

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

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Present:

School Administration - Christopher Hilmer, Diane Conlon, Patrick McQuade

Parents - Corry Patterson-Goncalves (Chair), Marianne McBean Wayne (Vice Chair), Regan Scott, Diana Moniz, Norm Zapata, Chris Baker, Shweta Rao, Lynsey McKechnie, Kathy Duncan, Nanda Shamanna.

Regrets: Sabrina Farjallah, Lynn Pearson

	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>TOPIC LEAD</b>
<b>1</b>	<p><b>Welcome &amp; introductions</b> Corry opened the meeting at 7:07 pm. Motion to approve tonight's agenda: Corry; Seconded by Lynsey Motion to approve May Minutes: Lynsey; Seconded by Corry</p>	Corry Patterson-Goncalves
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Student council report</b> No student representative</p>	
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Administration Profile</b> Overview of review during last meeting. Proposed changes to Leading the Instructional Program reviewed and final changes discussed. Including adding IB to the Administrator profile and emphasis on transition to new location. Final draft approval: Lynsey; Seconded by Kathy</p>	Chris Hilmer
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Administration report</b> Past events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade 8 Info Night was Wednesday, November 13</li> <li>• November 6 was Grade 8 orientation while Grade 9 students were at Take Our Kids to Work Day – almost 400 students visited and were given individualized timetables. Included sessions on supports in high school &amp; involvement in high school &amp; Special Education.</li> <li>• November 11 was Remembrance Day Assemblies which included musical component (instrumental and vocal), drama performance, presentation on establishment of post-war peace, shown names of past Dr. G W Williams veterans.</li> <li>• November 21 and 23 are IB admissions assessments on Thursday night and Saturday morning, changing from Math, English &amp; French test. Moving towards different assessment format for all IB locations.</li> </ul> <p><b>Upcoming events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grad photos – see information in William's Tell</li> <li>• Report cards sent home</li> <li>• Exam schedules issued this week</li> <li>• Ongoing OSSLT prep in library with Zahra Murad commenced in Semester 1. After-school literacy program running Nov-Dec 11; Semester 2 changing</li> </ul>	<p>Diane Conlon</p> <p>Patrick McQuade</p> <p>Chris Hilmer</p>

	<p>to Tue/Thu to give opportunities for all students to attend. OSSLT for Grade 10s on March 31, 2020.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• November 29 is next Grade 9 Orientation: period 1 with guest speaker</li> <li>• Semi-Formal at Royal Venetian has 254 students signed up, including more Grade 9 – sale of tickets ended.</li> <li>• December 5 Music Department present their Winter Concert</li> <li>• Winter Break December 23, 2019 - January 3, 2020</li> <li>• January 20/21 EQAO all Grade 9 Semester 1 math students</li> <li>• January 20 School Council</li> <li>• January 31 PA Day</li> <li>• February 3 start of second semester</li> <li>• February 6 evening performance of festival band</li> <li>• February 7 reports</li> <li>• February 24 photo day for semester 2 – retakes and grad photos</li> <li>• March 12 interim reports</li> <li>• March 16-20 break</li> <li>• March 23 School Council</li> <li>• March 26 Parent Interviews</li> </ul>	
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>Council action items</b>  Vaping video – to be played at next meeting to Parent Council. Sabrina to lead discussion.</p> <p>Check if Board approval to add video link to Williams’ Tell.  Follow up regarding Vaping resources mentioned at YRDSB Forum.  Vaping is treated same as smoking, 20 metre distance from school boundary. Tobacco control officer; some students have been fined and issued ticket, \$305 fine.</p> <p><b>Mail bag</b> – no mail</p> <p><b>Future council meetings</b>  January 20, March 23, and Tuesday, May 19, 2020.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned 8:30pm: Corry; Seconded by Lynsey</p>	<p>Corry Goncalves</p> <p>Chris Hilmer</p>