

AGENDA

School Council
Sir William Osler Elementary School
November 23, 2023, 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm School Library
Online: [Join Teams meeting](#)

1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement
2. Introduction of Council Members
3. Review and Approval of previous meeting minutes (business might arise from previous minutes that will be added to the agenda).
 - a. <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/sirwilliamosler/files/2023/11/20231011-School-Council-Minutes.pdf>

Minutes approved.

4. Review and Approval of the current Agenda
5. Reports (Chair's Report, Principal's Report, Treasurer's Report, Teacher's Report)
6. Administration Response to Submitted Questions (Attached)
7. School Playground Equipment

Any developments will need to follow the HWDSB Outdoor Design Manual:
<https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Outdoor-Design-Manual-web.pdf>

8. Pizza Day Update

Pizza day organization will remain with school administrators supported by parent volunteers for distribution on pizza days.

9. Confirm future meeting dates.
10. Question Period
11. Adjournment

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Questions for Administration

November 23, 2023, School Council Meeting

1. What is the status of the end of year trip for the Grade 7 and 8 students? If the trip is not planned to occur, what can be done to ensure that our kids have the opportunity to experience this truly important and fulfilling trip?

Teachers participating in the 2022 camping trip encountered issues that have led to significant reluctance in being chaperones in any future "year-end" trips.

2. What resources and supports are available for sexual and gender diverse communities within the school?

SWO staff indicated that there are broad resources and that staff have multiple approaches to provide students many avenues to engage these resources

Secretary notes: Nothing specifically was brought forward but perhaps some sort of communication can go out reminding parents of how SWO has approaches to non-academic resources in lieu of being specific .

3. What is the number of students who live in lower-income households?

Not known specifically who the students are. The Ministry of Education's Website indicates that 10% of students at SWO are "live in lower-income households".

4. Is there a process for adding a play structure and/or natural playground to the school? What are the potential funding options? What type of challenges occur?

- a. An additional question was specific to adding a gagaball pit:

<https://www.schoolspecialty.ca/action-play-systems-gaga-pit-15-ft-each-1581874>

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5. For sustainability initiatives, would love to know if the school has any current initiatives going in (including student clubs) and if there is parent/council support to explore options like adding greener infrastructure/processes into the school. For example, there are many recycling programs offered through a company called Terracycle.