



Westdale Secondary School
School Council January 2022 Minutes

In attendance – Josh Connor, Erin Lepishak, Catherine Mulcaster, Denise Minardi, Derek Morgan, Assiya Satia, Anita Bane, David Penton, Mathew Gibson, Tina Moffat, William Noordyk, Catherine Roberts, Heather Hurst, Tara Watson, Dianne Plum

Call to order at 6:07 PM

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement (Co-chairs David Penton & Dhuha Al-Sajee)

1. Appointment of secretary for the meeting. (Denise Minardi)

2. Roll call (determine if quorum). Acknowledge observers. (Co-chairs)

3. Approval of minutes of November 2021 meeting. (Co-chairs)

Moved by David Penton and seconded by Mathew Gibson

4. Student Council Introduction and Report. (Catharine Mulcaster)

Food drive was very successful and food donated to the Westdale community and Salvation Army – 2 vans full of food was collected.

Triune held a Spirit Week with the Westdale Athletic Council December 13-17

Mental Health Resources – link tree created and to be posted on Instagram. It will be sent to staff and posted on Hub pages. Will promote with Board Student Senate.

Question around equity of using the Hub vs. Instagram or TikTok was revisited – multiple options to access information will be offered to students.

5. Teachers Report. (Erin Lepischak)

Quick switch to online learning – easier this time around and staff are better prepared

Looking forward to being back in-person next week

6. Principals Report. (Joshua Connor)

a. Grade 7/8 Virtual Intro to Westdale – January 20th, 6-7 p.m.

b. Timetable Update – Move back to a semester structure for Semester 2

There is a plan for a modified semester 2 structure if needed

c. Return to school update – ventilation and HEPA filter update

Can check updates on the Board site as there is a ventilation section –

At Westdale - ventilation system runs on a schedule and pulls fresh air in from outside

Air flushing happens daily at the beginning of school day and after dismissal for 2 hours

Ministry is in process of providing N95 masks to staff

Very few cases of COVID at Westdale. Data will not be provided on daily absences of staff and students

Planning to support staff absences as needed

Catherine R – what happens if there are not enough staff to cover absences? Josh – there will be messaging as this is communicated to us; possibility of online learning if class in isolation, etc.

Online learning option for secondary is elearning

d. Bell time – This is a Board level issue

Josh - can reach out to Superintendent Gerry Smith to ask about replacing Trustee Bingham who resigned.

Transportation Services general manager-David Colley, Associate Director-Learning Services is Sue Dunlop, Associate Director – Support services is Stacey Zucker. Parents can follow up at the Board level with Kathleen Hussey / Gerry Smith our Superintendent or the Trustee Chair – Dawn Danko with Trustee Bingham stepping down

7. Co-Chair's Report (David Penton & Dhuha Al-Sajee)

a. Parent Engagement Fund (\$500)

b. Pro-Grant (See Attachment A) **Due January 28, 2022**

Derek Morgan-non school council member can volunteer and chair a school council committee

Moved by David Penton and seconded by Denise M that Derek chair the Pro Grant committee

Will prepare a draft to be presented before submitting grant proposal

Suggestions - Paul Davis-social networking expert

Dr. Jean Clinton – mental health

c. Virtual series – Dhuha will speak with student council and determine topics of interest

Invite Westdale graduates about career options, financial literacy, Cyber bullying

8. Further business (Time permitting)

Denise M - Grad photos will be February 8-13 with Edge Imaging

Photo retake day is February 24 – Josh will follow up on package distribution from first photo day

9. Next meeting: March 8, 2022.

10. Adjournment at 7:18 PM

Moved by Denise M

Respectfully submitted by Denise Minardi