

Dr. G W. Williams School Council
Minutes from the meeting of
Tuesday, May 21, 2019

Present:

School Administration - Christopher Hilmer, Diane Conlon

Parents - Lynn Pearson (Chair), Chris Baker (vice-chair), Lynsey McKechnie, Corry Patterson-Goncalves, Toni Chahley, Dina Paraskevopoulos, Yevgenia Casale, Nanda Shamanna, Regan Scott

Regrets: Patrick McQuade, Lisa Phillips

Student Representative – not present

	ITEM	TOPIC LEAD
1	<p>Opening of meeting and Approval of the Agenda and Minutes from January Lynn Pearson (Chair) opened the meeting at 7:07 pm. Item 2 move up Parking/traffic Flow Motion to approve tonight's agenda: Toni; Seconded by Chris Motion to approve March minutes: Chris; Seconded by Corry</p>	Lynn Pearson
2	<p>Parking/Traffic flow & YRT update – Corry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · March 18th until April 5th using pylons to restrict entry to 1 vehicle entering loop until 3:15. Preventing non-school transport & school bus entry until school vehicles have cleared. · Feedback from EA was positive – less squeezing in between for buses and school vehicles. · Stopped April 5th first week following good however couple of parent vehicles have begun to enter during restricted time and mixed in with buses and school vehicles. · Bylaw Officers were also present after March break – witnessed some parental frustration. · New map added to William's Tell to show local parking restrictions. · Loop & street not policed since week off April 5th · Update from Bylaw <p>1) Internal meeting with "Traffic Analyst" expected in next few weeks, Corry will share pictures with Ryan Chung. Ryan will keep us posted on the results of meeting discussion points.</p> <p>2) Bylaw spoke with YRT; enquired about changing location of morning drop off due to students crossing street, technically students are jay walking – discussed with YRT look into alternate route as they are not stopping at any road junction to allow students to cross safely.</p> <p>3) Later this week or next week Bylaw will be in the area of Dunning again, following up on resident concerns.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Addressing concerns on Aurora community Facebook page – Lynn answered directly regarding safety of students crossing from YRT. · Hoping for changes to be made for September. · Update from Board Planning/school meeting with Mr. Hilmer 	Corry Goncalves/ Mr. Hilmer

	<p>School concerns were discussed with board, Board Planning will work with YRT to re-route the buses to have them stop on South side of street. Ryan Chung (Bylaw) suggested right turn only out of loop and school in West out East. Board Planning did not like this idea as they observed potential for traffic to be backed up at the next intersection (4-way stop). There is no possibility for Students to be out directing traffic. Potentially narrowing East entrance/exit – to be reviewed further, possible concerns for snow removal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Town of Aurora have scheduled road work beginning on Golf Links proceeding along Dunning, Edward & Yonge – expected to last 2 months. Details added to Williams' Tell. · Suggestion kids can walk to and from school and be picked up elsewhere during this period. <p>Thank you to Corry for all her time and effort to review, record and educate for the benefit of school community.</p>	
<p>3</p>	<p>Student report - no report</p>	
<p>4</p>	<p>Administration update – Chris Hilmer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Thank you to Parent Council throughout year and progress made this year for traffic and PRO Grant and fundraising. · Prom was held May 2nd at Cardinal Golf Course. Event went very well, no incidents very smooth. Included wandering magician which worked well breaking the ice. Great feedback and students had great time. · March 27th OSSLT results will be available in September. Pass is a graduation requirement, if not successful options are: Ontario Literacy course (probably not running at school next year) or re-take test next year. · PRO Grant update. <p>Joint parent council event with St. Max, lots of end of presentation engagement.</p> <p>Website updated next day on school website under Parents tab, Parent Tools Digital Intelligence Resource April 11 2019.pdf</p> <p>St. Max Parent council provided and manned refreshments table.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Look at new program for PRO Grant, renamed? · Website board standard header background grey difficult to see tab headings. · Author visit Marina Nemat April 25th, Author of The Prisoner of Tehran. Spoke during assembly in school library speaking on hate. · April 17th Annual Regional Parent Symposium at Sheraton Parkway, theme parent engagement. Mr. Hilmer attended (no parents attended) keynote & breakout sessions. Keynote speaker Maria Monteo, Indigenous Knowledge Keeper– more holistic perspective. Community organizations presenting in hallways, raising awareness. · May 1st Best Buddies Prom at Le Park, pictures will be added to yearbook · Spring Music Concert May 9th, professional appearance and amazing sound of musicians. Also amazing performance from the choir, this year's theme was William's at the movies. 	<p>Chris Hilmer</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Graduation, graduation sweatshirts have been sold. All year 12 classes have been visited regarding Grad protocol, requirements for graduation, paying fees etc. 140 students graduate this year, ceremony will be held June 27th at Ray Twinney recreation complex. Need parent council member on stage – Lynn volunteered. · Graduation Gown donation – gowns will be collected and donated to a school (last year our donations were received in Ecuador). · Grade 11 first from school to take IB exams. May 13th, 14th, 17th & 20th. For Math & Physics these subjects are finished and not taken in Grade 12 year. · Wellness Wednesday – April’s presentation focus was nutrition and its effect on our brain and mood. Energy balls which were distributed at the end were well received.. · Timetabling for 2019/2020 differences this year due to provincial budget was made available later than normal. Pushed back from beginning of April until last week, reduced scheduling from normal 2 months process to just 8 days. · Celebrating Student Success awards 20 student awarded, William’s has been represented last 5/6 years. This year 2 students recognized from our student body, Congratulations to Max L. and Nicole I. Presented at awards ceremony. · Neighbourhood Network Give Back Awards 2 students recognized by Magna. Congratulations to Rachel G. and Nicole I. · Congratulations to Millie R. for winning first place with her entry My Home for the 9th Annual CFUW Short Story Contest. · OFSA central qualifying students; 8 will be representing the school. · Tentative first parent council meeting date September 16th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Fundraiser breast cancer student/staff volleyball. All proceeds to Breast Cancer · Movie by-in, May 28th also some staff have volunteered to have full head hair dyed based on funds raised. · Banquets for Music on May 30th and Athletics on June 11th. · Exams June 19th-24th, performance exams June 25th. June 26th shortened day; students encouraged to come in for feedback day. · EQAO June 12th & 13th · Semester 2 sports included: Jr./Sr. badminton, girls’ soccer, flag football, Jr./Sr. 15’s rugby <p>Back to school September</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Fees paid during summer – timetables emailed if fees paid. First day Grade 9’s only. Timetables available on Registration Day August 27th. · Summer school – signup in Blueprint and advise guidance of selection for summer school. If subjects are still on Student’s request for next year, please make changes now in Blueprint. Students can drop into Guidance to let them know. 	Diane Conlon
5	<p>Follow-up from last meeting:</p> <p>Fundraising Update: Lynn Pearson on behalf of Lisa Phillips</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Popcorn Sales 	Lynn Pearson

	<p>\$1,800 in sales & \$480 dollars in profit. \$280 in inventory (less popular flavours) looking for other events to try and clear inventory. Weekly sales will stop due to low sales.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Sell at movie buy-in May 28th period 3/hair-colour event May 28th at lunchtime. · Possible fundraiser for frozen yoghurt would require freezer space at school. Prefer current inventory of popcorn finished before look into new food fundraisers <p>Look into September to start for frozen yoghurt.</p> <p>Coupon books - Yevgenia Casale</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Sold \$400 worth of coupon books & money left over from printing costs (vendors paid to be included) will be added as well. · 39 books completed entries for draw for 2x \$50 gift cards for Upper Canada Mall. · Drawn by Mr. Hilmer & Ms. Conlon winners: <p>Janna Montagnese</p> <p>Adam Moore</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Coupons expires end of summer, except tire rotation – expires end of June. · In conjunction with cost sharing technology school purchased 35 Chromebooks for an additional computer lab area in the library. <p>Thank you to Yevgenia, Lisa and parents for the huge amount of time and effort required for our successful fundraising initiatives.</p>	<p>Yevgenia Casale</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Chair's Report and Mailbag Lynn Pearson</p> <p>Chair's report: Thank you to everyone who came out and supported William's Parent Council this year.</p> <p>Mail bag: Holistic presentation</p> <p>Discussion: CBT not covered by OHIP/insurance – consider exploring tools & apps or group workshop, lobbying for resources. Include on parent resources pages. Possibly combine with more schools on future presentations.</p> <p>What is the protocol for student with knife in school (which happened at a Toronto school recently)? Hold & secure – threat within local area where nobody in & nobody out.</p>	<p>Lynn Pearson</p>

	<p>Knives and weapons are not allowed in school, would result in expulsion, students to report any safety concerns to staff/office. If between, classes report to nearest adult/teacher, staff will respond.</p> <p>Would result in expulsion hearing and VTRA violent treat risk assessment for student.</p> <p>Safety rule review, threats are discussed and students are reminded to report to nearest adult, all classrooms have phones.</p> <p>Staff training for emergencies but not situations like this to intervene.</p>	
7	<p>Meeting Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m. by Lynn Pearson.</p> <p>Next Council meeting date is Tuesday, May 21st, 2019 at 7pm.</p>	Lynn Pearson