

Dr. G W. Williams School Council
Minutes from the meeting of
Monday, March 18, 2019

Present:

School Administration - Christopher Hilmer, Patrick McQuade

Parents - Lynn Pearson (Chair), Chris Baker (vice-chair), Lynsey McKechnie, Lisa Phillips,
Corry Patterson-Goncalves, Jieping Zhang, Nanda Shamanna,

Guests: Town of Aurora Bylaw officers

Regrets: Toni Chahley, Dina Paraskevopoulos, Diane Conlon

Student Representative – not present

	ITEM	TOPIC LEAD
1	Opening of meeting and Approval of the Agenda and Minutes from January Lynn Pearson (Chair) opened the meeting at 7:07 pm. Item 2 Bylaw officers Motion to approve tonight's agenda: Chris; Seconded by Corry Motion to approve September minutes: Chris; Seconded by Lisa	Lynn Pearson
2	Bylaw officer – Corry · Two known incidents: 1 person hit & 1 car hit. Today Lynn & Corry were at the school to keep cars out of the loop until 3:15pm. Attending only in afternoon, sharing with driver importance of understanding where they can go when loop is out of bounds. · Dunning on both sides is no parking, Bylaw keeping people moving, also no stopping. · Cameron on right is no parking signed, left hand side able to park 3 hours posted by signs. Solutions: Step1 - Idea to send out notice with map including municipal signs and where can and cannot park. Observed: · Buses in loop are out by 3:15 afternoon and 8:15 mornings. · Drivers still using the inside lane to load/unload students rather than using outside loop for loading. · Observed parental frustration. Step 2 - Idea to exclude left hand turns out of loop or the exit onto Dunning. One way only. Report from Town of Aurora Bylaw officer · By-law Officer was hit with intent and driver was charged. · Parking enforcement on school property is responsibility of school. · Children's safety must be paramount for all parties. · Normal to expect choke points and some delays.	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intent to make safety primary concern to keep traffic moving on Dunning in terms of access for all traffic residential, school and emergency vehicles. • School is considered Private property where directional traffic and enforcement by signage can be used to enforce. • All users have same responsibility to obey rules. • Municipality enforcement would be made easier to enforce if the signage was also repeated on Dunning Avenue. This would then be enforced by Police to drivers not obeying signage. • Bylaw can enforce parking. • Parking on school property is not enforced by either Police or Bylaw Officers. • Use of loop by taxi and non-bus vehicles is at permission of school. The rule is there is no parking unless permission granted by exemption. All drivers must be actively loading or unloading. • Enforce one-way – all cars enter from Dunning Avenue West entrance (next to loop entrance) and only right turns permitted onto Dunning from loop and exiting school from East entrance. To implement consider September student marshalling program. • School can make changes ahead of municipality. <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage cars into the back carpark with idea to reserve other spots for a drop off zone. • YRT pick up another stop and free transport to school from one stop away. • Turning into school from Dunning Avenue be aware of cars and students crossing. • Get by in from students can be more effective. • As soon as last transportation leaves encourage use of loop. Main focus: where are cars for student pick up supposed to go when loop is not accessible (until 3:15pm)? • Emails to distribution list with any ideas. • YRT drop off on the other side of the street? • HTA Highway Traffic Act covers Dunning Avenue & surrounding side streets. • Students cheering section to encourage drivers to go right and not allowing any left turns. Students would need Hi-vis safety vests. Covered by School Board Health & Safety and planning would be supported by Bylaw but on school traffic is not their responsibility. <p>Student report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girls varsity soccer meeting then tryouts. • Rugby junior & senior boy's lunchtime and after school. • Junior and senior badminton schedule posted. • Girls flag football tryout today. • Clubs list posted besides announcement board with information cards students can take to see when, where clubs meet and advisor. • HOSA health occupational science association going to competition in spring. • Also working to post clubs on school website 	<p>Christopher Hilmer</p>
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3	<p>Administration Report: Christopher Hilmer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Racism act – there was an Islamophobic post online by a student. School spoke with students, parents, police, and involved safe and inclusive schools. Also aware of effect on school community with students who may have seen or heard of the post. Originally reported by a student to Teacher, was posted as an Instagram story. Statements will be gathered to make the student aware of effect it had on affected parties. · Continuing anti-hate presentations period 2 classes, developed by equity team, from student & staff input. Staff member and 2 students presentation which includes chart – value of diversity. Examining bias – visualization activity for awareness. Low level micro-aggressions escalating to prejudice then hate and violence/genocide. · Interim reports finished 19th distributed on Friday in homerooms. Sets tone for parent teacher interviews – Thursday 28th, sign up sheet will be sent home. · Prom May 2nd – only school cash online signup · Spring concert – May 9 · April 25th – Marina Nemat, Author of The Prisoner of Tehran. She was interned in a political prison prior to escaping to Canada. Speaking to IB students. · Wellness Wednesday – March physical/social activities ½ café ½ physical movement to cha-cha slide variation, gym giant rock, paper, scissors challenge. Classes competed in best of 3's until class winners versus other winners, to promote team spirit. Then classes rotated to other location. · MOBYSS bus York South Simcoe Health Services – mobile health clinic attends every 2nd Wednesday. Includes nurse, counsellor and health professional. Services include health information, treatments, able to speak to counsellor. Concern over less student uptake may affect their funding. Location: loop considered as too visible, last year positioned in library parking spot. Feedback to move away from school, the majority of students leaving to Yonge street would see students entering. Quick tours completed to make students feel familiar and comfortable. Last year Phys Ed classes introduced. MOBYSS stays for half day including lunchtime. · Student council – Grad sweatshirts going up tomorrow due to school cash online glitch. <p>OSSLT – March 27th EQAO mandatory test for graduation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · 300 students eligible to write. · Modified schedule changed for other grades, only grade 10 writing or those previously eligible and not yet taken/passed, will be attending school this day. · Students will be dismissed at end of test. · School buses and taxis run their normal schedule. Students should make own arrangements for transportation. · Changes to accommodate extra time for all students and allows for teacher availability for supervision. Community classes will run as usual. · Amanda Bornstein literacy head runs the program smoothly including “Lit Blitz” all teachers work with grade 10 students who receive booklet with examples of common literacy test questions. Good reviews. · All teachers teaching Grade 10 classes are involved. · March 25th assembly reminds student responsibilities and requirements for test day. 	Christopher Hilmer
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	<p>In addition to Lit Blitz invited to after school program, 2 full classes running 3 days per week due to catch up after inclement weather days.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage students not sitting OSSLT to do volunteer activities and complete school work. <p>Volunteer hours</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage Grade 9 to complete their hours for the 49er club certification. Encourage students to keep submitting hours for awards and future Students do volunteer hours that are not eligible, students should go to Guidance before they set up their hours. Thing is the activity something someone would ordinarily be paid for does not count. Unless for non-profit organizations. Hours for Town camps/Churches for example could count. <p>See link</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For Graduation community service hours must be submitted by May 21st. Enables time to process, update transcript and ensure hours are eligible. <p>Graduation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accessibility requirements for Graduation need to advise school in writing by May 1st and payment of Grad fees. Need to know height for gown size. Gowns are purchased and can be donated if a parent volunteer's to organize collection and where they could go (previous year Ecuador). 	
4	<p>Follow-up from last meeting:</p> <p>Fundraising Update:</p> <p>Kernels popcorn sales - Lisa Phillips</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 days of sales Thu/Fri 3-3:20 700 bags sold \$738 dollars in 4 days. Will make \$500 dollars. Can try 1 day – Friday to sell at lunchtime 11:05-12:20. Try afterschool pizza, hosting sports – sell to supporters. Warmer weather – frozen yoghurt freezer logistics. WAC have sold freezies in past. Need parent volunteers Thu/Fri after school. Arrive 15 mins earlier than school end. Plan to rotate support. Student council is also supporting with 2 students as well. <p>Coupon book - Yevgenia Casale</p> <p>Vendors covered cost of production. Asking for student council support to promote sales. Ways to spread word, coupons include lunches, tire change and local restaurants. Upper Canada Mall gift cards raffle will be drawn at parent council May 21st meeting. Fill out raffle ticket ballot, box located in office. Idea to set up table at parent teacher interviews where Student council could sell them. Added as available item to William Tell and School Cash online. Asking parents to share on Social Media, school community able to walk in and go to office to purchase. Big poster available, give warning ahead of time for parents to bring cash to buy.</p> <p>Feedback positive so far for high school fundraisers.</p>	Lisa Phillips
5	PRO grant update	Chris Baker

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Chris Vollum start 7pm April 11th. · Questionnaire for presentation, having material available to print. Parent presentation evening students invited. Run until 8:30pm. Set up Snapd tickets for advertisement. Last year made word cloud on poster to promote event. Hoping parent council able to attend and support/share. Also invite elementary community. · Confirm content for poster - Lisa. · Refreshments sell popcorn & coupon books. 	
6	<p>Chair's Report and Mailbag Lynn Pearson</p> <p>Chair's report:</p> <p>Mail bag: Mailbag to be confirmed</p>	Lynn Pearson
7	<p>Meeting Adjournment</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m. by Lynn Pearson.</p> <p>Next Council meeting date is Tuesday, May 21st, 2019 at 7pm.</p>	Lynn Pearson