

Dr. G.W. Williams School Council
Minutes from the meeting of
March 21, 2016

Present: Gayle Palmer, Christopher Hilmer, Judith Lalonde, Rosalyn Rees, Roger Rees, Dina Paraskevopoulos, Susan Tripp, Nicole Nunes, Chris Baker, Ummesalama Mandviwala, Sophia Paraskevopoulos

Regrets: Samantha Sample, Roy Sample, Jo Greig, Haley Buck, Yula Nouragas, Susan Sopha

Welcome

Dina opens meeting at 7:05 pm. (Roy is absent)

Unanimous approval of the March agenda and of the Feb. minutes (after correction: Peer Mentors are planning the Relay for Life at Williams).

Student Council Reports

Ummesalama, Sophia

- Senior Girls soccer try-outs are complete as are Boys hockey try-outs; Track and Field has begun, preparing for YRAA.
 - Thurs. March 24 the senior band will participate in their first music festival of the season, Music Alive, at the Newmarket Theatre; parents are welcome to attend; music class also travels to Austria and Italy, May 13-22.
 - March 31, the OSSLT occurs; practice booklets have been completed; the school day is shortened to periods 3 and 4 after the testing, beginning at 12:20pm.
 - Thurs. March 31 is parent interview night, 6:30-8:30pm; interim reports have been sent home and mid-term reports come home shortly; course selection verification has occurred.
 - At the Parents' Night, student council is running a silent auction from 6:30-8pm, and it will be set up in the front foyer; they are looking for donations of items of any value; all clubs are contributing to the fundraising initiative of raising money for an outdoor scoreboard.
 - Grad quotes for the yearbook are due now. Yearbooks are \$63 and \$55 with the Student Activity Fee.
 - June 2nd is Prom, at Borgata in Vaughan, 5:30-10:30pm. 100\$ or 90\$ with Student Activity Fee. Students and guests need to complete a form which is to be signed by parent/guardian and handed into office.
 - Student Council positions for 2016/17 will be advertised soon.
 - Graduation is June 29th at Magna; 45\$ must be paid by May 29th; begins at 6:30pm but students must arrive by 6pm.
 - Summer Volunteer Program in Taiwan, for grades 10 and 11 is available this year; brochures are in the main office.
 - Relay for Life is set for May 19th at the school; 11am-12pm there will be a student appreciation BBQ; 12pm-10pm will transition to Relay for Life.
 - Athletic Banquet at Oakview Terrace on May 31
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Administration Report

Chris Hilmer

- Council is shown the promotional video; focus is on student achievement and success; all agree this is an excellent tool.
- Elementary school council visits are underway; this evening, Yula and Susan are at Highview; Regency Acres is

Wed. March 23, Northern Lights is Mon. April 4, 6:30pm, Aurora Grove is April 5, 7pm, Rick Hanson is April 12, 6:30pm, and Hartman is April 28th; if any parents wish to join staff and a couple of students, they are invited to do so.

- Council reviewed the dress code and unanimously agreed it should remain as it is.
- Sat. May 7, there is a Music fundraiser, 9am-4pm. Test Drive a Buick; there will be up to 10 Buick and GM vehicles to test drive; school receives \$20 per test drive. Encourage participation by all.
- Valedictorian elections are happening in April; teachers choose about 6 top students and if they are interested to be considered, their name goes on a ballot; voted by Grade 12 students in May; a speech will be written with Mark Fuller and Chris Hilmer's guidance.
- Friday, April 1 is Foolish Fitness Friday held by WAC; there will be an aerobics fun class, with a buy-in to participate during class time; \$ to Oncology Unit at Sick Kids Hospital.
- Earth Hour will be recognized Thurs. March 24 1-2pm in Williams; lights, computers power down; goal is to dip to 50-100kWh
- Aurasma is a free phone app; use a photo as an identifier to take you to a video; trial basis this year with some yearbook photos; \$5 fee for the student; holding phone to photo will launch a short video of that student.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm Future Dates: **May 30, 2016** – changed as Chris will be on the Music trip to Austria and Italy on the 16th