

Dr. G W. Williams School Council
Minutes from the meeting of
Monday, October 28, 2019

Present:

School Administration - Diane Conlon, Patrick McQuade

Parents - Corry Patterson-Goncalves (Chair), Sabrine Farjallah, Shweta Rao, Lynn Pearson, Chris Baker, Diana Moniz, Kathy Duncan (minutes), Marianne McBean Wayne

Regrets: Chris Hilmer, Lynsey McKechnie

Student Representative – Kai

	ITEM	TOPIC LEAD
1	Welcome & introductions Corry opened the meeting at 7:03 pm. Agenda approved; minutes of September meeting amended to reflect that report cards are coming out November 14 th not November 15 th , approved as amended.	Corry Goncalves
2	Student council report Last week was spirit week; a huge success; we had something different every day – Friday was Visco day and probably the most popular Rugby Boys had a good season; Girls completed their first season Upcoming activities: Costume contest on Halloween; Arts Council to do a Haunted Hallway; Me-to-We has a food drive; Equity Council has clothing drive DECA competition Semi-formal – November 28	Christine
3	Administration update Conducted by Ms. Conlon and Mr. McQuade <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Past events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Club Day - Oct 2 - very successful, need more hallway space, more than 50 clubs and teams; used the hallway for club booths; utilised the time to provide student orientation to the library and Aurora Public Library did a presentation in cafeteria, and got students library cards; many clubs increased participation significantly; students said they had not realized the number of clubs which were available • Awards Night - moved to period 4; not too many parents attended; plan to go back to evening presentation next year • IB Information Night Oct 17 - very successful • PA Day Oct 21 - staff had anti-black racism training for inclusion and diversity • Parent teacher interviews Oct 24 ○ Upcoming Events 	Diane Conlon, Patrick McQuade

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oct 30 College/University fair at Aurora High; 6:30-8:30; Thurs Nov 21 at RHHS also 6:30-8:30 • Nov 5 Term 1 ends - half credit courses end • Nov 6 Take Your Kids to Work Day; plus Grade 8 day • IB applications closing Nov 7th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Different assessment tool being deployed with focus on working with others and collaboration • Report cards Nov 14, PA day Nov 15 • Graduation photos, book online Nov 25 -29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Concerns were raised about not getting info about school photos and how to order; need to get code from company; proofs have not come home ▪ Will follow up on distribution in William's Tell • Dec 5 – Winter Concert • Dec 23 - Jan 3 winter break • Grade 9 math this semester - EQAO Jan 20/21, 2020 • Jan 20 School Council • Exams: Jan 23, 24, 27, 28 - schedule will come out long before; will be sent out hard copy and on website • Jan 29 performance exams finalized • Inclement weather/exam review is Jan 30 • Jan 31 PA day • Feb 3 start of second semester • Feb 6 evening performance of festival band • Feb 7 reports • Feb 24 photo day for semester 2 • March 12 interim reports • March 16-20 break • March 23 school council • March 26 parent interviews • March 31 Literacy test (OSSLT) grade 10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Preparation includes Lit Blitzes which are in class and have already begun ▪ Grade 10 parents - would have received email about literacy supports which begin in semester 1 and continue into semester 2 ▪ Also have after school support available 	
4	Administrative Profile <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Template distributed • Based on Ontario Leadership Framework: Ontario Leadership Framework • Needs to be completed at the next school council meeting • Examples can be found on Ministry website in this presentation - page 3.11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ministry of Education Guide for School Councils 	Patrick McQuade Diane Conlon

5	Mail bag – no mail	Corry Goncalves
6	New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Info about School Council Forum Oct. 23 - Corry, Sabine & Kathy attended • Multi-year plan http://www.yrdsb.ca/AboutUs/BoardPlans/Pages/default.aspx • PRO grant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Changes to funding: decreasing from \$1,000 to \$500 ▪ Consider partnering, checking what other schools are doing to limit duplication • Mental Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Resources currently available <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is currently a social worker and psychology staff member assigned to every school and is a resource not just for staff, but also students and parents • New Board Policy for Suicide Intervention: Student Suicide Intervention Protocol • Everyday Mental Health Project for teachers: based on Elementary School students: secondary school resource almost done: Elementary resource currently being adapted for use by frontline secondary school staff • This resource is very hard to find on the board website unless you know to look for it • Another resource which is available, but predominantly directed to staff is: School Mental Health Ontario • We will provide more info next month on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Vaping ▪ Effective, Inclusive School Councils 	Corry Goncalves
7	Future council meetings Meeting 6 times per year; remaining meetings Nov, Jan, Mar, May on 3 rd Monday of month except October moved to 28 th (due to federal election). Also May meeting is a Tuesday. Monday, October 28 th , November 18 th , January 20 th , March 23 rd and Tuesday, May 19 th , 2020. Meeting adjourned 8:32 p.m.	