

# Sir William Osler School Council Meeting

February 15, 2022

## Virtual Meeting (MS Teams)

**Attendees:** Aviva Dunsinger, Biljana Arsovic, Ross Harper, Umar Qureshi, Richard Gelder, Lisa Richter, Simon Carroll, Meghan Smith, Zoe Green, Heather McCully, Meghan Smith, Sarah Van Geffen

### 1. Land Acknowledgement

### 2. Principal's Report and Teacher's Report

- SWO staff and students continue to be safe during this time and follow COVID protocols
  - Vaccine Clinic begin on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 in the Learning Commons
- School yard is very icy
  - Trying to get students out as much as possible
- Pink Shirt Day is on February 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Glee club will be performing virtually at the HWDSB Foundation of Hearts Gala this February.
  - “We are so honoured to be a part of such an important fundraising event for music and Art programs across HWDSB!” - Pam Kortmann
- Valentines for St. Joseph's Villa organized by R. Kott
  - Organized by Rosie Kott – Some classes wrote notes or made cards for the residents there (a community outreach option)
- Creative ways for classes to connect
  - Example: The students in Aviva Dunsinger and Paula Crockett's Kindergarten classroom have been writing notes and sharing artwork with the Fairies of Dundas
  - Students in Gr. 8 (from Eugene Potichnyj and Josh Douglas' classes have been writing back to the students) - connecting with them through their artwork and letters (the number of individual mailed items have varied since this

- started in November, but it's allowed for connections and conversations throughout the year, plus opportunities to support literacy (from point of view, voice, and form (many written in rhyme) for the Gr. 8's to letter-sound knowledge and decoding/comprehension skills for kindergarten) for months)
  - This project has also supported the Board's Learn, Disrupt, Rebuild Lessons with fairies sharing about different family dynamics (e.g., the fairy family with two moms) and diverse backgrounds (e.g., celebrating different holidays)

#### **4. New Business/Discussion**

- Question around what students are doing during indoor nutrition break
  - Community concerns around students' use of devices
  - Concerns around movies being watched at nutrition break
  - Administrators will review rules around showing movies
    - Some classes have been watching the Olympics during nutrition breaks which has been tied to learning
- Question around the removal of the ability of older students to be able to leave school property to go home for lunch-looking for clarity around why this practice was stopped
  - There were issues with multiple cohorts crossing
  - Safety concern around crossing the road
  - Students said they were going home for lunch, but then they would go elsewhere

#### **5. Adjournment**

- Next meeting is April 12, 2022
- Meeting was adjourned at 6:52