

## **School Council – September 30, 2025**

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**In Attendance** – B Goodram, KPH, Robin, Rachael, Danielle, Shannon, Van, Louai, Lola, Jan, Kristi

**Regrets** –

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### **Minutes**

Meeting began at 6:15

### **Welcome and Introductions**

### **Land Acknowledgement**

### **Appointment of Secretary for Meeting**

- KPH will be secretary for meeting

### **Elections**

- Members at Large
  - o Less than 15 so no vote required
  - o Voting members of council
  - o If there is a vote, quorum is required (at least 8 members in attendance)
- Secretary
  - o KPH to continue in role
- Executive Positions
  - o Danielle and Shannon

### **Approval of Minutes from June 2025 Meeting**

- Minutes approved with permission from the group

### **Student Council Report**

- No report tonight

### **Teacher Report**

- Busy start up; counsellors have been working with students and families since the last week of August
- University and college visits have begun
- Hosted a very successful information session for Grade 12 parents last Thursday
- hosted an assembly for Grade 12 students on Sept 12 to review the things they need to do this year
- hosting a lunch session tomorrow to walk students through the OUAC application

### **Principal's Report**

- Superintendent Lee visiting the school tomorrow
- Biggest pain points are currently facilities related – elevator needing repair and accommodating some classes on the first floor to support students with accessibility needs; today's partial power outage due to main breaker issues
- Brian acknowledges that bathrooms are still an area of concern for students; admin continuing to monitor those spaces; Van brought up a concern that water is 'scalding hot' in one of the single occupancy bathrooms
- Enrollment steady at about 1600 students
- Community newsletter coming out tomorrow
- Completed 4 x Grade assemblies for students in early September

- More buses this year that adds additional traffic in the parking lot; encouraging families to pick up their student after school on a side street

#### **Greetings from Incoming Chair(s)**

- Danielle and Shannon happy to continue the good work of the group
- Focus on sharing the wealth of the job; commitment to hear everyone's voice from the group
- Shannon joined about 4 years ago over a concern about early bell times; brief update for new members and Shannon is concerned that the group hasn't necessarily felt heard
- Van reports that the Waterdown bus has gotten increasingly earlier each year due to bell times
- Concern that this may be a battle that can't be won

#### **Committee Updates (PIC, FASLAC, CPF)**

- PIC
  - o Members generate the agenda for the next 2 years
  - o Transportation rep attended meeting last year

#### **School Council Start Up Session**

- October 14
- 6-8 pm, hosted by PIC with light dinner served at 5:30
- Brian will start email group to share information

#### **PRO Grant Funding**

- Proposals due by November 21
- Brian asked if he had any ideas to bring to the group to support PRO Grant funding
- Brian explained what PRO Grant funding is for new members
- Ideas
  - o AI/Chat GPT (some examples of AI being used as a 'counsellor' for youth; fear of AI taking away jobs)
  - o Promotion of community togetherness; how do we engage the larger Westdale school community?
  - o Danielle suggests sharing ideas for PRO Grant and discuss/vote in October
  - o Danielle suggests getting more families involved in PC

#### **Further Business**

- Next meeting agenda item to discuss whether monthly meetings are necessary
- Van agenda item request – is there a way to develop a conversation group for parents learning to speak French?

#### **Next Meeting Date**

- October 28 at 6:15

Meeting adjourned 7:10 pm