

Westdale School Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 6:00 pm in the Library

APPROVALS: Agenda & Previous Minutes

INTRODUCTIONS/ATTENDANCE:

Kyra, Joanne, Denise, Emma, Laura, Deborah, Diane, Jane, Kristi, Catherine
Michelle V – Principal; Erin L – teacher rep
Lane O’Hare & Kate – student reps

REGRETS: Lynda, Tony, Dianne, Heather, Ewa

STUDENT REPORT: (Student Council Reps – Lane O’Hare Cooke and Kate
Folsetter)

Formal went well, wellness day (therapy dogs), socks for soup, Triune will have a
Clubs’ Fair

Westdale’s Got Talent to happen in May

Connection with SJAM – Ryan of Westdale Triune and president of SC at SJAM to
meet

PRINCIPAL REPORT: Michelle Visca

School plan directions – PSC and equity

Making our behind the scenes visible by having students seeing themselves reflected
in the school

Hall of distinction; Wampum belt in display case outside of main office

Teachers working on walls and hallways to welcome new students & a new ESL
program

Reorg of departments and creation of an ESL welcome space

Community space for SWIS Pathway Program, OASIS, etc.

First floor to become a language learning area – English, ESL

Science rooms being upgraded; trying to fund painting math rooms & fixing floors

Some spaces will not be able to move, e.g., Arts, tech, family studies

Transitions ongoing – grade night 8 Jan 11, 2019

Transportation provided for those 3.2 km or further away from school

SJAM students have choice of Westdale or new Bernie Custis

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

Westdale School Council Constitution & By-law to be developed

Denise to send out a sample of by-laws

Opportunity to connect with parents from SJAM or Bennetto

CHAIR REPORT: Joanne Thompson & Emma Sharp

Grade 8 night meet and greet on November 20 went well

Holiday hamper collection a success

PRO grant approved– Walking the Halls – What has changed since you were in high
school?

Building empathy and being a good support for our children

Gary Drenfeld – Social Worker in Dundas

Jean Clinton – the teenage brain

Sub-committee created of Emma, Kristi and Joanne, Catherine
(possible date for presentation May 21)

TEACHER REPORT: Erin Lepischak
No report

QUESTIONS OR OTHER BUSINESS:

School Council Insurance purchased by the HWDSB for all schools
Human Trafficking info – Lily Lumsden YMCA – possible presentation to Westdale students

Next Meeting Tuesday, March 19 @ 6:00 pm