

Olds Junior/Senior High School Council Minutes for April 28th, 2008

Present: Shauna Olsen, Tom Christensen, Mary Turner, Doug Shaw, Gayleen Roelfsema, Sue Block, Cathy MacMullin, and Fiona McConney and Annelise Doolaeege

Regrets: Erin Blom, Kershia Naidoo, and Justin Turner

This meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with a **walking tour of the site** from the entrance of the Bell E-Learning Center to the **Community Learning Campus (CLC)** and the Community Arts Center. The CLC is made up of the new Olds High School (Grades 9/10/11/12) a Wellness Center, and various community social partners. This tour concluded inside the Bell-E Center with a tour of the facilities. The formal council meeting took place in a conference room within the Bell-E Center. The Center will provide e-learning opportunities in video and teleconferencing and other educational applications and will be utilized by students of the CLC, other schools within the district, Olds College and by members of the local community. The meeting was brought to order by Mary, Council President, at approximately 7:50 p.m. The agenda was approved. The minutes of the March meeting were accepted by Tom and seconded by Cathy.

Correspondence:

1. Mary presented promotional material received from the company 'Image' for school signage, it will be filed for future reference.

Old Business:

1. *Spring Conference 'Evolve' April 25 – 27, 2008 Edmonton*
No attendees for the conference for this year.
2. **Grade Eight Parent and Student Orientation for Deer Meadow Students** entering OHS in fall of 2008. This will take place at OHS at 7:00 p.m. on **June 4th**. This will be an opportunity for parents and students to hear from OHS staff and parents of current OHS students about the OHS learning experience. Gayleen is the organizer for this event and has asked for parent involvement from the Parent Council. This evening will also allow for a presentation regarding details about the status of the Community Learning Campus. A **lunch bar-be-que** will be held at OHS on **June 6th** for these same students, **Grade 7 students** will be invited and will be hosted by OHS staff and students. If any Council parents are able to help with this event please come to the school at 10:15 to help with set up and cooking. Thank you.

New Business:

- a. **OHS Student Council** is hosting a **Dance** on Thursday, **May 1**. Parents are always welcomed to chaperone as volunteers are always needed, the shifts run from 7:30 – 9:30 and 9:30 – 11:30 p.m.

CLC Report: Tom provided this following information.

1. A professional video is currently being produced which will show the opportunity for daily connections between the OHS staff, students and student groups.
2. The **CLC 'House' organization** which was introduced at the last meeting has been set: lower level of one house will include Grade Nine students, the lower level of the second house will include Academic Team students (Grades 10/11/12); upper level of one house will include one half of the Mainstream students (Grades 10/11/12) and the upper level of the second house will be the second half of the Mainstream students (Grades 10/11/12).
3. A group of OHS teachers and an educational consultant participated in a visit to a school in Manitoba; upon return a '**Teacher and Student Connections**' (TASC) format has been drafted. This will be utilized for the CLC and will allow students, parents, and staff members to gain an understanding of course delivery for any grade easily and 'at a glance' as will be developed on a yearly basis.

Student Council Rep Report: Tabled

Principals Report: Tom continued with the following:

1. Currently OHS is participating in a number of **studies** with **University of Alberta, and Career and Technology Studies**; along with being the feature in an upcoming magazine story.
2. A **pilot project** is underway for a course to be delivered to OHS students who will then gain the opportunity for **credit** to their Alberta High School graduation requirements and then may also be utilized for credit as the student continues into college within the post secondary system.
3. Students have returned from the wealth of **travel opportunities** over spring break which were listed in the March minutes, all were considered **highly successful** for all participating including students, staff and family volunteers.
4. **Grad Show – 2008** was performed for approximately eight hundred people with students, staff and families enjoying the performances.
5. **Heritage Fair** took place April 23rd with great reviews.

6. Seasonal school sports activities include **Rugby and Badminton**. The **Wrestling team** returned from Nationals, held in Saskatoon, with medals and some personal bests for members.
7. A format of **guided study** will be utilized as OHS prepares for the transition to the CLC with a '**Quad**' system of two teachers being charged with guiding the learning of approximately 30 students for a given academic year. The system of '**One Smart World**' will be utilized here for development of the groups. This will begin with current Grade Nine students who gained the 'One Smart World' system last year.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m.

The **next session** for the OHS Parent Council will be held on **May 26th**, within the **Bell-E Center**, participants are asked to meet at the main entrance (south side of building) **at 7:00 p.m.** Parking is available directly to the south of the entrance. We urge any and all interested parents to contact any one of us and/or the school for more information on participating with us as we continue to work towards the grand opening of the new Olds High School our own CLC!