

# OAKWOOD COLLEGIATE SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, November 27, 2023

## MINUTES

We acknowledge we are hosted on the lands of the Mississaugas of the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Wendat. We also recognize the enduring presence of all First Nations, Métis and the Inuit peoples.

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

- Andrea Parise, Principal
- Todd Damery, Vice-Principal
- Introduction to our 2023-2024 School Council Executive (Acclaimed)
- Maurice Smith (co-chair)
- Paula Glick (co-chair)
- Pauline Wood (treasurer and health & safety)
- Natalie Stickle
- Estela Vazquez

### 2. Approval of [Minutes](#)

### 3. CAPUT Report - Student Representative - Arwyn Artedio

Arwyn reported that this semester CAPUT has put on successful events such as a Halloween haunted house, pajama day, twin day, and a pumpkin carving event. They also planning an upcoming hot chocolate event, spirit week, candy grams and are planning a pie face competition.

### 4. Principal's Report

- Report Cars – some glitches (system-wide) specifically with Civics/Careers and IEP boxes being checked – we are aware of this. Thank you for your patience. If requested, please email Todd Damery for an updated report card.
- Budget – Reviewed current budget allocation for 2023-2024 school year
- Enrollment increase – This semester, we have hired 5 new teachers. Hopefully for Semester 2, we can continue to request for additional teachers in January in order to be compliant with class caps by March 1

- Once Oct. 31 enrollments are confirmed by the board, the budget will increase to reflect the additional 56 students (over projected enrollment)
- OSSLT – Semester 1 OSSLT practice test was held last week. This week, the test is being administered. The Grade 9 EQAO math test is scheduled for January 16 – written in Grade 9 Semester 1 math classes.
- Grade 8 Open House – Wednesday, Dec. 6 at 6:30 p.m. – Following an Early Dismissal Schedule for set-up – Students dismissed at 12:15 p.m.
- Congratulations to our School Council Award Recipients from the 2022-2023 school year – total of 12 students.
- Free Digital Media Literacy Skills in the Age of Artificial Intelligence (AI) virtual workshop on Nov. 29 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

#### 5. Open Business

- SSON – Council discussed the SSON and followed up with some minor changes from last year. It is due December 1<sup>st</sup> and will be submitted to Erin Altosaar, TDSB Superintendent for Oakwood by Andrea Parise.
- Fundraising (Direct Ask and other) Pauline will be completing the Direct Ask shortly and sending out to school parents via Andrea's weekly letter. It will also be posted on the website. Council also discussed other projects to fundraise for and agreed on the basketball courts on the back side of the school as a worthy focus. A new subcommittee was formed at the meeting and will be looking into what is involved to achieve this makeover.

#### 6. New Business

- Innovation Grant – this has been pushed to next meeting.
- Orlando Bowen - One Voice One Team – this group presented to the council. They have been chosen to work with the school to help inspire and motivate students, bring a bigger sense of purpose and belonging to students, helping raise the pride factor and success at Oakwood CI. They will be conducting workshops with the students at Oakwood starting in the new year.

Next meeting date: Tuesday, December 12, 2023 (Virtual)

#### 7. Raffle for gift card – Lisa is the winner!