

**Westdale School Council Meeting**  
**MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, March 19, 2019 – 6:00 pm Library**

**APPROVALS:** Agenda & Previous Minutes

**INTRODUCTIONS/ATTENDANCE:** Michelle Visca-Principal, Erin Lepischak– teacher rep, Joanne T, Laura R, Deborah O, Diane C, Emma S, Denise M, Ewa O, Kristi G, Jane B, Lynda B, Tony V

**REGRETS:** Kyra P, Heather H, Catherine R, Dianne P

**PRINCIPAL REPORT:** Michelle Visca

School plan moving forward slowly

Anticipating that EQAO math scores will increase, especially in EQAO (as per school plan)

SPARK Phys. Ed. Program has had positive school feedback

Equity and inclusion awareness – ensure that staff is aware of implicit bias

Students from Hess and Benetto will be arriving (60 or so)

Transitions team to Sir John A McDonald to discuss option sheets

163 from SJAM non ESL; 60 ESL from 9-12

Looking at having a buddy day as students entering in different grades to help make connections

Enrolment projections – 1480 students (current enrolment is 1200 or so)

Projections impacts school budget and staffing numbers

International students could join the Westdale student population (25+)

Capacity is about 1600 utilizing every learning space

Will try a mixed lunch instead of junior and senior to allow for more flexibility with programming, e.g., coop and to run clubs

First priority of posting for positions goes to SJAM and Delta staff

SHISM – cards handed out for Arts & Culture 8 credits, Construction 10credits and Hospitality & Tourism 9 credits

Application has been put in for Health and Wellness SHISM for 2020

Offered at all academic levels and can earn extra certifications, e.g., first aid, safe serve

SHISM require 6-8 courses in grades 11 & 12

Can help to engage students in school – provides training & experience in area

Can do a co-op credit in the summer (4 weeks for 1 credit & 6 weeks for 2 credits)

Exchange info – students can apply for an exchange between grade 8-11

Enrolment for IB: 45 applications and 41 have accepted for grade 11

**STUDENT REPORT:** (Student Council Rep)

No report

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Constitution draft to be developed by Michelle and Denise

**CHAIR REPORT:** Joanne Thompson & Emma Sharp

- Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant for School Councils – Project Title: Walking the Halls: What Has Changed Since you Were in High School?  
Amount \$1,000.00  
Emma to contact Jean Clinton  
Joanne - What resources do we want to have available, e.g., McMaster COPE, Public Health,  
Survey to ask what further topics parents would like to learn about (Erin & Kristi)
- Bernie Curtis Transition Committee Rep – Maureen Wilson had been the rep  
Michelle has updated us on the BCSS transition

**TEACHER REPORT:** Erin Lepischak

No report

**QUESTIONS OR OTHER BUSINESS?**

None

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 6 PM