

Oakmont Regional High School  
**School Council Meeting Minutes**  
October 5, 2016  
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Call to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Attendance:** Paula Stefanakos, Liz Woollacott, Siobhan Bartkus, Jakki Therrien, Sherry Gelinas, Jenn Lafortune, Alex Arcangeli, Liam Cole, Laurynn Bedard, Emily Quill, Maura LeBlanc, Joe Macchia, Brittany Smeltekop, Amy Dubovick, Jody Tata, Christine Kerravala, Ina Carey, Chris Eddy, Kris Bogosh, David Uminski, Jason Tamulen and Lincoln Stiles, Jr.

-Elections: Ina Carey – President

Paula Stefanakos – Secretary

-School Council section on website.

-Meeting schedule – can be found on site. 6pm normally – 4pm Nov & Mar

-Short a faculty member and an Ashburnham community rep. Any ideas for potential members – see David

**Student Update:**

Juniors – Alex Arcangeli: Prom committee formed but now acting as homecoming banner committee.

Collecting class dues. Popcorn sales going well.

Stu Co – Maura LeBlanc: Homecoming-A night in Neverland, theme of Peter Pan. King/Queen votes-explained process. Pep Rally Thursday 10/6/16. Tailgate Friday 10/7/16 4:00pm (food, DJ, banners) Saturday 10/8/16 Homecoming Dance.

Sophomores – Emily Quill: Class dues \$20.00, Tailgate prep, ideas for fundraising.

Seniors – Laurynn Bedard: Great spirit week!! Good Job!! Class dues almost all set. Homecoming is all set. Sr. Halloween Party plans in swing. Senior Alicia Ferrick – mural project, \$5.00 (will do together on snack shack).

Freshman – Liam Cole: Homecoming banner work & food. Dues up and coming.

-Dave spoke on graduation gown issue. Reasons brought up: tradition, transgender, wanting to be unifying, workshop on civil rights & recommendation, single design, how the seniors are dealing with its process, not decided yet. (\*sidebar-“other controversies”)

-Inadvertent cut of Art Club – reinstated. School Store had been funded – Art Club instead. Still looking at funding ideas.

**Teacher Update:**

-Liz W. – question on parking – better? No present Jr parking, document on web site to get temporaries. Dave discussed use of money from parking-needs to only be spent on students because it comes from students.

Looking to use revenue from parking to help improve parking.

-Jakki T – switched places with Mrs. Couture (Overlook) for a day – great experience. Will be going back in November to catch the other half of students. Has been approved for beginning a French National Honor Society.

-Amy D. – Guidance Update: Senior conferences for application process, PSAT’s coming Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, SOS coming up also. Colleges visiting the school.

-Dave – mentioned Walk to School Day. Emily gave feedback-went well. Brittany S. asked about the walking method. Jason T. addressed it, but not sure about all decisions.

**MCAS Results:**

-Dave reported percentages (see summary). Dave asked Emily about Bio test and when she took it. Thoughts on health portion. Need to look at data on differences between students who had health and who didn’t. Dave explained how we did and the rating. 10<sup>th</sup> grade in the mail. Lots of discussion about MCAS, PARCC, SAT. Could middle school front end health info – maybe 2 semesters of bio – other suggestions?

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-Block schedule analysis – where it's coming from – more the top and budget issues. Dave explained past financial reasoning in a "simplistic" view. Problems with section cuts – filling student schedules. Directed Study numbers up. Superintendent has asked to look at other schedules. Dave mentioned a few types, 7-drop 2, 5 trimesters. Students and teachers gave feedback. We're not presently meeting time on (990 hrs.) learning - needs to be addressed presently – considering options to address. HR time that could be made more structured. Will be working to conduct block schedule analysis. Subgroups to start next week. Need to have good information for school committee – more formal feedback.

Adjourned at 7:42 pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 2, 4:00pm