

School Council Minutes
 October 3, 2018
 Nims Library, ORHS

Meeting Start: 6:05pm

In Attendance:	Absent:
Siobhan Bartkus	Jen LaFortune
Susie Eriole	Jason Tamulen
Shannon Baker-Kahahelis	Sherry Gelinis
Kelly Hansen	Paula Stefanakos
Christine Kerravala	Barbara Cohen
Ron Putnam	Eric Dawley
Joe Macchia	Amanda Porter
Amy Dubovick	Kristina Bogosh
Brittany Smeltekop	
Jakki Therrien	
Ralph Kay	
Emily Quill	
Liam Cole	
William Babincsak	
Isaiah Parris	
David Uminski	

- I. Welcome New Members and Introductions-two new members: Susie Eriole, parent representative and Isaiah Parris, Freshman class representative

- II. Elections-
 - A. Siobhan Bartkus-new Co-Chair
 - B. Susie Eriole-new Secretary
 - C. Unanimous vote-Congrats Siobhan and Susie!

- III. Approval of minutes from May 2018
 - A. Ask Paula to resend minutes from meeting in May

- IV. Updates
 - A. Seniors-Emily
 - a. Meeting on 10/4 to discuss Halloween party (scheduled for 10/30)
 - b. Meeting on 10/5 to discuss preparations, banner ideas for Homecoming (10/19)
 - c. Class dues were due on 10/1, about ½ of class paid right away...bills are being sent out to others that still have to pay
 - i. Kids can now go right to Mrs. Cote with dues instead of trying to find a class officer to give the money to
 - ii. Parent asked Mr. Uminski on 10/3 what class dues are used for. Add further discussion about purpose of class dues to November agenda.

 - B. Juniors-Liam
 - a. Meeting on 10/4 to discuss homecoming preparations
 - b. ¾ of juniors have already paid class dues
 - c. After homecoming, next focus will be prom on May 11 at the Colonial in Gardner

 - C. Sophomores-William
 - a. 60-70% of class dues collected
 - b. Thinking about fundraisers for the class, maybe Dean's Beans?
 - c. Kelly H. asks how students are notified that class dues are due, William says students are notified by class officers visiting all sophomore homerooms, students are given envelopes
 - d. Mr. Uminski suggests letting the main office know about due date for class dues and a notice can go out via email to parents
 - e. Mr. Uminski reminds all to put any money collected from dues in the safe

 - D. Freshman-Isaiah
 - a. Dues are coming in, albeit slowly
 - b. Mr. Aubuchon and Mr. Caouette are named as Class Advisors

 - E. Guidance-Amy
 - a. PSAT is October 13-good numbers for sign ups
 - b. Financial Aid Night in auditorium tonight, 10/3

- c. SOS (Signs of Suicide) program introduced to Grade 9 students in a few weeks
- d. Busy with seniors and the upcoming Nov. 1 Early Action deadline

F. Faculty

- a. Jakki discussed French Honor Society Induction, 11 new members this year
- b. 8 students in French IV, first time having enough students to run French at that level
- c. Joe M. asked what is the criteria for being inducted:
 - i. 2 years of French with an A average
 - ii. Average of 3.2 in all other subjects
 - iii. Willingness to accept the privilege of membership
 - iv. Focus on educating others re: the language, culture of French-speaking countries around the world, service as well
- d. Everyone loved the episodes of 'What the French' on OTV, show will continue this year

G. Others

- a. Joe M. asks what language we offer at ORHS: French and Spanish, Latin has not been offered for several years now
- b. William had a discussion with Mr. Secino about whether or not computer programming could be considered a language
- c. Amy questions whether colleges would accept programming as a foreign language requirement for college admissions
- d. Ron announces Town Meeting in Ashburnham on October 30...a special article about capital improvements is on the agenda...Come out to the meeting! Held at Overlook in the team room

V. Meetings for 18-19

- A. All meetings will begin at 5:30 for the remainder of the year to ensure that more members can attend regularly
- B. Mr. Uminski handed out a list of dates for future meetings-Correction to November meeting: it's on the 7th, not the 6th as sheet says

VI. New Staff for 18-19

A. At ORHS

- a. Thibeault, A.-Technology
- b. LeBlanc, T.-Special Ed
- c. Giacobbe, P.-Paraprofessional in Special Ed, football coach, track coach
- d. Duhurst, A.-English
- e. Joe asks what has changed in the Technology department
 - i. Mr. Uminski explains more into design & programming with CAD and Robotics, more construction technology-how to manage a

construction site, not just build things. Also, offering a very popular class in video game design.

B. District Level

a. Davis, T. and Sinclair, K.-Digital Learning Coordinators

VII. School Improvement Plan

- A. 2 year plan that expires in 2019, members received copy of current plan
- B. Review for next meeting, will be on the agenda for November

VIII. Walk to School Day

- A. 3rd year of partnership with students at Briggs
- B. October 10, beginning around 8:30-8:45am
- C. Peer leaders will greet the kids from Briggs that get dropped off at high school, Overlook students get dropped off at the playground on So. Main
- D. High school kids walk the kids to Briggs, talking points will be handed out to high school kids to facilitate discussion with the little ones, will also include pedestrian safety guidelines

IX. MCAS Results

- A. Scores are available and will be mailed to parents beginning Friday, 10/5
- B. At first glance, scores have generally remained steady to previous years
- C. State may be moving away from 'school rating' system
- D. Meeting on 10/22 with Mr. Uminski, K. Bogosh and S. Rehler to look at growth percentage which seems low on initial inspection of reports from the state

X. STEM week

- A. Discussion moved to the topic of ORHS students participating in a one day activity during nationwide STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) week, 10/22-10/26.
- B. Led by the Digital Learning Coordinators, more info to roll out to teachers
- C. Invite Katrina Sinclair to December meeting to discuss new role in the district

XI. School Council By laws

- A. By laws will now be added to School Improvement Plan
- B. Motion to adopt bylaws, Jakki, second by Amy, no one opposed

XII. Emergency Forms

- A. Online form this year, health form still in paper version, hoping to move to an online form for that too next year
- B. Some glitches with link not working or some parents not receiving the link at all
- C. Detentions are not a new consequence, but there was lots of discussion on Facebook about it

D. Christine and Emily both describe how many people had trouble accessing the form, or felt like giving a detention to the child was not an acceptable consequence

XIII. Fire Alarm goes off, meeting ends as we all needed to exit the building

XIV. Next meeting: November 7, 2018 5:30-7:00pm, Nims Library ORHS

End: 7:02pm

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