



**Parent Council Meeting Minutes**  
**November 13, 2017**  
**7:00 –8:10 pm**

Reviewed minutes from October 16, 2017

**Review:**

1. **Commencement:**
  - a. 250 graduates, 1,000 in attendance, 100 students won awards (totaling \$30,000)
2. **Citizenship Ceremony** (November 16, 2017)
  - a. 35+ families becoming Canadian citizens
  - b. Reception follows ceremony
  - c. Video montage will be put together by ODSS
  - d. Choir – reciting song from Tragically Hip
3. **Families in need**
  - a. \$800 was presented to the family who lost their home and contents to a recent fire
4. **Mid-term report cards** (November 23, 2017)

**New Business:**

1. **One Voice / One Team Youth Leadership**
    - Orlando Bowen (Motivational Speaker)
    - Students join the One Voice One Team to find their passion and use their gifts to serve communities (Habitat for Humanity, rebuilding homes, painting)
    - Provides and equal opportunity to service our community
    - Students can obtain Community Service Hours by being a part of this initiative
    - Student Council and One Voice / One Team will work together
    - Teachers at ODSS will meet with Orlando on November 24 (PD Day)
    - Confirm if Orlando would be willing to speak to Parent Council (confirm with Pat Hamilton)
  2. **Christmas Gift Drive (Students)**
    - Email to go out to families in November with all details
    - Gift cards are welcome
    - Previously assisted 70 students
    - ODSS holds back a portion to assist families with tragic events
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### 3. Demystify

- It has proven to be difficult to coordinate everyone for a one night parent information event
- We will use the topics usually covered in the Demystifying ODSS night, for the Parent Council meetings
- Mr. Hamilton will coordinate the teachers to speak at the various meetings
- Topics and speakers will be announced as part of the Parent Council Meeting reminders via CASL, E-Mail, and Twitter

### 4. Upcoming Assembly

- ODSS Opioid Assembly
- November 21
- 7:00 – 9:00 pm in the Cafeteria
- All are welcome (students, parents)
- Discuss resources available, detox centres, rehabilitation centres
- Programs available (AA, NA)

### 5. Policy, Procedures on how ODSS deals with drugs within the school

- ODSS has the right to search lockers, back-packs
- ODSS will contact and advise parents of any actions taken on the student (search and / or discussion)
- Provide information on Drug & Alcohol Counsellors
- Assist in setting up meetings with Drug & Alcohol Counsellors
- Suspension may occur
- Communication is key between parents, teachers and students.
- Teachers play a key role and will watch behaviour of their students

#### Upcoming / Important Dates

Citizenship Ceremony	November 16
Assembly on Opioid	November 21
Mid-term Report Cards	November 23
P.D. Day	November 24

#### Next Meeting

January 15, 2018, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Meetings will be held every second Monday of the month (unless it falls on a Holiday)

No meetings in December 2017 or June 2018