

Oakmont Regional High School
School Council Meeting Minutes
January 4, 2017
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Call to order and approval of December minutes – 4:07pm

Attendance: Paula Stefanakos, Ralph Kay, Kris Bogosh, David Uminski, Ina Carey, Jack Tobia, Jennifer LaFortune, Jakki Therrien, Ron Putman, Joe Macchia, Laurynn Bedard, Maura LeBlanc, Emily Quill, Amy Dubovick, Siobian Bartkus, Liz Woollacott, Brittany Smeltekop.

Introduction of new member. Mr. Uminski explained formation and purpose of school council and what we've been working on.

Student Update:

Seniors – Laurynn Bedard: Senior class & shirts design beginning, some submissions already. Next week meeting on senior class trip; coming up with options to vote on. Gown meeting – modeled and the following week decision shown during gown measurements. Seems to be well received.

Juniors – Alex Arcangeli: No report

Sophomores – Emily Quill: Meetings for prom venues set up. Info meeting set with upper class advisors and officers for guidance.

Freshman – Jack Tobia: Class t shirts in the works - \$15.00 each. Ina Carey asked what

Student Council – Maura LeBlanc: Faculty Christmas Party went well before break. Claus for a Cause for Special Olympics was successful (\$24.00 for each member). Casual dance voted for March 3rd, president's council helping. Jan. 27th Mr. Oakmont to come back – some explanation of what it is. Mrs. Therrien offered crepes for an intermission if something is needed.

Teacher Update:

-Liz: finals coming

-Jakki: French Honor Society letters out. Lecture hall booked for Feb. 2nd for induction at 6:00pm. Set up in the works.

-Amy: Course selection begins – starts with 8th grade tomorrow. Gr. 8 parent night Thurs., 1/5 followed by guest speaker Aaron Polansky.

-Liz: (Q) Was the district improvement plan approved yet? (A) will be presented shortly to school committee then we'll work on school plan.

Other Updates:

-Ina: Support our Children and Schools – parent meeting formed to support after concerns with budget cuts. Well attended (around 34) more signed up via email wanting to participate. Talked about cuts that have impacted schools with reasons behind various costs. What could be done? Write & call legislators, network with other districts and others across the state.

-Dave: report on Chapter 70 funding that stated major underfunding – AshWest \$1.2 million underfunded last year. Rep. Zlotnik had been here and share an article that is circulating the statehouse to close gap. Working hopefully on 5 yr. plan. With present info and history Superintendent and business manager hoping to see more money. For level services increase of about \$800,000.00. \$850,000.00 needed if replacing asked for position, will need more. Override request likely.

-Jakki: suggested “draft letter” for parent group – Ina indicated they have room for personalization.

-Mr. Putnam is on advisory board and they're beginning budget, but has nothing to add at this time. Believes clear communication between parties needed. Another meeting coming, but Ina wasn't sure when.

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-Dave: Final exam “transition” day – reverse ½ day (like a 2 hr delay for kids). Kids will go to gym with SRO’s to get counter training from 9:30-10:40am. Emily (Q) backpacks to gym? Yes, but fewer items due to no books. Explained the schedule that day. Guidance only available for emergencies.

-New bell schedule: needed for time on learning. OTV will help make advisor/advisee to meet time on learning. AD/AD will be 10 min – bagel bar – 5 min. Starts Jan 24th (Q) What will be needed from teachers? (A) somethings, but not fully known as of yet. Commendation for Mr. Secino and OTV for all they’ve done.

- Review of surveys – move to computer lab.

Adjourned at 5:46 pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 1 at 6:00 pm