

Dr. G W. Williams School Council
Minutes from the meeting of
Monday, September 16, 2019

Present:

School Administration - Christopher Hilmer, Diane Conlon, Patrick McQuade
Parents - Corry Patterson-Goncalves (Chair), Marianne Wayne (Vice Chair), Shweta Rao, Sabine Farjallah, Lynsey McKechnie, Lynn Pearson, Chris Baker, Dina Paraskevopoulos, Diana Moniz, Regan Scott, Nanda Shamanna, Angie Whittick, Thomas Ho, Tushar Rao, Kim Hagopian, Heather Blair, Joyce Arulpragasam, Kathy Duncan, Edward Arulpragasam.

Regrets:, Lisa Phillips

Student Representative – Christine Co-VP

	ITEM	TOPIC LEAD
1	<p>Welcome & introductions Lynn Pearson (outgoing Chair) opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. Motion to approve tonight’s agenda: Chris B.; Seconded by Dina Motion to approve May Minutes: Corry; Seconded by Nanda</p> <p>Mr. Hilmer welcomed parents and introductions were completed Appreciations to last year’s council members, supporting parent events and special thanks to fundraising organizers; coupon books (Yevgenia), popcorn & frozen yoghurt sales (Lisa & Denise).</p>	<p>Lynn Pearson</p> <p>Chris Hilmer</p>
2	<p>Student council report Aim to raise school spirit and fundraise for clubs, improve student appreciation day & BBQ. Student Council wants to continue to support fundraising activities New clubs – fantasy sports club, coding club Voting for Student Council campaigns in action, posters, voting starts Friday. Includes International Rep – represents international students; any student on student visa can be elected. International students can run for all positions. Around 100 international students.</p> <p>Upcoming activities: Light the Night Sports tournaments Semi-formal – November 28</p> <p>Announcements including new clubs every morning and posted outside of cafeteria. Club listing will be posted on the board outside cafeteria includes location of club and teacher. Club information will also be added on the website in due course. Section under student link. Reminder: website format will be changed by Board. New clubs – students or teachers can start clubs. Students need to demonstrate staff advisor, sustained interest, members and longevity for future years and costs that may be incurred.</p>	<p>Christine</p>

<p>3</p>	<p>Vice Principal Association award Recognizing community member making a difference.</p> <p>Awarded to Corry – for all of her time and efforts towards improving traffic flow.</p> <p>Council elections Chair – Corry Goncalves Vice Chair – Marianne Wayne Treasurer – Shweta Rao Secretary – Lynsey Mckechnie Grade 9 parent representative – Sabrine Farjallah</p>	<p>Diane Conlon, Patrick McQuade</p> <p>Chris Hilmer</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Administration update About 1091 students; 355 grade 9's Currently operating 4 period day with common lunch, in future lunch could be assigned by grade, Current common lunch all grades, benefits: extra help; teacher availability, clubs running at lunchtimes rather than after school Expect next year to lose common lunch, periods 3 & 4 will be assigned for lunches. Grade 11-IB - 31 students, 54% remained in program. Similar to other schools. Those not remaining in IB can remain in regular program in our school or transfer to home school. AP examinations, Mr. Fuller meeting this week for applicants to submit applications and fee payment for exams written in May. Applicable to Grade 12, College Board (Princeton, New Jersey). AP courses are not provided at the school, enrichment from teachers for writing AP examinations.</p> <p>Sept 19th We Day – group of students will participate at Scotiabank Sept 23rd – H&S training staff on PA day Sept 26th – Terry Fox run/walk/roll in local neighbourhood, see school cash online. MADD assembly grades 11 & 12 Oct 3rd – Awards night grades 10-12 those receiving awards emails go to parents, subject awards, high honor students (avg. 90% or higher) Oct 4th – photo retake day Oct 10th – orientation for IB grades 11&12 Oct 11th - interim report cards issued “snapshot” of progress, parent teacher interviews can also be requested. Oct 17th –IB information night Grade 8 students & parents For pre-IB, applications open close Nov 7th. Pre-IB assessments Nov 21st or 23rd. Oct 21st next school council meeting moved for Federal election to Oct 28th. Oct 24th Parent teacher interviews Oct 29th Band concert prep Oct 30th 6:30-8:30pm Post-secondary fair – this year at AHS – strongly encourage grade 11&12 to go and meet with representatives, collect material and ask questions. See Guidance board for students Nov 5th – Term 1 ends</p>	<p>Chris Hilmer</p>

	<p>Sept – Jan semester 1, Feb-June semester 2 for ½ classes term ending is significant. Report card November 15th – Mid semester Nov 28th - Semi-formal – full school; encourage whole school to attend at Royal Venetian. Ontario University Fair sept 27-29th (includes out of province). Ontario College Fair Oct 23rd-24th. Sep 30th – Orange Shirt Day – recognition of residential school support survivors, trying to follow truth and reconciliation recommendations. Dates also available on William’s Tell emailed weekly to main email on file & calendar on school website. http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/drgwilliams.ss/NewsEvents/Pages/School-Calendar.aspx</p> <p>PA Day & MADD assembly – safety week, fire drill lockdown, hold & secure drill. 6 fire drills held each semester at least 3 weeks apart, 2 lockdowns 1 each semester, 1 hold and secure per school year. Guide to school year pages 3&4 should be signed and returned. Includes religious accommodations and healthcare forms where appropriate.</p> <p>Grade 9 orientation previous years at Camp Robin Hood, this year series of events throughout year, using as check-in points to determine what Grade 9s need to know and answer questions for integration and successful semester. May include course selection and exam preparation. Including fun elements with education. Oct 2nd – club day, includes tour of library and other support staff, club set up during period 2 including activities during lunch for other grades Teachers are hoping for better integration and support Nov 6th - Take Grade 9 to Work Day, also Grade 8 feeder school day – changes this year Grade 8s attend for whole day, looking at course selections and what it means to be a Dr. G. W. Williams student. Only grade 8 invited this year.</p> <p>Grade 9 parent rep email address will be added to newsletter for Grade 9 parent contact.</p>	<p>Diane Conlon</p> <p>Patrick McQuade</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Mail bag – no mail</p> <p>Fundraising for Visual Arts trip – Proposed Spring trip to Spain; parents can discuss with Mr. Hilmer directly.</p> <p>Future council meetings Meeting 6 times per year: Sept, Oct, Nov, Jan, Mar, May on 3rd Monday of month except October moved to 28th. Also May meeting is a Tuesday. Monday, October 28th, November 18th, January 20th, March 23rd and Tuesday, May 19th, 2020.</p>	<p>Corry Goncalves</p>

	Meeting adjourned 8:29pm: Angie; Seconded by Lynn	
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