

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

March 29, 2017

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**Council Members Present:** Dara Coulter, Mathew Gibson, Jane Nash, Sajah Stiller, Katherine Spencer, Heather Phillips, Isabella Piatek, Sarah Van Geffen, Mieke Ewen

**Parents/Teachers Present:** Lisa Neale, Nancy Kucic, Corinne Wallace, Shannon Clarke, Merle McDonald Terhlijan, Krista Broderson

**Regrets:** Phil Moruzi, Nadine Sayliss

**Absent:** Harold Hoff, Yvonne Johnson, Catherine Roberts, Martha Amiola, Jetta Turkstra

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1. **1. Call to Order**

Dara Coulter and Mathew Gibson co-chaired the meeting. A quorum was not present with 8 of 16 members present, the meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.

An additional member arrived at 6:39 pm. A quorum was then present with 9 of 16 members.

1. **2. Review of minutes of last meeting.**

No amendments necessary

Motion passed - moved by Sarah, seconded by Katherine

1. **3. Spending Goals:**

A quorum was not present to decide on this. This will be done via email. Ms. Neale will go back to staff to revise wish list and will send the requests to the chairs for distribution.

Hydration stations/furniture for the learning commons and principal/teacher wish list are the areas to be decided on for allocating funds.

1.     **4.     Parent Activity Committee**

- •     Popcorn Day - To be decided. Jane has placed an order for more popcorn so we should anticipate an invoice to cover this (approximately \$300).
- •     Movie Night - Friday, May 26, 2017
- •     Open House - May 3, 2017 5:30 - 6:30 BBQ, 6:30 to 7:30 classrooms open.

1.     **5.     Treasurer's Report**

School Council Fundraising Account - \$4,985.63  
Pita Pit Account - \$6, 162.83  
Pre-allocated funds - \$3,103.33  
School Council Purchases - \$ 0.00  
TOTAL: \$14, 251.79

We have already agreed that \$1000 will go to Grad and \$1000 for books. Also, there is still Pita-Pit money to be paid.

1.     **6.     Principal and Teachers' Report (presented by Ms. Neale and Mme. Kucic)**

**March 2017**

**Autism Awareness Day - March 31st**

At Sir William Osler, we will be honouring World Autism Day on Friday March 31st, 2017! Students are encouraged to donate a toonie towards Autism. Toonies will be collected on the morning of March 31st. All proceeds will be donated to Autism Ontario. To bring about awareness, students are welcome to wear PJs or a shade of blue on Friday March 31st. Together we will be comfy and "Light it up Blue".

**New to Kindergarten Information Night - May 18th - 5:45 pm - 7:00 pm**

New to kindergarten families are welcome to attend an information and hands-on orientation night beginning kindergarten at SWO!

NOTE THE DATE: **Open House - May 3, 2017**

**Global Settlement Deep Learning Inquiry Project**

Classes 8A & 8C are working on inquiries that address a challenge to settlement occurring somewhere in the world and come up with a way to help.

Two upcoming features:

**Global Settlement Summit** - April 6th, 2017. Want to read more? [Clickhere.](#)

**Laces for Life** fundraising - please donate shoes for Senegal in the bin in front of Mr. Siertsema's room. Coming soon to Sir William Osler, Lacelets (Lace Bracelets) for sale to

support shipping costs.  
Stay tuned for more updates!

### **PRO Grant for School Councils**

\$1,000.00 Grants available with the due date for submission May 25, 2017.

### **Music Matters!**

Our Grade 7 and 8 bands will be performing at Sherwood Secondary School for HWDSB Middle School Bandfest on Friday April 7! This will be a great opportunity for them to get some feedback from a professional conductor, as well as listen to other bands in the same grades, from different schools across the board. The grade 3 - 5 students are playing their recorders very well and practicing them at home. They will be learning many songs, including some Canadian songs to celebrate Canada's 150th! The grade 6 students have chosen and are beginning to learn their band instruments. They are progressing very well as they learn to read music and take care of their instruments.

### **Library Club on Day 4**

Day 4 is Library Club in the Learning Commons, first part of second nutrition break. Open to Grades 6 - 8. Come try out Library Club today!

### **Intramural Badminton - Second Nutrition Break**

Come on into the gym and have some fun playing badminton. Every day features a great turn-out!

**1:14 pm - 1:34 pm** Grade 7 - Day 1 & 4, Grade 8 - Day 2 & 5,  
**1:34 pm - 1:54 pm** Grade 5 & 6 - Day 3

### **Jump Rope Club**

In April, a Jump Rope Club will run at 2nd break on Day 2. What's it all about? All levels are welcome from gr. 3 - 8. Participants will learn single rope, partners, long rope & double dutch skills. Our parent instructor, Mrs. Way, will be running the 10 weeks of sessions.

### **Leadership Council**

**Day of Pink - April 12, 2017    We Are Silent - April 28, 2017    Twin Day - May 19, 2017**

Issues like child labor, child soldiers, and access to water and education, drown out the voices of youth across the world.

Currently, the group is working on preparing a recognition for the children who don't have voice in this world.

### **Healthy Action Team**

Fruit Kebab sales are underway to raise money for the hydration station. First round of sales feature the sale 100 kebabs. The Healthy Action Team is so excited to be involved in preparing healthy snack options. Read more here:

<http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/sirwilliamosler/2017/03/22/fruity-tutti-wednesdays/> Follow the news on twitter:

@SWO\_HAT

### **DARED-TO-TRI**

For students in grade 6, 7 and 8, there will be an information meeting regarding SWO's participation in the Dared-To-Tri event this year. Registration packages coming out in the next week. Questions? See Mr. Siertsema.

### **Swim Team**

70 grade 6, 7 & 8 students are practising for the swim team weekly at the Dundas Pool in April. The swim meet will be at McMaster University on May 1. Go swimmers go! Questions? See Mr. Dougherty.

### **HWDSB Concours Oratoire**

Congratulations to our winners! Félicitations à nos gagnants!

Raya A.: 1st place winner Junior Category 4 for her speech on, "Le monde de Harry Potter"

Maggie M, 2nd place winner Junior Category 3 for her speech on, "Les Rots"

Madeleine B: 1st place winner Intermediate Category 4 for her speech on, "Jesse Owens"

Madeline Loewith: 3rd place winner Intermediate Category 3 for her speech on, "La maladie mentale"

### **Water Polo**

Follow the swimmers, we move into Water Polo. All swim team members are welcome to play Water Polo. A clinic will take place on May 9th at Dundas Pool followed by a tournament at McMaster University on May 18th. Questions see Mr. Dougherty.

### **Yearbook**

Valedictorian - Grad Committee Meeting on March 30, 2107

Overnight Educational Excursions Update

- 1.7. **Classroom Visits** All those interested, were invited to visit 3 classrooms in the school.

1.8. **New Business**

A concern was raised regarding lockers being decorated for birthdays creating a possible dynamic of exclusion amongst students. Currently, there is no school policy regarding this practice. Ms. Neale and many council members encouraged parents who have these concerns to speak first to the classroom teacher and then with the principal and to try and encourage a discussion about empathy and respect.

1. **9. Meeting Schedule**

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 19 at 6:30.

1. **10. Termination**

The meeting ended at 8:05 pm. Thanks to those who came tonight.

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Chair

Sajah Stiller  
Recorder