



# Westwood ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## Westwood School Council Meeting - Agenda & Minutes

September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Westwood School Staff Lounge

The regular council meeting was called to order by the co-chairs at 7:05 p.m. and a quorum was present.

**Chairpersons:** Shelly Frith & Brian Gould

**Present:** Shelly F, Brian G, Karen W, Michelle L, Jenn S-B, Melanie B, Jessica E, Michelle B, Charissa R, Cheryl F, Danielle B

The agenda was approved.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Agenda Item	Notes & Actions	Allocated Time	Person(s) Responsible
<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>			
Welcome and Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction of new members</li> <li>• Sign attendance sheet</li> <li>• Review and approval of agenda</li> <li>• Review and approval of previous minutes</li> <li>• New items?</li> </ul>	5 min	Shelly (Co-Chair)
<b>News</b>			
Council Update on 2015//2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">2015-2016 Annual Report</a></li> <li>• Good food box</li> <li>• Coffee and tea fundraiser/ new school equipment</li> <li>• Pathway from Rec Centre to the school</li> <li>•</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b></p>	5 min	Shelly & Brian (Co-Chairs)
PIC Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">September meeting update</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Pro Grants at other schools</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Active and Sustainable School Transportation</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b></p>	10 min	Brian (Co-Chair)
An Instrument for Every Child (AIFEC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://hamiltonmusiccollective.ca/programs/aifec-in-schools/">http://hamiltonmusiccollective.ca/programs/aifec-in-schools/</a></li> <li>• Grants               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Music lessons and instruments loaned to students for free</li> <li>○ Westwood on the top of the list</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Actions (Brian):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Find out how many children can participate</li> <li>• How the children will be chosen to be a part of this program</li> </ul>	5 min	Brian (Co-Chair)

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<b>School Update</b>			
Principal Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Yammer (social media site) The board runs               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ School council access</li> <li>○ Westwood group</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Fundraiser for the year               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Submitted to board by October</li> <li>○ Ready for next meeting (plan)</li> </ul> </li> <li>● YMCA               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Y on wheels, comes to the school and leads sports for up to 35 students</li> <li>○ Will go for 4-6 weeks once a week</li> <li>○ How to choose what students will be involved?</li> <li>○ How many grades?</li> <li>○ Will all the kids be together? Or will they be separated based on age/ grade</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Staffing               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Remaining as is</li> </ul> </li> <li>● EQAO Results               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Discussion in detail at a later meeting                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 57% level 3 or 4 for reading</li> <li>■ 34% in writing</li> <li>■ 20% in math</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Looking at student data (possible changes, assessments)</li> <li>○ School improvement plan</li> <li>○ More math nights to increase math results percentage</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	10 min	Mrs. Rodney Bartalos (Principal)
Teacher Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Terry fox (Wednesday September 29<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>● Recess equipment bins               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Each section was given a new bin at the beginning of the year</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Mindful play day (at school)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mindful activities (run by the teachers)</li> <li>○ Group education                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Phys Ed workshop</li> <li>■ Group activity</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>● Minds up curriculum               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Student achievement</li> <li>○ Positive well being, school climate                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Control own brains, self regulation (kids, students)</li> <li>■ Kindergarten – 3 and grade 3-5</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>● Cross country (grades 3-5)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 11<sup>th</sup> of October</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Swim team (grades 3-5)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ November</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Soccer (grades 3-5 and in school)</li> </ul>	5 min	Mrs. Welsh (Teacher)
<b>New Business</b>			

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<p>Council Elections for 2016/2017 year</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of the <a href="#">Council Code of Ethics</a> that were voted into effect in June 2016.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b>  <b>Council Members for 2016/2017 Year</b>            Shelly Frith - Co-Chair            Brian Gould - Co-Chair            Jessica Elcomb - Secretary            Melanie Bainbridge - Treasurer            Danielle Boissoneau - Parent / Community Food Center Rep            Michelle Letourneau - Parent / Rolston Community Rep            Christina McCarthy - Parent            Cherylin Foxon - Parent            Jennifer Smith-Balkisoon - Parent            Karen Welch - Teacher            Michelle Bartalos - Principal</p>	<p>15 min</p>	<p>Mrs. Rodney Bartalos (Principal)</p>
<p>Brainstorming ideas/initiatives for the year</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b></p>	<p>20 min</p>	<p>everyone</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Projector</li> <li>iPads</li> <li>Science in the School</li> <li>Ukuleles</li> <li>Recorders</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">City Enrichment Fund</a></p> <p>Lunch container -fund raiser</p> <p><b>Action:</b></p>	<p>x min</p>	

## Next School Council Meeting:

- Wednesday November 30th @ 7PM**