



Westdale Secondary School
School Council March 2022 Minutes

In attendance – Josh Connor, Erin Lepishak, Catherine Mulcaster, Denise Minardi, David Penton, Dhuha AlSajee, Catherine Roberts, Claire Rivlin,
Regrets – Heather Hurst

Call to order at 6:10 PM

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

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

2. Roll call (do not have quorum). No observers. (Co-chairs)

3. Approval of minutes of January 2022 meeting deferred as no quorum. (Co-chairs)

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

Triune has been holding Spirit Days

Discord server as a social media platform (it is a game messaging app)

Movie night on discord – sparsely attended

Give a letter get a letter – 50 sign ups to help students make connections with other students

Cash can be used at school again – can do a fundraiser for clubs, or possibly for the Ukraine

Possibility of a normal year-end

Ms Oliver is the teacher advisor and discord server manager

5. Teachers Report. (Erin Lepischak)

Students are back in a regular semester format

PA Day – Grade 9 destreamed (math and science) or single track

6. Principals Report. (Joshua Connor)

PA Day – Culturally relevant and responsive pedagogy (CRRP)

Open level destreamed is starting next year to give students better options as they move through secondary school

Sports and extra-curricular in full swing

Opening protocols to visitors – 2 spectators per student

Grad photos will happen March 28-April 8

Flex days – April 12 and June 8 (student success days last term) New trustee is Elizabeth Wong

We are in the process of planning end of the year celebrations looking at all options to ensure an inclusive event that doesn't exclude. We are currently waiting on Board direction that is in-line with public health to determine the best options. With this in mind I do want to ensure families that we are looking at all options i.e., we currently have explored dates with First Ontario Center which we have used in the past for the end of June, but are also looking at all options to ensure we can have a celebration that does not exclude families and students

Fire alarms – happening more frequently (faulty sensor in dust collector and false alarm)

Zello – course options for next year due March 11, 2022

Students received photo proofs to order – check your child's bag!

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

Pro-Grant – no update as a decision has not been made on an event

Elizabeth Wong, a political science student at McMaster, is the new Trustee

8. No further business

9. Next meeting: May 10, 2022.

Adjournment at 6:55 PM

Respectfully submitted by Denise Minardi