- very busy in December helng with Salvation Army, Wreathes Across America, Ashburnham Tree Lighting, and local food pantries
- Student initiated final exam help happened in January

Jakki- FHS Tutoring ongoing and available

Discussion:

Student Handbook Revisions

- Proposed changes
 - students must wear own ID from present year, and only that one
 - Specific language for Vaping devices and eCigarettes~ No return of devices. Discussion as to why, and maybe making apply to any contraband
 - language regarding the creation of fake social media accounts for students and faculty/staff. Would potentially affect those who follow the account too. Could be held accountable. Those that create one would be subject to suspension.
 - Add language to allow administration discretion to lower suspension days if students are honest and forthcoming during an investigation.

(Sidebar conversation about the origin of this change. Some of it comes from vaping issues to a degree. Discussion about recent assemblies around vaping and kids' reactions. Disappointing reception.

- Do away with reporting class rank. Discussion about the reasoning and how other schools have done the same, specifically referencing a report from Shrewsbury High School. Dave spoke first and Amy expounded upon issue. Students and parents gave their view and asked questions.

Flex Block Proposal

-Committee formed and meeting

-Reasons prompting a look into this

- social/emotional

- enrichment

- academic

- common planning time

- co-curricular

- eliminate pull outs from class

- enhance adult relations

- skill development

- accessibility to extra help

-Sub committees gathering data including social emotional information on our students.

-Next step, survey for teachers, parents, and students. Also send teachers for visit.

Adjourn: 7:40

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 7, 4-5:30