

MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE SCHOOL COUNCIL OF
SIR WILLIAM OSLER
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
HELD AT 330 GOVERNOR'S ROAD,
DUNDAS, ONTARIO

February 22, 2017

Council Members Present: Phil Moruzi, Dara Coulter, Mathew Gibson, Jane Nash, Katherine Spencer, Harold Hoff, Heather Phillips, Catherine Roberts, Nadine Sayliss, Martha Aimola, Sarah Van Geffen, Jetta Turkstra, Isabella Piatek

Parents/Teachers Present: Chan Moruzi, Corinne Wallace, Leatte Gasparini, Michele Greenway, Merle McDonald, Steve Terhijan.

Regrets: Sajah Stiller, Mieke Ewen

Absent:

- 1. Call to Order**
Phil Moruzi chaired the meeting. A quorum was present. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.
- 2. Review of minutes of last meeting.**
Minutes approved.
- 3. Parent Activity Committee –**
 - a. Proposed next movie night for the end of April
 - b. Valentines (Party Rockers) Dance was a great success. Thanks to all for their time and donations. For the next Dance, a recommendation was made to also try to have other types of classrooms available for kids to visit (games room, movie room, study room, etc)
- 4. Treasurer's Report:**
Approval for the following:
 - a. Grad = \$1000 (Harold made the motion, Matty seconded, motion approved)
 - b. Books = \$1000 (Sarah made the motion, Katharine seconded, motion approved).
 - c. More information to be obtained on the costs of the Hydration stations – but Council favorable on allocating/fundraising to assist with the station(s). Michelle

provided an update on the Healthy Action Team (water bottle sales, fruit kebab sales, hydration station proposals) as part of this discussion.

- d. Lisa Neale to obtain more information on teacher's wish list of items
- e. Defer discussion on Learning commons furniture

5. Principal Report:

Think First Presentation

Gr. 6, 7 & 8 Assembly on April 11 on brain injury prevention.

Student Advisory Group

The inaugural meeting of the SWO Student Advisory Group was held on February 7, 2017. This group is comprised of two students from each of our grade 5 to 8 homeroom classes. It is a dynamic group of class representatives who come together to:

- represent SWO student voice
- be the voice of their peers
- support creating a safe, caring and positive school climate
- serve and improve the school community by sharing input, feedback and ideas
- attend monthly meetings and report back to their homeroom classmates
- assist in planning events and initiatives for the SWO school community

There are two student co-chairs, two student communication officers, an operations officer who work closely with staff creating agendas and who are the leads facilitating the meetings.

Check out the blogpost: <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/sirwilliamosler/2017/02/22/swo-student-advisory-group>

Healthy Action Team Update

Currently looking into many fundraising possibilities for the hydration station. A couple of possible grants but none have been secured to date. Waterbottle sales are being investigated. Fresh fruit kabobs pre-order sales for nutrition break coming soon. Twoonie a kabob.

Black History Month Assembly - Feb. 22

Featuring poems, music, quotes, video and student singers. Grade 6, Grade 2, SWO Choir and individual student singers

Lockdown Practice with Hamilton Police Services on January 24th - feedback from Officer Drozd was excellent.

Grade 8 Option Sheet Entry for class 8A, 8B, 8C - February 23rd through Career Cruising with support of DVSS staff.

Class 8FI completed their option sheet entry with support of Westdale Guidance earlier this month.

Career Cruising is a self-exploration and planning program that helps people of all ages achieve their potential in school, career and life.

<https://public.careercruising.com/en/>

Kindergarten Registration opened on February 6 and continues.

March 3 - Professional Development Day - focus will be mid-year check re: School Annual Plan

NOTES:

1,000.00 - Grad

1,000.00 - Books

6. Teacher's Report (Madame Kucic)

Update provided on the Montreal trip. Information on the school website.

7. New Business:

- a. Reminder for the desire to have a French immersion valedictorian
- b. Request on the timing of tweets regarding early morning announcements to ensure parents are able to address timely (i.e. front door entry due to icy conditions).
- c. Baked goods – request for all goods be nut free.

Meeting was adjourned and the Information session with Mr. Bill Torrens began at approximately 7:15pm. A copy of the FAQ's from Mr. Torrens has been provided to parents.

8. Next meeting: March 29, 2017 at 6:30 pm

(Chair)