

**Dr. G.W. Williams School Council**  
**Minutes from the meeting of**  
**Oct. 19, 2015**

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**Present:** Gayle Palmer, Christopher Hilmer, Samantha Sample, Roy Sample, Judith Lalonde, Rosalyn Rees, Roger Rees, Dina Paraskevopoulos, Susan Tripp, Susan Turriff, Nicole Nunes, Jo Greig, Patrick Manson  
**Regrets:** Chris Baker, Haley Buck, Ummesalama Mandviwala, Angela Leonard

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**Welcome**

Roy opens meeting at 7:00 pm.

Agenda is amended to move the Comm Tech tour to first item and to agree to conclude the meeting by 8pm due to the federal election.

Unanimous approval of the amended October agenda and of the Sept. minutes.

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**Student Reports- sent in by Stefan Mladjenovic, President of Students' Council**

Awards Night on Oct 29, 2015 (6:30 PM – 8:00 PM)

Parents' Night on Oct 22, 2015 (6:30 PM – 8:30PM) – Student's Council will be selling Williams lanyards as well to fundraise

Take Our Kids to Work Day – Nov 4, 2015

Interim report cards went out last Friday (Oct 16)

Students' Council's food drive was a success with a total of 1453 non-perishable food items collected for the local food bank!

Semi-Formal is Nov 26. Tickets go on sale on School Cash Online on October 26.

Students' Council will have a Double Blue Day (specially called 'Double Blue Jay'), a play on words to promote support for the Blue Jays as well as spirit in the school

WSC and WAC's homecoming 'Kick-Off' buy-out was cancelled because the away team cancelled the game (was still a Double Blue Day)

Remembrance Day assembly is in the works

Peer Mentors had Camp Robin Hood day which went well

Arts' Council is doing their annual Halloween Hallway fundraiser on October 30 (31<sup>st</sup> is a Saturday; no school)

Arts' Council is thinking of having their arts gallery in the Aurora Cultural Centre sometime in early- to mid-January – tentatively, could be subject to change

Music Council organized Light the Night fundraiser in memory of Sarah Watkin for childhood leukemia

Music Council held a fundraiser called Lemons for Leukemia (Oct 13-16)

Music Council has a 'Murder Mystery' event happening on Oct 28

Music Council is participating in the Holiday Concert on December 3

Equity Council had promoted Mental Health Day on October 4 as well as Purple Day on October 15

Equity Council is doing bullying awareness week from November 16–20

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## **Head of Technology-**

### **Patrick Manson**

- He is the new head of technology who has come with a vision to modernize the technology department; Williams previously did not have a strong Communications Technology program due to outdated facilities (built in 1966).
- Council is taken on a tour of the new Comm Tech lab, including a green screen room, recording studio, editing booths.
- Council also is taken on a tour of the new and improved weight room.
- Discussion continued about Patrick and his students creating a promotional video highlighting the improved and updated changes in Williams.

## **Administration Report**

### **Chris Hilmer**

- Informed council that the machine shop (manufacturing technology) will close, due to lack of interest of students and lack of a qualified teacher; that space will be converted into a multi-purpose area by next September.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm

Future Dates: **Nov. 16, 2015** – OSSLT results and EQAO results will be shared.