

## Westdale Secondary School Council Minutes for Tuesday April 25<sup>th</sup> 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6.15pm by the Chair and the land acknowledgement was given. Anita Bane was appointed as secretary for the meeting and the rollcall was undertaken by the Chair. In attendance was David Penton (Chair), Kristi Gringhuis, Catherine Roberts, Brian Goodram (Principal) and Shannon Boyle (Observer). Ms. Lepischak sent her apologies.

The minutes for the March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023, meeting were approved (following a minor amendment) by Catherine and seconded by Kristi.

The student council and teachers report were deferred.

For the Principals report Mr. Goodram discussed the following

- midterm reports were submitted by staff during the week and will be distributed to students and care givers/families shortly.
- WSS is continuing to be a host site for the National Theater School.
- Students and staff are looking forward to the Semi-formal to be held at Liuna station, Wednesday April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- Pictures/photos representing students from different sports, school clubs and activities will be hung around the school.
- Multi-lingual signage will also be mounted around the school and some rooms will be furnished with new desks and chairs.

Canadian Parents for French, report deferred to next meeting (Claire Rivlin sent her regrets).

Report from the Chair

- Dave raised the Principal Placement Survey requesting comments/ suggestions (due May 5<sup>th</sup>)
  - o Mr. Goodram reiterated some of the goals for the school include developing strategies to reduce the non-graduation rate for the school (currently 17%) to 15 %.
- The revelation that the University of Waterloo applies a 'correction' to the student grades from certain high schools was discussed.
- The issue of having observers present at meetings was discussed, in accordance with bylaws the WSS Council will continue to welcome external observers.

Further business

-The issue of the bell time was raised again, and Catherine encouraged all in attendance to sign the survey and distribute to other concerned families.

- The three violent incidents that occurred at the beginning of the school year were briefly discussed again. There have been no subsequent incidents.

- There have been a couple of recent fire alarms called at the school. These were discussed no injuries or significant damages were incurred.

The meeting was adjourned at 7.15 pm (moved and seconded by Anita and Catherine). Next meeting May 30<sup>th</sup> 6.15pm.