



Westdale Secondary School SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES Tuesday, June 7, 2022 6:00-7:00 pm

In attendance: Josh Connor, David Penton, Dhuha Al-Sajee, Erin Lepishak, Catherine Mulcaster, Claire Rivlin, Catherine Roberts, Denise Minardi, Lisa Scott, Anita Bane

Regrets: Tara Watson and Heather Hurst

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement (David and Dhuha)

The Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board acknowledges our presence on ancestral Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Confederacy land as determined by the Dish with One Spoon treaty.

The intent of this agreement is for all nations sharing this territory to do so responsibly, respectfully and sustainably in perpetuity.

We respect the longstanding relationships with the local Indigenous communities, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the Six Nations of the Grand River.

1. Appointment of secretary for the meeting. (Denise Minardi)
2. Roll call (Quorum achieved) No observers (David and Dhuha)
3. Approval of minutes of March and May 2022 meeting. (David and Dhuha)
Moved by Catherine Roberts and seconded by Lisa Scott
4. Student Council Report from chat (Catharine Mulcaster)
[6:11 p.m.] Catherine Mulcaster
Hi everyone! I am unable to unmute at the moment but here is my update:
 - Semi formal : run by Triune and from a students perspective went well! Some very good feedback! (Teachers may beg to differ). Definitely a more grade 9 and 10s
 - World Fair: Run by westdale's Muslim student association and was very fun and very successful! An event that showcased countries and parts of their cultures!
 - Prom: grade 12 event that is occurring tomorrow (lots of excitement there!)
 - Graduation: June 28th! I know lots of grade 12s are excited. Macebearer voting occurring Friday.
 - WAC Athletic Banquet : happening June 15th at Leander Boat Club, for all Westdale Athletes
 - Triune President and Vice President elections are happening this Thursday! I'm very excited (and sad) to pass along Triune. There are 2 president candidates, 5 Vice President candidates. I've been apart of Triune for the past 4 years and so grateful for the opportunity to be President this year, definitely bittersweet (for me at least!)
 - Freezies: Triune for our last event is planning on handing out freezies on Friday outside after school.

- Exams and culminatings occurring next week.
Lots of things wrapping up. Very busy month for everyone!

5. Teachers Report (optional) (Erin Lepischak)

No report

6. Principals Report. (Joshua Connor)

No report for June

Questions were answered around communication

Look at Hybrid model for 2022-2023 school year (Have a separate invite for each meeting and input emails directly) Schedule meetings for 90 minutes as 60 is not enough

Claire would like a regular spot on the Westdale Parent Council agenda to share Canadian Parents for French updates

Claire also asked for more details about the threat on Friday and the arrest of the 19-year-old student

Other parents also asked for more details about the Friday occurrence

Messages have gone out from Principal Connor and Interim Director Sue Dunlop

Westdale is looking at updating safe school protocols including school entry and exit

The Westdale field (weather dependent) should have a turf field by June 30. The track and landscaping should be done by mid-summer

There will also be a renovation of the Westdale cafeteria over the summer

There will be a new principal, Brian Goodram, in September as Principal Connor is resigning to move to the District School Board of Niagara

7. Co-Chairs' Report (David and Dhuha)

Dhuha - Speakers' Series for next year (Dan Meyer-head of student services)

Possible Topics – wellness, financial independence

8. Further business

None

9. Next meeting: September 27, 2022

Move to adjourn at 6:55 PM

Respectfully submitted by Denise Minardi