

School Council Minutes
December 4, 2019
Nims Library, ORHS

Meeting Start: 5:00pm

In Attendance:

Absent:

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

5 pm: Holiday Celebration Dinner

Call to Order- 5:34pm

Attendance-See above

Approval of Minutes: October 2019-so moved; no meeting in November

Updates/Activities

Students-

Seniors (Liam)

- Successful Halloween party;
- 12/6 cap & gown measurements;
- working on a new fundraiser;
- Sent out voting for class song;

Sophomores (Isaiah)

- Thinking of a fundraiser;
- T-shirts to sell during the Vex Robotics competition, also sell concessions during the competition

Juniors (Phoebe)

- Doing lots of fundraising in December
- Percentage at Chili's. Also doing a \$500 gift card raffle. Selling hot chocolate at four corners.
- Looking for prom committee members in January.

Freshmen (Ani)

- Just had 8th grade tours.
- Working on freshmen t-shirts.

Student Council-Carson Stiles in for Max Charbonneau

- Haunted High was a success!
- Spirit Week and Pep Rally had lots of participation.
- Unified basketball game and banner presentation was a huge success!
- Turkey Bingo was a hit, as usual.
- Party on 12/17 for AWRSD kids;
- Selling candy canes in December;
- Another spirit week the week before break.

Teacher/Staff Updates

-Two extra days for seniors to get college apps in to Guidance because of snow days; Fitchburg State coming on Tuesday for Decision Day; review of PSAT score results with students in Flex Block (Amy D.)

-NHS finished Penny Wars, raised enough money to buy wreaths; laying wreaths at the cemetery on 12/13, First Student is donating transportation to lay wreaths for Wreaths across America.; 760 items raised in can wars for food pantry, only narrowly beat Lunenburg in the competition! Tutoring is being set up during Flex Block and after school. (Paula S. and Liam)

Information

MCAS Results

Changes are coming moving forward-

NEW: 470 and above to pass ELA, 486 and above to pass Math

NEW: Achievement level descriptors have changed (Exceeding, Meeting, Partially, Not Meeting Expectations)

Oakmont students did well overall. We are at, or above, state statistics.

Only single digits of students that will have to retake any of the three MCAS tests. Have we demonstrated growth? All kids in the district showed growth compared with like grade-levels across the state.

There's always room for improvement. We did see great improvements in subgroups (students with disabilities, economically disadvantaged, high needs, ELL, etc.)

-Lots of Math revisions: new text books, Beta trial on new curriculum, IXL is new to the high school and will introduce a new diagnostic tool to help students

-Biology may be looking at revising the biology curriculum, perhaps looking at a full-year option in order to cover all the material that is required of the state.

Flex Block Report-Feedback

-helpful to get things done for extracurriculars,

-not a huge influx of students taking advantage of flex time with teachers,

-maybe creating bad habits at home??,

- students having trouble scheduling because activity is full,
- majority of students are using the block well,
- maybe only do it 2 or 3 times a week-not every day,
- some students miss the 10 minute break because of where they are in the building,
- some students aren't 'into it',
- procrastination is big 'I can just do it in Flex Block',
- if they wait till last minute to sign up for activities things are full, - moving it to after C block,
- scheduling can be difficult and cafeteria is too crowded with 'Catch-All' students,
- maybe more enrichment opportunities,
- productive for common planning,
- difficult to get everything in-curriculum-with shortened block,
- Guidance has been able to offer some workshops that have been helpful,
- students didn't want to go to a teacher they didn't know

Discussion

- Dress Code Change Proposal-perhaps revising the policy around headbands. Motion to interpret the sweatband policy as NOT interfering with identification of the student, Mr. Uminiski will bring it to Student Advisory Council

Adjourn-6:58pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 8, 2020
 Time: 5:00-6:30 pm