



Westdale Secondary School  
School Council May 10, 2022 Minutes

In attendance – Josh Connor, Catherine Mulcaster, Denise Minardi, David Penton, Mathew Gibson, Lisa Scott, Maureen Kelly, Anita Bane, Claire Rivlin

Regrets – Erin Lepishak, Dhuha Al-Sajee, Catherine Roberts, Fuqin Duan

Call to order at 6:09 PM

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement - Co-chair David Penton

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 March 2022 meeting deferred as no quorum. (Co-chairs)

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

Triune is working on the formal on May 25 at Liuna Station

Sold out in less than 48 hours – capacity restrictions due to space and chaperones

MSA – Muslim Student Associate Eid off – working to have Eid recognized as a Board holiday

Asian Heritage month – activities organized by Asian Students Association

Sports are back

IB exams happening now

Prom and commencement happening – June 8 and June 28 are the dates

Deadline for accepting university is June 1

5. Teachers Report – N/A

No PD Day since semester 2 (Joshua Connor)

6. Principals Report (Joshua Connor)

Commencement is June 28

Two commencements will run to provide enough space for all guests

900 people capacity in auditorium with 4 tickets per family

Grad photos will be taken and distributed to all grads

There will be an opportunity to mix and mingle and take photos

Commencement fee is \$30 with a cap and gown fee of \$20

Parking overflow at McMaster Innovation Park

Subsidies are available through the school to families to keep the event affordable

Prom project organized through school board to help with formal / grad wear

Flex Day – June 8

Last day of instruction is Friday, June 24

Courses that had an exam during quads will have an exam this semester – consistency between semesters

May 20 is the Grade 8 transition day for associate (feeder) schools

Maureen Kelly is the Westdale Public Health nurse

Maureen thanked the group for the warm welcome and explained that the city of Hamilton had a PHN in most secondary schools. Demographics were examined and priority schools were identified including Westdale.

Warriors for wellness is a group that has worked on well-being in the past and there is an inclusion connection as well.

Ward 2 students now in attendance at Westdale and there is some food insecurity, more mobility, Child and youth health atlas – link can be shared with the school council

#### 7. Co-Chair's Report - David Penton

Dhuha update – working with guidance counsellor Dan Meyer on speaker's series for next year

Whistleblower policy link for those interested in participating - <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/DRAFT-HWDSB-Whistleblower-Policy-Apr-21-2022.pdf>

<https://ca.research.net/r/HWDSBwhistleblower>

There is a smoke free Ontario bylaw that does not permit students to smoke on school property

Pro-Grant received for \$1000 – Derek Morgan found a speaker for May 12 at 7PM on self-regulation with

Rebecca Leslie – Josh will communicate with feeder schools to invite them to the event

Council members like the idea of a hybrid meeting model for next year

#### 8. New Business

After-school tutoring funds targets students who were unsuccessful in Grade 9 in attaining credits or who are historically underserved – by invitation only

Partnership with Redeemer College that matches a student with a tutor (classroom teacher can provide work)

Home-school communication – how do we make sure that most families are aware of what is going on at Westdale and that families know what the main methods of communication are at the school?

Westdale staff going to Hess for their open house to connect with families and do some outreach

#### 9. Next meeting: June 7, 2022

Adjournment at 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted by Denise Minardi