

## Westdale Secondary School

### School Council Minutes

Tuesday, September 27, 2022

**In attendance:** Claire Rivlin, Catherine Roberts, Anita Banz, Hopeton Manning, Kristi Gringhuis, Suneth Wijeratue, Manijen Zamani, David Penton, Erin Lepischak, Brian Goodram

1. Introduction by Principal Brian Goodram
2. Appointment of secretary for the meeting. Minutes have been taken by Erin Lepischak
3. Roll call and determine # of self nominated applicants
4. Determination if elections need to be held for members at large: as there are fewer than 15 applicants, elections were not held
5. Election of Executive Positions:
  - David Penton will assume the role of chair
  - Secretary role (taking meeting minutes) will rotate through members. A school laptop will be brought to the meeting to facilitate this.
6. Approval of minutes of June 2022 meeting: Moved by Catherine Roberts, seconded by Anita Banz. Motion carried.
7. Student Council Report: no report
8. Teacher's report (Erin Lepischak)
  - School year has a great start with many activities
  - Whole school participated in the Terry Fox walk
  - Grade 9 day was a success with Scavenger Hunt, Clubs Fair and Minute-to-Win-it activities
  - Many club and sport opportunities available at Westdale. Please encourage your student(s) to look at the announcement boards and join in
9. Principal's Report (Brian Goodram)
  - a) Pandemic recovery plan
    - Current focus is on relationships – students are back for a regular day schedule so large numbers are back in the building. Our goal is community building in classes
    - We strive to have students feel welcome, safe, with a sense of belonging and resources available to help them flourish.
  - b) Facilities:
    - New field
    - Cafeteria renovations
    - Focus on having students feel represented in the building
    - Security: staff now have access cards, only the front door is unlocked during the school day
  - c) Questions:

- Do we have a full complement of staff? Yes, although staffing may change over time due to illness etc. Goal is always for students in classes to have continuity.
- Will there be restructuring of classes? No, Westdale's population is large and classes are not being cancelled. Elementary schools do restructuring at this time of year, but not high schools.

10. Greeting from incoming Chair (David Penton)

- Information regarding the purpose and mandate of school council (as described in the Ontario Education Act) was read:
  - (1) The purpose of school councils is, through the active participation of parents, to improve pupil achievement and to enhance the accountability of the education system to parents. O. Reg. 612/00, s. 2 (1).
  - (2) A school council's primary means of achieving its purpose is by making recommendations in accordance with this Regulation to the principal of the school and the board that established the council. O. Reg. 612/00, s. 2 (2).

11. Further business:

- Canadian Parents for French (Claire Rivlin)
  - Claire is a member of Canadian Parents for French and would like to provide regular updates
  - Opportunities are available for all French learners
  - Currently Offering virtual, after school programs for SK-Grade 12, led by teacher candidates from York University and Glendon College, to provide opportunities for French Conversation. 120 students have registered, but some spots are still available.
  - Look for information on Canadian Parents for French Ontario website - [Virtual Programs - Canadian Parents for French - Ontario \(cpf.ca\)](http://VirtualPrograms-CanadianParentsforFrench-Ontario.cpf.ca)
- Future Meeting Dates:
  - October 25, 6:15 pm
  - November 29, 6:15 pm
  - December 20, 6:15 pm
  - January 31, 6:15 pm
  - February 28, 6:15 pm
  - March 28, 6:15 pm
  - April 25, 6:15 pm
  - May 30, 6:15 pm
  - June 20, 6:15 pm

12. Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:02pm. Motion by Suneth Wijeratue. Seconded by Claire Rivlin.