

Dr. G W. Williams School Council
Minutes from the meeting of
Monday, January 21, 2019

Present:

School Administration - Christopher Hilmer, Diane Conlon

Parents - Lynn Pearson (Chair), Chris Baker (vice-chair), Lynsey McKechnie, Toni Chahley, Lisa Phillips, Corry Patterson-Goncalves, Nanda Shamanna, (& visiting parents Lisa & Terry)

Regrets: Patrick McQuade, Ken Turriff, Yevgenia Casale, Mehrab Khan, Dina Paraskevopoulos

Student Representative – Regrets: Sophia C.

	ITEM	TOPIC LEAD
1	<p>Opening of meeting and Approval of the Agenda and Minutes from September Lynn Pearson (Chair) opened the meeting at 7 pm. Motion to approve tonight's agenda: Corry; Seconded by Toni Motion to approve September minutes: Toni; Seconded by Chris</p>	Lynn Pearson
2	<p>Student Report: Sophia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · No Student rep due to exams · Wellness Wednesday (Mental Health & Well-being Committee) - Therapy dogs from St. John's Ambulance, lunchtime students were able to play with & pet for anxiety reduction before exams. · Grad photos over. · Trips December: Music classes visited downtown Toronto, Best Buddies Autism/DD class visited Aurora Café. · Ski club trip – Horseshoe trips in demand and sold out. · Current sports Teams in action: girls volleyball, boys basketball. · Winter concert included instrumental & vocal ensembles as well as other amazing performances including pianist soloist. · Mental Health & Well-being Committee provided Wellness Wednesday for growth mindset, drawing, did with staff first, students really enjoyed the activity drawing characters and a reminder to break things down to be able to achieve any task (December 5th) Next activity – February · DECA (Business) – in Provincials 	Christopher Hilmer, Diane Conlon
3	<p>Administration Report: Christopher Hilmer, Diane Conlon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · 13 new international students 2nd semester. Two-day orientation shadowing a current student. · Semester 2 timetables were handed out in December. · Any timetable issues - seek guidance counselling · PA day- February 1st – Indigenous Education & Equity, recommendations 62 & 63 Cultural Competency Learning Opportunities: Truth and Reconciliation Commission. · Semester 1 exams start Thursday, January 24 - all written exams start at 9am each day. Wednesday 30th is not the inclement weather day moved to 31st as directed by YRDSB. January 31st exam feedback day has shortened periods for students to go over exams, ask final questions and receive final marks. The afternoon is for appointments with teachers if required by students or parents. 	Christopher Hilmer Diane Conlon

	<p>If inclement weather, January 31st will be used for exams. Feedback would be moved to Monday, February 4th in morning, then shortened periods begin after lunch for Semester 2. Wednesday 30th is not being used for performance exams on this day this semester.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Immunizations for students -- not up to date clinic being held February 25th for shots required to get up to date (as required to remain in school), letters went home in December. Will take place in staff room. · March 27th is OSSLT -- this EQAO test is a graduation requirement, literacy teachers already supporting students identified for additional support. Literacy blitz begins in February for all students following launch assembly. · Guidance moving forward with transition to My Blueprint for all students (replaced career cruising), February 11th My Blueprint will be opened for student input; closes 25th February. Classes for next year, it's important to make selections this feeds school staffing and course availability for next year. · Website: Tab for school council was corrected. News and events updated and student of month is now included and backdated. Anything else not working well or updated, please contact Mr. McQuade. 	
4	<p>Follow-up from last meeting: Fundraising Update: Lisa Phillips</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Ideas 1) From past success food related work well. Considered Kernels as one to start with, Friday often successful. Other foods available healthy snacks.. Frozen yogurt also proved successful for warmer months. Cafeteria limitations on times we can sell to consider 2) Fund to orgs, gently used shoe selection. Shoes waiting for them to call back if moving into this area with their programme, expect more information Jan/Feb. 3) 50/50 raffle – 50/50 requires lottery licence from town? Full community define how to sell to students/parent. 4) Outdoor bbq – hotdog pizza burger day recruit teachers and parents 5) Teachers in jail – faculty stay in classroom while students have free period/gym time. Teachers in detention would prefer to re-name rates to be defined by class or which teachers, students raise money to detain teacher. Similar to “buy in” fundraiser for charity e.g. teacher vs student game, during period 4 students buy in for nominal fee to be excused from class. Need to ensure any students can go, by class would need minimum class suggested \$150 buy in to activity or event. 6) Tournament video game marathon, puzzles/games or movie nights. Permit to 10pm, need staff supervision and pre-organised, more to consider with set up of computers and prizes <p>Pursue Kernels popcorn sales Specific groups could run the fundraising or school overall benefit. After school grabbing snacks without cafeteria limitations, allowed 10 bake sales per year already used for groups raising funds for charities (require notice). Popcorn falls within healthy foods guidelines. For students heading for bus needs to be fast or high volume and efficient sales. Nothing in local area to rival, consider selling water as well. Kernels are already bagged and last 3 months.</p>	Lisa Phillips

	<p>Requires parent & student volunteers, parents set up and stay for money counting. Consider month for Fridays. Then fundraising groups could make their own for their group fundraising. Could lead to each club signed up for week as previous example.</p> <p>Start February, trial 1 month, Kernels deliver to school. Start Thursday & Friday, include announcement reminders to bring \$2. Kernels delivers to school, idea to set up at front and back doors</p> <p>Need 1 week notice to place and receive order, consider tournaments dates for future sales, just for elementary only. (Denison upgrade to field & track, track & field has moved to their new facilities for 2019. Williams will host gym sports).</p> <p>Action: to proceed with popcorn starting February and organise logistics. Lynn & Lisa to co-ordinate.</p> <p>Coupon book - Lynn on behalf of Yevgenia Casale</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Printed coupons - canvass local business different to SPC card. Shop local theme, clothing, food. Print offers as coupons in book and sell coupon books to students. · Asking businesses that appear in book to also donate \$30 to cover printing of books and as buy in to honour coupons. Have books printed and for sale, to offset cost hopefully \$5/\$10 per book. Looking at minimal price point and access, if anyone has ideas for businesses that might be interested. Next phase to explore businesses that may be interested. Thinking in radius of school/Aurora. Coupons for families not just students. Thinking to spread work across volunteers for communicating/distributing letters to local businesses. 	
<p>5</p>	<p>PRO grant update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Application put in last Spring, re-activated and we are approved for \$1,000. Applied for: · Previously reached out to Chris Vollum & Alyson Schafer · 3 statements: Student wellness – welcoming environment for parents, enhance home school communication Student well being, healthy schools & safe schools · Thinking in line of social media use by teens in line with board Alyson Shaffer – parenting aspect. · See PRO Grant application. · Moving forwards – previous event 120-150 people in our School library, April last year. Parent Council arranged cookies, water, included grade 8 parents, and opened up to school community · Next steps – dates and re-engage with speakers – Chris Baker. · Topics vary between applications, list to Principals has not been provided showing other local High Schools with Pro Grants in our categories. Consider reaching out to local high schools for Pro Grant status. Mr. Hilmer will ask Aurora and King High Schools and St. Max. · Sub-committee required to continue planning and organizing event. 	<p>Chris Baker</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Invite other schools to attend possible dates: April 4th, 11th, 25th, May 16th, 24th · The PRO Grant money earmarked and reimbursement via report entered by June 15th. · Lynsey McKechnie to send out email for sub-committee meeting Thursday 31st 7pm school library. 	
6	<p>Chair's Report and Mailbag Lynn Pearson</p> <p>Chair's report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Traffic issues, follow up with Ryan - Bylaw office regarding Fire truck (Fri pm) and ambulance (Fri am) trying to get down Dunning Ave to Yonge St. Town of · Town of Aurora plan to have someone out again to review issues, bylaw officers have been seen to approach vehicles and tickets issued for stopping in no stop zones. They have committed to keep in touch with documents and actions with Lynn by email. They have 20 schools on list being monitored. · Pictures shared by Corry of YRT bus stopping across street, cars cutting past as kids are crossing Dunning Ave. Also seen kids crossing between 2 YRT buses. Highlighted issues of no designated cross zones, car coming out of loop cut between the students while they are crossing. · Schools communicate with YRT, new bus stops for school special routes parents can approach YRT directly with suggestions for new school routes/stops. · New one-way signs arrived. · No U-turn sign has been ordered, not arrived yet. <p>Mail bag:</p> <p>Techzenik advertising</p> <p>First robotics competition, \$2,000 first Canada Grant, Rookie Grant \$5,600 10-30 high school students 2/3 teachers, mentors & experts, fundraising. More info needed. Mr. Hilmer to determine staff interest.</p>	Lynn Pearson
7	<p>Meeting Adjournment</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m. by Lynn Pearson.</p> <p>Next Council meeting date is Monday, March 18th, 2019 at 7pm.</p>	Lynn Pearson