

WESTMOUNT SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES – October 20th 2016 (7:00-9:00 p.m)

Members in Attendance: Angela Ferguson, Hanif Dadani, Deanna Allain, Ms Dianne Millar, Ms, Denise Hagger,

1. Members present (Total)

2. The meeting started (at 7:00 pm)

3. School Council chair election:

Mr. Hanif Dadani was elected as the School Council Chair.

4. Breakfast Program Presentation:

Ms. Dianne Millar and Ms. Denise Hagger, teachers at Westmount who run the Nutrition Program, spoke to their need to fundraise to support the program. It costs \$6000 to do two breakfasts a week. We have a partnership with Tastebuds. Westmount staff and students are doing a fundraiser in conjunction with Value Village. They get a percentage of all donations. Fundraiser will begin on Nov. 21st. The plan is to use a thermometer/target goal fundraiser.

5. Student Council Report by Deanna Allain:

- a) The CCSDL and INSPIRE conferences are taking place October 20 and 21 at Westmount, students will be involved in helping to run these events.
- b) Our Halloween dance is scheduled for October 27 (but was later cancelled)
- c) Our Halloween spirit day is taking place on October 28
- d) Remembrance Day assembly rehearsals have begun and are progressing well
- e) Prom Committee held a book sale on the night of parent/teacher interviews
- f) Talent show auditions took place in October
- g) Students helped with parent/teacher interviews, making it another success
- h) The Terry Fox Run raised approximately \$1600
- i) Dance Marathon Committee is holding a dodgeball tournament on November 24, raising money for the Dance Marathon event on February 24, a fundraiser for McMaster Children's Hospital

4. Principal Report:

- a) Planning continues for CCSDL and Inspire Conference - Inspire this year will be career focussed in the morning and wellness focussed in the afternoon. Any support from School Council parents would be welcomed
- b) Prelims will be out soon. As a school we will assess our data and provide additional supports to students who are progressing with difficulty.
- c) Request that school council funds be used to pay for any parent volunteer police checks. The new volunteer policy requires all parent drivers on trips or for sports to have a police check.
- d) Take your kids to work is coming up and we are hoping for full participation.
- e) Based on the request from the September meeting the cafeteria is staying open for an additional 20 minutes second lunch. The cafeteria is now open 40 minutes longer during period 4.
- f) We took our new cabinet off site for a day of learning and we established 5 beliefs around learning that we now want to use as a filter for our practices and procedures to ensure alignment

- g) We have established four directions teams around our four school goals this year (Overall Expectations up front and transparent; student voice and choice; deep thinking strategies and tools used in the classroom; implementation of technology as a vehicle for learning) and these teams involve teachers and students working together to develop directions and pd plans for the staff.
- h) The Terry Fox run this year made 1600 dollars.
- i) Renovation Update:
 - The science renovations will likely cost more than expected
 - Genderless washrooms will be added

5. Next Meeting date: Next school council meeting will take place on Tuesday Nov 15th, at 7:00 pm in Room 123.