



WESTDALE SCHOOL COUNCIL ADGENDA

Date: Tuesday October 5, 2021

Time: 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Location: Virtual

In attendance: Josh Connor, Erin Lepischak, Emma Sharp, Tina Moffat, Matthew Gibson, Lisa Scott, Heather Hurst, Catherine Roberts, Claire Rivlin, Bill Noordyk, Aasiya, David Penton, Dianne Plum, Dana Hollander, Dhuha Al-Sajee, Fuqin Duan, Denise Minardi

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Emma Sharp welcomed all members back and asked that members consider taking on the role of chair. Josh Connor welcomed all and thanked Emma for her role and work with council the last few years. Catherine Mulcaster is the new student council chair and said hello via the chat.

2. REVIEW OF COUNCIL CODE OF ETHICS AND MEMBERSHIP

Members at large and voting members:

Denise acclaimed secretary

Dhuha & David acclaimed co-chairs

Members at large: Lisa, Heather, Catherine, Claire, **missed some names here...**

3. STUDENT REPORT (Mr. Connor presented)

1. Student Council Elections – Triune - Catherine Mulcaster acclaimed as Chair
2. Clubs & Teams – all fall teams up and running other than football due to a coaching shortage
About 20 clubs - Manga, positive space, school paper, etc.
Most clubs are virtual with a few meetings bi-weekly if necessary
Question - Will the list on the web site be updated to 2021-2022?

4. TEACHER REPORT

1. Classroom focus on Well-being - Reimagining Wellness
Focus on student wellness – taking 3 breaks throughout the day
-social-emotional wellness; body break / physical wellness; class / community building

5. PRINCIPAL REPORT

1. School Start-Up – new bell times; quadesters are Ministry mandated; COVID protocols for student safety (trying to mitigate mixing of students); Nov 9-end of quadmester followed by student success days; flex day to support students in small groups, 1-1, etc.
2. End of Quad: Exams & Student Success Days
Grade 12 university, college can have a 10% exam and the rest will be a culminating activity
Grade 9, 10, 11 will have a culminating task near the end of the quadmester
3. Grade 12 Assembly and Grade 9&10 Event
There was a grade 12 virtual post-secondary assembly to learn more about the application process
Grade 9-10 transition event this Thursday-Friday, weather permitting, participating in activities such as creating a school cheer and team building / co-operative activities
Students will receive a Westdale T-shirt while building community and some school spirit
4. Field Update
The field is on target for a mid-end of November completion date

Drainage, grading and turf field are all in process as are lighting and the track installation around the field

5. Semester 2/Quad 3&4

School board is looking at going to full semester in semester 2

Depends on public health and ministry guidelines

6. NEW BUSINESS

90-minute lunch – Westdale is looking at reducing the lunch time

Westdale / Board need to maintain bus times

Exploring study hall at the end of the day for students who take the school bus

Can council raise money for supervision staff? This is not within the purview of school council

7. QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

Adjourned at 7:40 PM

Future meeting dates: Nov. 9, Jan. 11, Mar. 8, May 10, June 7

Respectfully submitted by Denise Minardi