

Westdale Secondary School Council Minutes Tuesday May 30th 2023

Meeting was called to order at 6.20 pm in attendance was Brian Goodram (Principal), Dave Penton (Chair), Ms. Lepischak (Teacher representative), Anita Bane, Catherine Roberts, Kristi Gringhuis and ~~Len~~ LuMs-Liu (Triune representative) with Jeremy (Triune) and Grahame LawrenceRoberts as guests.

The land acknowledgment was delivered by Dave.

Anita was appointed secretary for the evening.

Guest speaker Erin Parson from the Hamilton Community Foundation (HCF) spoke about the Chaney-Ensign bursary. This is a bursary for students from the Hamilton area to attend post secondary education. Its a needs based bursary with amounts of \$1000 to \$3000 per student per semester available. The three requirements are that the student graduate from a publicly funded secondary school, attend a college or university in Canada and to have applied for OSAP. Applications can be made via the HCF website. ~~Two~~ rounds of funding per year with a Feb 1 and Oct 1 submission dates. Following her presentation Erin answered questions from the group and then left the meeting.

The prior meeting minutes with minor edits. Motion forwarded by Catherine and seconded by Kristi.

~~Len Lu~~ Ms-Liu gave the student council report. Informing the committee of the success of the recent semi-formal, the tennis tournament, the talent show and the Relay for Life which raised \$18000 for cancer research and services. Following which there was a lengthy discussion on the changes recently announced to the Triune council, which the students felt was unfair and not in the best interests of the student body. Principal Goodram agreed that ~~he would meet with the teacher advisors the election for the Triune principals would go ahead as planned, following which he would meet with the teacher advisors~~ and the elected Triune council co-principals to discuss next steps in adherence with the Triune constitution and respecting the student voice.

Principal Goodram:

- 15 instructional days left.
- Nothing changes with respect to final evaluations from semester one.-
- Thursday, June 1 Senior prom..
- Friday, June 2 Commencement
- Snacks have been relocated to the resource room because they were not being used just by students who need them and there was some waste.

Motion to adjourn: Catharine Roberts, 2nd Kristi Gringuis. CARRIED