

Dr. G W. Williams School Council
Minutes from the meeting of
Monday, January 20, 2020

Present:

School Administration - Christopher Hilmer, Diane Conlon, Patrick McQuade, Melissa Schmidt.

Parents - Corry Patterson-Goncalves (Chair), Nanda Shamanna, Regan Scott, Diana Moniz, Schweta Rao, Lynsey McKechnie, Kathy Duncan

Regrets: Lynn Pearson

	ITEM	TOPIC LEAD
1	<p>Welcome & introductions Corry opened the meeting at 7:02 pm. Motion to approve November Minutes: Kathy; Seconded by Schweta Motion to amend agenda: Kathy; Seconded by Diana Agenda accepted as amended</p> <p>Goodbye from Mr. Hilmer</p> <p>Welcome Melissa Schmidt and introduction</p>	<p>Corry Patterson- Goncalves</p> <p>Chris Hilmer</p> <p>Melissa Schmidt</p>
2	<p>Student council report Spirit week WACC dodgeball students vs teachers HOSA fundraising – selling bubble tea Culminating activities and exams Food drive Candygrams/valentines next meeting</p>	
3	<p>Library report Parent council toured Library/learning commons Citation tools Makerspace – cricut cutter, yeti microphone (podcast/voiceover), button maker (examples of student groups, related to events, LGBTQ, indigenous, IB and special projects) and green screen room. Communication technology room, high demand classroom space, added green screen space into library. Students can also sign out a green screen pop up kit. Students can use to pre-record presentations. Community class has enjoyed mystery reader, including picture at end in front of green screen and able to superimpose book cover.</p> <p>Media based website for student communications, theme days, social media club. YRDSB website would need to be adaptive in this regard, new version not yet rolled out.</p> <p>Instagram accounts WAC and IB</p>	<p>Patrick McQuade</p>

	<p>As part of Grade 9 activities included library orientation and literacy in library. Library tour different areas, for activities Areas are booked out by class Handout school website</p>	
4	<p>Vaping presentation School Council forum – October Council watched video – substance misuse webinar – by York Region Public Health about vaping Link to 5 videos: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL3Mt6fg5oCkJHSHOYt6tWvj3OgZkLXA7Z Handouts at forum included Health Canada fact sheets See also YRDSB website; caring & safe schools see tab for Substance use and misuse: http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/SafeSchools/Pages/default.aspx</p> <p>Health impacts & negative impact – was reviewed at orientation with all grades</p> <p>PRO Grant – parents reaching out grant. Changed to School application not School Council \$500 Idea to involve local resources Public Health, Tobacco Officer, Community Officer for April/May.</p>	<p>Kathy Duncan</p> <p>Corry</p>
4	<p>Administration report Past events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grad photos – while we had a few days of graduation photos some students ‘forgot’ to book a time. To accommodate them we have scheduled an additional 3 dates in February – February 24, 25 and 26. Again, students will register for a photoshoot online. • OSSLT prep in library with Zahra Murad • After-school literacy program ran on Monday and Wednesday evenings from Nov 11 to January 14; It was very successful. Our next after school literacy program is running after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays from February 11 to March 12. • Nov 29 was our Period One Grade 9 Orientation session. We had a guest speaker, Blake Fly, who entertained and inspired the students to set goals and work towards them. His stories and musical aptitude were impressive and engaging. • Semi-Formal at Royal Venetian had approximately 250 students attend. The night included students from all grades, including grade 9s, and was a fun evening for everyone – staff and students. • Dec 5 Music Winter Concert was a huge success with standing room only in the cafetorium. <p>Notices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Math EQAO scheduled for January 20 and 21 has been postponed. This is the math test that grade 9 students write 	<p>Diane Conlon</p> <p>Patrick McQuade</p> <p>Chris Hilmer</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exam week starts Thursday 23 9am Period 1-4 and presentation day followed by exam feedback/review day – modified schedule If inclement weather day exams will be rescheduled to exam feedback day <p>Upcoming events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan 21 New visa student orientation sessions. Our incoming Visa students, 14 in total, will spend the day with a current student. They will travel to classes, answer questions about GWW and help them to feel comfortable in the building. • Jan 31 PA Day the focus for the day is related to student learning and assessment needs. Teachers will engage in semester turnaround activities including: promotion meetings, planning for semester two and department preparation. • Feb 3 start of second semester – full day for all students. • Feb 6 evening performance of festival band (7pm). • Mar 12 interim report will be distributed. • Mar 16-20 March Break • Mar 23 School Council Meeting • March 26 Parent Teacher Interviews. This will follow a similar format to first semester. • OSSLT day 	
5	<p>Council action items Card for Mr. Hilmer from School Council</p> <p>Mail bag – no mail</p> <p>Future council meetings March 23rd and Tuesday, May 19th, 2020.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned 8:36pm: Corry; Seconded by Lynsey</p>	Corry Goncalves