

BLUE WILLOW P.S
School Council Minutes – November 23rd, 2023

	Location: BLUE WILLOW PUBLIC SCHOOL – Library
School Council Meeting Minutes	Time: 6:00p.m.
NOVEMBER 23 2023	In Person

In Attendance

parent/guardian/family Members:	Administration/StaffMembers	Student Member(s)	Regrets	Other Attendees
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nadia Mohamad (Chair) Regina Teper (Co-Chair) Amanda Galati Hunte (Treasurer) Tammesha Cox (Secretary) Jag Nebula Lisa Lai Weronika Drab Lori Son Maryam Mojlaaj Elif Topyurek Chandaa Noreen Amya Tauqeer Amy Chai Rahul Kinwar Kiran Nagra Hemalanthadevi Palancharla Essi Strazimir 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Andre Medina (School Principal) Ms. Deborah Abel (Vice Principal) 			Name (if applicable)

	Agenda Items	Discussion and Action Items
1.	Call to Order & Welcome	The meeting was called to order at 6.04 pm by co-chair Regina Teper
2.	Land Acknowledgement	Ms. Deboral Abel delivered the Land Acknowledgement
3.	Approval of Agenda	The agenda was approved as written
4.	Approval of Meeting Minutes	There were no changes or objections to the October 5 th , 2023, minutes. The minutes were approved, as written. Approved by Regina Teper and second by Nadia.
5.	Information Items (as required) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Principal Report 	<p><u>Election Process</u></p> <p>Four executive council members were acclaimed as per the election process on October 5th, 2023. Nadia Mohamad (Chair); Regina Teper (Co-Chair), Amanda Galati Hunte (Treasurer); Tammesha Cox (Secretary)</p> <p>All persons who completed nomination forms, (Start-up form through Gapps) but were not present at the first meeting held on October 5th, 2023, were contacted to ascertain their interest in joining the executive council. None were interested but many, however, agreed to be voting members.</p> <p><u>Communication</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents who would like to raise concerns can reach out to schedule a one-on-one meeting with the principal. To facilitate communication between the various sub-committee members to share ideas and connect, the option to set up a chat via Edsby was suggested. It was however decided to use group chats from personal devices to channel communication instead. Chairs will not be in a position to regulate these group chats; however, the Respectful Workplace and Learning Environment Act must be followed.

	<p>• In order to streamline communication between the chairs and the sub-committees, an Edsby account will be created to facilitate emails communications to chairs. Sub-committee leaders will send an email to represent what the committee consensus is on a particular action item.</p> <p><u>Norms of Collaborations</u></p> <p>For this academic year, we are focusing on the 7th norm which states - Presuming Positive Intentions.</p> <p><u>Video presentation</u></p> <p>Similar to the meeting previous meeting held on October 5th, 2023, the Revised school council policy video for councils was shown– Policy #262 from YRDSB.</p> <p>The video outlined:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The overview of community consultation themes • Overview of changes to policy #262 school councils • Responsibilities and roles of principals <p><u>Sub-Committees</u></p> <p>Various sub-committees were created to execute different events. They will determine what the priorities are, and members will work within the sub-committee to bring back ideas.</p> <p><u>Extra Curriculum</u></p> <p>Teachers communicate in different ways including newsletters, Google rooms etc. to advise parents and students of the Extra Curriculum activities available. Extra curriculum activities will now also be included in the school’s newsletter sent through Edsby and emailed.</p> <p><u>Hot Lunches</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently, Pizza Day from Little Caesars is run by school staff and Pizza Day is to be kept but can be from a different provider. • Essi Strazimiri will take the lead and will work along with Maryam Mojlaaj and Jag Nebula
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Chair & Co-Chair Report

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6.	Decision Items (as required)	
7.	Other Business (as required)	<p>The York Region District School Board experienced a network outage after a cyber security attack on November 8th, 2023, Blue Willow P.S is still under that cyber-attack and email responses will be delayed because of that. https://www2.yrdsb.ca/network-outage-update</p> <p>Sikh Educator Voice Alliance (S.E.V.A) “Meet and Greet” night will be hosted on November 30th 2023 at Blue Willow P.S. The invitation was given for anyone who are able to attend.</p> <p>Going forward, Amanda Galati (Treasurer) will share the report on the funds.</p> <p>Link to the School Council handbook will be sent</p>
8.	Meeting Adjournment	Regina Teper noted there was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:49pm.

Future Meeting Dates: January 18, 2024
March 7, 2024
May 9, 2024