

Dr. G W. Williams School Council
Minutes from the meeting of
Monday, November 19, 2018

Present:

School Administration - Christopher Hilmer, Patrick McQuade, Diane Conlon

Parents - Chris Baker (vice-chair), Lynsey McKechnie, Mehrab Khan, Toni Chahley, Jill Harris, Xueying Khan, Corry Patterson-Goncalves, Lisa Phillips, Angie Whittock, Brad Whittock, Jieping Zhang, Dina Paraskevopoulos, Regan Scott

Regrets: Lynn Pearson (chair), Ken Turriff, Yevgenia Casale

Student Representative - Sophia C.

	ITEM	TOPIC LEAD
1	<p>Opening of meeting and Approval of the Agenda and Minutes from September Chris Baker (Vice Chair) opened the meeting at 7 pm. Motion to approve tonight's agenda: Jill; Seconded by Corry Motion to approve September minutes: Jill; Seconded by Lynsey</p>	Chris Baker
2	<p>Student Report: Sophia C.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Student council started photo booth for Movember program – pose with mustache, raising awareness men's health and men's mental health approx. \$1 to participate · Drama club went on Second City field trip · Poetry and coding clubs started Nov 16th · Yearbook cover contest submission by Nov 26th. The theme is Fairy Tales – winner receives a copy of yearbook · Williams' Athletics Council (WAC) Dodgeball; student/staff teams competing on Wednesdays in December · Music Council coffee house, Nov 16th; \$2 admission · Boston Pizza Night for Habitat for Humanity Nov 13th · Semi-Formal – approx. 23 Grade 9s participated among 200 students, fantastic feedback from venue staff regarding politeness and attitude of our students · Math Contests on Wednesday · Art Council for Oasis Network – grief counselling "Chair-ity" auction program – painting chairs and stools, already submitted chair and auctioned off with sun/moon theme. Still in progress stool with fish theme to be submitted next time. · Grad photos – brochure will come home with student; need to book online with Lifetouch, call Lifetouch for student identifier number and order online (need the code and photo date for online ordering). 	Sophia
3	<p>Department Report – Head of Science: Dr. Hyoun Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Department of dedicated and passionate teachers, proud to be part of this department at this school again. Role is to support staff in implementing curriculum. · Staff providing hands-on activities, actively promoting the development of independent learning skills <p>Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Senior science students can assist with mentoring junior students. 	Dr. Hyoun Park

regarding unacceptability of any intolerant behaviour, working with Equity Council during PA day. Updating presentation regarding what an inclusive school looks like and emphasizing that being by-standers is not acceptable via ongoing education. Administration is upset and taking this seriously and looking to support those affected and continuing education.

Questions:

- Asked regarding students out of class, for this to happen – may be during student spares, students may be out of class for number of reasons.
- Consequences cannot be shared, parents have been informed, involved Inclusive Schools, consequences significant for boy and girls also as impact was made greater by presence of other students.
- Asked standard protocol regarding disciplinary actions; no standard consequences; they depend on factors, case-by-case, student behaviour, needs and history. Police were involved as per protocol for bias/hate; was deemed not criminal incident.

- Santa Clause Parade teacher Stefanie Williams will lead Spirit/Cheer Squad, parent volunteers Toni & husband & third parent also volunteering. Toni going to Town of Aurora safety briefing and will update parties.
- PA Day focuses on school improvement, literacy focus
- IB Admissions Assessments Saturday past and this week 260 compared with 212 last year
- Every Student Counts Survey – gathering data on students, students have individual codes, responses specific to each student, board tracks achievement. Completed online with homeroom classes.

- Vision for new school Dr GW Williams, primarily affects Grade 4 and lower as first cohort to enter and graduate solely from the new school; collected data from community for new school. YRDSB plan to share online. Current 18 acres moving to 16 acres.
- further Board plans include Richmond Green at Elgin Mills/Leslie overflow going to Dr Betty Stephenson Centre
- Aurora High full – French Immersion program will be added to King City SS. In addition, next year Aurora High will be closed to transfers, no longer accommodating transfer requests; includes sibling already at Aurora High School are not able to transfer.
- Regency Acres & Highview will still be able to transfer during relocation,
- Dr GW Williams site will be utilized as board site after the relocation

- Grade 8 Information Evening on November 8
- Grade 8 Day on November 14 – great event to see school with classmates, follow high school schedule. This year tried something new, each student received individualized schedule, teacher feedback form here and Grade 8 teachers who came shared that students enjoyed the responsibility of following their own schedule on their own. When travel as cohort more talking, so was a quieter day and teachers able to answer questions. Grade 8s experienced 20 min. classes with 5 minutes for travel. Day included discussions regarding how academic and applied classes are different. Included activities to discover themselves.
- Survey will go out to Grade 8 teachers for feedback
- Remembrance Day assembly – Senior drama and wind ensembles performed
- IB visits are starting – IB Council will visit classes, “Snakes and Lattes” (hot chocolate) for Pre-IB students

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Sounds of Season winter concert is Thursday December 6; admission \$5; great raffle – 4 gold Leaf tickets 1st prize, 2nd prize signed jersey, 3rd prize VR googles, 4th prize 4 free music lessons from Cosmo Music. 	
5	<p>Follow-up from last meeting: Fundraising – Chris Baker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Tabled for next meeting <p>Traffic Flow – Corry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · One-way signs and no U-turn signs ordered by school. · Council looked at satellite views of current west side with photos taken during afternoons showing vehicles parked facing out; afternoons worse than mornings. · East side cars coming in and going out creating traffic jam; 4 metres at narrowest point. View from street at east side, U-turns happening. · Car(s) parked on street at bus stops. · When kids forced to go around the vehicles waiting to turn, they are on sidewalk but navigating vehicles going and waiting to turn in all directions. · Suggest changes take place need to go through board and start in September. · Propose make entire complex one-way east side in west side out. Enables bus to continue drop off at side door on east side. · Propose move bus stop from west entrance to enable cars turning out visibility. <p>Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Small busses, question turning for corner by track, near dumpster, move back dumpster set on concrete but long jump in this location. · Propose east side posts/concrete bringing parking spots closest to road inline. · Posts are present at funnel to stop cars going into school. · Suggestion Board to look at layout, would send suggestions to YRDSB Health and Safety Committee for analysis. Looking at solutions to narrow west entrance, thinking about snow removal around any bollards. Look for solution prior to and commence next September. · Angled parking would assist one way on east side. · Suggest buses stop pulling into parking spots to turn, blind spot, kids walking, potential danger. · Consider other bussing, carpooling options. <p>All agreed excellent presentation, given one week to email Mr. Hilmer, with thoughts before submitting to YRDSB. Mr. McQuade has this evening's presentation file.</p>	<p>Chris Baker</p> <p>Corry</p>
6	<p>Chair's Report and Mailbag: Chris Baker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · PRO grant Parent Reaching Out suspended <p>Mail bag</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Fundraising – tabled for next meeting 	Chris Baker
7	<p>Meeting Adjournment</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m. by Chris Baker.</p> <p>Next Council meeting date is Monday, January 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.</p>	Chris Baker