

Sir William Osler School Council Meeting

October 6, 2021

Remote Meeting on MS Teams

Attendees: Harper Ross, Rich Gelder, Harper Ross, Meghan Smith, Lisa Richter, Dave Repchuck (Vice-Principal), Tracy Walsh (Principal), Aviva Dunsiger (Teacher Representative)

1. Land Acknowledgement

2. Introductions and School Council Positions

- T. Walsh began the meeting and introduced herself as the new Principal at SWO.
- The following positions are available on council: Chair, Vice-chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Voting Member at Large
- Sarah Van Geffen was acclaimed to the Secretary position
- Harper Ross, Rich Gelder, Lisa Richter, and Meghan Smith were acclaimed to Member at Large position.
- There were no nominees for Chair, Vice-Chair, or Treasurer at this time.
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3. Teacher Report (Given by A. Dunsiger)

- Extracurriculars are allowed this year
 - Cross Country (Oct. 12th at Christie Conservation) and Slow Pitch has also begun
 - Terry Fox Run is Friday - students will need to stay in their cohorts and the event will be run class by class this year
- Reimagining Wellness is the focus in HWDSB this year
 - Focus on mental health and well-being
 - Activities for students include choice board of options, all of which can be modified by educators (focus then on knowing your students and building relationships)
- Positive feedback from teachers about how these activities are helping to build positive relationships between peers and students and educators

4. Principals Report (Given by T. Walsh)

Health and Safety

- Continuing to follow **Public Health Covid Safety protocols** -masks, good hand hygiene, cohorts, physical distancing
- **Daily staff and student screening** -confirmed with classroom teacher/calendar log,
 - **Student Attestation** required upon return to school (e.g., Left school with Covid symptoms, any class closures)
- **Visitor/volunteer**/placement students -full vaccination policy in effect
- **1st Fire Drill**-successful flow, class staggering, Oct 6th (2 more in Fall)

People

- Staffing update -25 classes (no loss/gain- reorganization affected 6 teaching assignments and 68 student moves)
- **Staff Expansion/Placement** -welcomed Mr. Phippen into FI7/8B, and Ms. Mastroluisi into 67A
- **Permanent hiring** -FDK (JSD), .6 Prep Coverage (effective Tues. Oct. 12th)
- **New Administration** -Mrs. Walsh P, (Mr. Repchuck .5 VP Temp)

School Annual Plan

- 2021-22 Strategic Direction HWDSB Reimagined
- Positive Culture & Well-Being: building student and staff well-being through positive climate strategies and supportive relationships (Learn, Disrupt, Rebuild; human rights, anti-oppression, privilege, anti-racism; Emotion Coaching)
- *PA day focus*: **Wellness and Well-being** supporting students sense of belonging, building community, 3x30 Physical Activation/Community & Team Building/Social Emotional Skill Development)
- *Especially after pandemic students need*: Safe, stable predictable routines; Empathy and supportive relationships; Hope, optimism and self-esteem; Opportunities for growth and some control over their life; A positive identity
- Student Learning & Achievement: 75%+ students within each cohort on track as an **effective reader** (Reading Specialist Sue MacLachlan working with/in class support Grade 2 students until end of October, shift to K/Grade 1 Reading, K-8 Let's Read Together Hub Course – available to all educators, new grade 2/3 Milestones and phonic assessment tool and Junior Reading strategy coming
- Partnerships: strengthening **collaboration with new and existing community partners** to enhance opportunities for students (virtual field trips etc.)

Plant/Facilities:

- **Cohorts**
 - Students are in cohorts at recess
 - For safety reasons, only staff and students are permitted on school property during school hours
- **Field Care-**
 - Summer 2021 -grading and re-seeded twice to create safer/usable condition
 - **Inclement field/closure** -school discretion-safety concerns
 - *new DPA schedule if field closed NB, 2 NB schedules for pavement/field
 - *Second floor entry in AM if excess water on field
 - *no extra-curricular if closed for NB
- No use of Coultry Park as per SOSA & PH Covid protocols -not leaving premises with staff at this time
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Partnerships (families, community):

- **Bus etiquette** -no swearing, moving seats (seating plan/Covid)
- **Social Media** –Tic Tok challenge awareness
- **Early dismissal** -last 20 mins of school is a very busy time, please arrange for your child to be dismissed closer to start of 6th period as office administrators need to make sure they can quickly locate students, get to home/parents safely
- **Parking lot safety** -upper lot is for daycare, bus pickup/drop-off, disability parking permits -lower lot: student drop/off and pickup

- Parent question about Coultry field use and the importance of more space for the kids.
 - Response: Ms Walsh will ask the Superintendent about the use of Coultry Park.

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday December 7, 2021

Adjournment: 7:00