

Sir William Osler School Council Meeting
November 18, 2020
***Meeting done virtually through MS TEAMS platform**

Attendees: Aviva Dunsinger (teacher representative), Gerry Smith (principal), Lisa Richter , Claire Rivlin, Rebecca Hoo, Richard Gelder, Katharine Roberts, Sarah Van Geffen

Regrets: N/A

1. Land Acknowledgement

2. Elections

Treasurer: Rebecca Hoo (acclaimed)

Secretary: Sarah Van Geffen (acclaimed)

Vice Chair: Richard Gelder (acclaimed)

*Gerry Smith will also work as vice chair

Members at Large: Lori Phillips, Katharine Roberts, Clair Rivlin Claire (community Rep: French)

3. Teacher's Report (given by Aviva Dunsinger)

- overview of covid protocols in the classroom and how teachers and students are adapting and changing the learning environment
- overall students are adapting well and are engaged

4. Principals Report

- currently 483 students at Sir William Osler (20% at Remote School)
- many classes are at or close to capacity with distancing measure in place
- 0.6 Librarian change; the school had a 0.1 reduction in librarian allocation
- mental health and well-being will be a focus at Sir William Osler this school year (Emotion Coaching at staff meetings)
- parent/teacher interviews will take place on November 27, 2020 in the afternoon
 - change this year (only half day for interviews)
 - teachers will have to prioritize who will get interviews depending on need
- lots of repetition for students about cohorts, procedures, routines, and Covid protocols at school
 - HWDSB policy states that students do not have to wear masks outside
 - *at this time, students at SWO are encouraged to wear masks at recess
- no fundraising at present except activities that do not require school involvement (i.e. collecting money, sending out forms, school-based distribution, school cash, etc...)
 - Mr. Smith will call Flip Give to find out more details about if it can be used this year
- Grade 2-8 students are participating in the Caribou math contest

- coding is part of the new math curriculum
 - in school team has been created to support staff with coding
- School Board Message-school board sent out survey to gain a better understand of if families are prepared for blended learning
 - teachers are asking asked to set up Hub and/or MS Teams to prepare for potential switch to remote learning.

5. New Business

Questions:

Will Students be able to keep indoor shoes at school during the winter months?

- plan is being developed
- Grade JK-8 will be able to keep outdoor items outside of classroom

How can vaccinations that are being given at the family doctor be reported to family health?

- can report on website, through fax, or called in
- will not be reported by the doctor

Is Coultury Park being utilized as an outdoor space to reduce to congestion on the school yard?

- yes, at the teacher's discretion
- permission forms were given to students Grade 1-8

-suggestion of a communication in French to parents and students once a month

6. Canadian Parents for French

- family games nights available online
- Check the CPF Hamilton Facebook Page for upcoming events in Hamilton (virtually)
- membership is free if you sign up before the end of March 2021

7. Adjournment

- next meeting will be in January
- meeting adjourned at 7:40