



Westdale Secondary School SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday February 28, 2023

6:15-7:15 pm

Meeting called to order 6:23pm

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement (Chair)

1. Appointment of secretary for the meeting: David Penton
2. Rollcall:
 - a. Attending: Brian Goodram, Tom Fisher, David Penton, Catharine Roberts, Claire Rivlin, Kristi Gringhuis. Quorum (4)
 - b. Regrets: Anita Bane, Andrew Wright, Erin Lepischak.
3. Approval of minutes of January 28, 2023 meeting.
 - a. Moved: Claire Rivlin Seconded: Kristi Gringhuis CARRIED
4. Principals Report. (Brian Goodram)
 - a. Introduced outgoing VP Tom Fisher, leaving after 2 years to Nora Francis Henderson SS. Incoming VP is Nupi Gokhale from WH Ballard Elementary.
 - b. Prom Committee is exploring another site, tentatively proposed for Wednesday, May 24th at Carmens.
 - c. Student voice session for grade 9.
 - a. Wayfinder signs to be provided in different languages.
 - b. Poster Permanent/changeables (multi language learners consulted).
 - c. Semi Formal Wednesday April 26th. Next year will look at 2. Supervisors at 1:15 ratio.
 - d. Question: School Calendar? Answer: Will be published March/April. CR: 989 signatures on petition at change.org with respect to bell times.
 - e. Director of Education meeting February 8th.
5. Canadian Parents for French update – Afterschool Virtual Programs (Claire Rivlin)
 - a. Virtual programs are strong. Chapter meeting with new executive.

6. Report from the Chair.
 - a. HWDSB looking for feedback on IB Program. Looking to consolidate Westdale/Ancaster programs. Bill Torrance, Superintendent of Programs looking for community consultation. Open for public input now.
 - b. Rescheduling of semi-formal: discussed in principals report.
 - c. Why is library closed period 5 for student access and studying: There is a finite number of lines to non-credit granting resources. Only 4 lines for the Learning Commons.

7. Further business:
 - a. Question: Cafeteria reopening? Answer: There is an Aramark (contractor) staffing issue. 2 microwaves are being set up for student use.
 - b. Question (KC): Appears to be an issue with vaping in the bathrooms. Answer: Admin is aware of it. School issues a Consequence, need Witness Report (under Smoke Free Ontario Act), can face fine up to \$340. Has been threatened, but no second time yet.

8. Motion to Adjourn 7:24 pm: Claire Rivlin Seconded: Catharine Roberts CARRIED

9. Next meeting: March 28th, 2023