

WESTMOUNT SCHOOL COUNCIL

Minutes

7pm Room 1087 Tuesday, October 16th, 2018

Meeting called to order by Geeta Malhotra

In Attendance

Kathy Long, Mohammad Alizadeh-Najmi, Angela Murchie, Kirsten Patterson, Mike Armstrong, Paul Guaglino, Reasa Diab, Thomas Nolte, Kim Kolpin & Geeta Malhotra

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from September were sent by email

And approved by email on September 27, 2018

Election

Duties of Chair – preparing the agenda, reviewing guidelines for School Council, monitoring the common email from HWDSB and most importantly sharing information with parents

Chair: Mohammad Alizadeh-Najmi

Secretary: Angela Murchie, Reasa Diab

Process for approving minutes:

Draft minutes are created by Secretary and shared with Chair and Principal

Draft minutes emailed to School Council members

Email any issues or corrections to Secretary

Final approval for minutes at the following meeting

Presentation: Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)

Lynn Krusto, Specialist High Skills Major and Pathways Consultant

Handouts were provided, presentation was asked to be shared by email to attendees

SHSM is a specialized two-year program for Grade 11 and 12 students.

<http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/secondary/programs/SHSM>

Westmount started 3 SHSM programs this year.

Environment

Health and Wellness

Information & Communications Technology

Student Council Report- Meghan Noble

Student council has filled all positions and are looking forward to our next few events

Halloween dance Thursday 25th tickets are on sale Oct. 17th for \$4

Spirit Day- Wednesday Oct. 31st w/ contests, games and Bake sale

Fundraising- review of fundraising campaigns happening within the school

Overall student Council is working to make sure future events are organized well and that students are aware of what is going on in our community.

Teachers Report- Mike Armstrong

Working on “Kid Talk” follow up from progress reports, focusing on students with more than one progressing with difficulty.

Homework club will be starting next week

Grade 12's received the personal identification number to apply for post-secondary

Teachers have been busy helping prepare applications for College and University

Presentation on “Applying to Post-Secondary” on the Students Hub then Guidance section

Presentation about scholarships and bursaries will be available

Principals Report- Geeta Malhotra

Great start to the year, wonderful turnout at the parent teacher interview

Follow up last meeting a question about the number of grade 12 and grade 12+ information

Enrolled last year Gr 12- 256 students, 215 graduated Gr 12+ 74, 50 graduated

Graduation rate of 84%

Parent portal follow up- you can still apply by visiting the school office with valid ID for your login and password. Then, visit <http://parent.hwdsb.on.ca> to create your account and view your child's grades, attendance and more. Together, we are making life easier for families in a digital age.

<http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/secondary/supports/parent-portal/>

to resolve issues please contact the office

- October 17th 6pm PIC School Council Training
- October 24th My Path My Way information night
- November 2nd PA Day
- November 14th Take your Kid to Work

There will soon be a School Council email, we will share between the positions to keep in contact with the interested parties so please ensure you share your email on the sign in sheet

Other Business

Question was asked about providing a scoreboard for the outdoor field, Phys ED dept is working on a solution

Next Meeting

7pm Room 1087 Monday, November 19th, 2018