

School Council – March 25, 2025

In Attendance – Brian Goodram, KPH, Kristi Gringhuis, Gerome Galante, Van, Cindy Stranak, Danielle Schwalm

Regrets – Catherine Roberts, Claire Rivlin

Minutes

Meeting began at 6:20 pm

Land Acknowledgement

Approval of Minutes from February 2025 Meeting

- Minutes approved; nominated by Cindy, seconded by Kristi

Student Council Report

- No report tonight
- Brian reports that semi formal is next Thursday (April 3)

Teacher Report

- For Grade 12 students, volunteer hours are due April 1; there are a large number of students who haven't handed them in yet
- Commencement reminder from Ms. O'Leary – commencement fee and grad gown purchase are both available for ordering/payment; information is posted on the school website and on the Hub; two separate payments – one to School Cash for commencement fee (\$55) and one to Jacor for the purchase of the gown package (\$22.50)
- Gowns must be ordered by April 1
- OSAP presentation for students on March 27 during Period 2 as well as a commencement update
- Preliminary reports sent home this week
- Family-Teacher interviews April 1
- Family Info Night April 1 for Grade 11 families after interviews
- OSSLT for students in Grade 10 English on April 1 and 3

Principal's Report

- NTS DramaFest being hosted by Westdale this week; all Hamilton schools participating this week with winning casts moving on to Regionals and Provincials; shout out to Mr. Iachelli and his team for their support of Theatre Arts
- Girls Waterpolo in City Finals as well as Boys Hockey in City Finals
- Looking forward to Dr. Jean Clinton next week
- Midterm reports due by teachers on April 17
- Continuing "Rise and Shine" Day – teachers commit to no new learning but students have an opportunity to catch up and bring up work in class
- Front doors replaced and painted; maintaining the traditional look but more efficient and safer

Chair's Report

- PRO Grant top of mind next week
- Connecting with Bennetto about bell times

Committee Updates (PIC, CPF)

- PIC
 - o PIC didn't meet in March

PRO Grant Event

- Advertised in school newsletter
- Promoted on school Instagram and Westdale School Council Facebook page
- Will promote at Family-Teacher interview night next week
- Brian will invite staff through weekly newsletter
- Brian will send communication through school messenger
- Brian will invite Nicole and trustee
- Will post on school website as well
- Discussion about reaching out to local media and concern that it may draw more people than we anticipate
- Need to get some boxes for foyer for food donations

Further Business

- Transportation
 - o question – school bus time moved earlier by transportation by 10 minutes?
 - o where do we go from here? Doesn't seem to be interest from other schools to engage in the discussion
 - o seems like there should be a willingness to at least look at it by the board
 - o strong advocate in Dr. Jean Clinton next week to advocate to trustee

Meeting adjourned 6:45 pm