

Dr. G. W. Williams School Council Meeting Minutes
Meeting #5 – Monday, May 16, 2022
Virtual Meeting 7:00 - 8:30pm

Attendees

School Administration: Melissa Schmidt, Andrew Gazaneo, Katrina Morrison, Diane Conlon

Parents: Murli (Murlidharan) Sadanandam, (Amy) Qiong Gao, Anita Lo, Alison Mohan, Liudmila Domakhina, Toni Chahley, Christine Irwin, Penelope Ortega, Jodi Montagnese

Regrets: Kathy Duncan

Student Council: Bruce Yu

	Item	Topic Lead
1	<p>Welcome and Introduction Meeting called to order at 7:03pm by Jodi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to approve tonight’s agenda: motion moved by Anita, seconded by Alison. Approved. • Motion to accept March minutes as recorded moved by Amy seconded by Anita. Accepted. 	Jodi Montagnese
2	<p>Land Acknowledgement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Schmidt led the land acknowledgement • Pg 36 Wagamese’s Embers – All my relations – most important word is All. 	Melissa Schmidt;
3	<p>Student Council Report <u>General Events</u> The Constitution was reviewed late March; they are currently preparing for elections; there will be a new slate. Policies are being reviewed, there will be voting for student trustees, and the procedure is being reviewed as well as procedures for club funding, request, approving and giving feedback and ensuring that there is no conflict. The most recent spirit day was denim day and there are plans for a student vs teacher dodge ball day. Alison moved to approve report, Jodi seconds. Accepted.</p>	Bruce Yu
4	<p>Staff Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Morrison provided an update regarding clubs – many requests for clubs and lots have been going. There were many spring sports and the Senior Girls’ soccer won their match today against Richmond Hill. There are end of year preparations going on for Prom on June 16th as well as graduation, athletics banquet and music night, there is a lot of energy for end of year events. Motion to accept moved by Amy, seconded by Jodi. Accepted. 	Katrina Morrison

5	<p>Administration Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written report provided <p>GWW School Council - Monday, May 16, 2022 - Admin Report</p> <p><u>Office Changes, again</u> Wendy Zhang (ASAS) is continuing in an Interim SOAA position at Middlefield HS until July 29 Josie Marrella who is in the ASAS role to replace Wendy Zhang has taken on an Interim ASAS position at Aurora HS until February 2023 Saiqa Dhukai (Guidance) is stepping up into the ASAS role to assist with timetabling while we fill the position. Once the position is filled, Saiqa will return full-time to her role in Guidance (currently we are short staffed) Amanda Zegers in reception will remain with us until June 30th and we hope will be able to return in September while Josie remains at Aurora HS</p> <p><u>OSSLT - Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All eligible grade 10 students and any unsuccessful grade 11 (and non-graduating grade 12) students wrote <p><u>Staffing & Timetabling for 2022-2023</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . course selections are completed . teachers have been assigned subject areas for the coming school year . 15 students have selected to transfer to SVS for the coming school year . timetable is being built and will be finalized before we leave at the end of June, students will receive their timetables before school starts in September . changing to a new Student Management System - PowerSchool instead of Trillium over the summer <p><u>Calendar 2022-2023</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Draft prepared for GWW and will be entered in Google calendar shortly for everyone to access <p><u>Graduation & Prom</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Graduation is scheduled for Tuesday June 28, Aurora Community Centre, \$45/student. Cost for graduation if 295 students attend is closer to \$55/student (without food). Prom is scheduled for Thursday June 16, Paradise Banquet Hall, Tickets \$85 <p><u>Significant Dates:</u></p>	Melissa Schmidt Diane Conlon
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	<p>May 6th – PA Day</p> <p>June June 1st - Music BBQ June 9th - Arts Night</p>	<p>16 - School Council</p> <p>June 14th - Gr 9 EQAO Math (Day 1) June 15th - Gr 9 EQAO Math (Day 2) June 16th - Prom</p>	<p>23rd - Victoria Day 24th – Community Involvement Forms Due 25 - Spring Concert (Rain Date-26th)</p> <p>June 28th - Graduation June 29th - Last Day of School June 30th - PA Day</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are finishing IB exams that commenced at the end of April Fundraising is anticipated for next year to augment cost of graduation Student engagement fees not collected over COVID so this fund is being used to augment cost of graduation <p>Motion moved to accept the report by Anita, seconded by Alison. Approved.</p>			
6	<p>PEAC Parent Symposium</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kathy and Jodie were invited on Edsby to a group PEAC chat (321 active members). The chat was to share what you were doing for fundraising, thank volunteers etc. They put out a newsletter – guidelines for events and fundraisers. In there was the invitation to Symposium - speaker Alex Russell – Keeping them safe helping them grow. “De-helicopter” the parents. Let the kids sort out the challenging times. Let them fail a little bit. Then you could sign up for an additional symposium in a breakout room. Accessibility/Human Rights – Jodi chose it was about accessibility for physical and mental disability in YRDSB schools and how they were improving it. Jodi attended more for the Human Rights the parents they are trying to educate were not there. <p>We need to work on parent engagement so their voices could be heard.</p> <p>Director’s Action Plan – Go to Board website Championing Equity and Inclusivity points 1, 2 lots of time on reviewing curriculum etc text selection tool is used before purchases are made. Is it fit in the context of all the texts we are using. Educators can look at staff beliefs/mindset Increased knowledge/understanding of power privilege etc Staff behaviour re dismantling colonialism. What actions are we going to take and focus on impact not so much on intent Pran Patel video Decolonizing the Curriculum TedxNorwichED We are going through the same process here at G. W. Williams</p> <p>Protocol for Addressing Incidents of Hate and/or Discrimination How can we consistently address/ interrupt behaviour. This covers everyone in the</p>			<p>Jodie Montagnese</p> <p>Admin – Diane Conlon Melissa Schmidt</p>

7	<p>building. Naming the behaviour, reporting the behaviour, documenting the behaviour, supporting the student or employee, conducting the investigation, safety is number 1 – emotional and physical safety, diversity is our strength, equity is our commitment and inclusion is our goal. Hear how the student or employee was impacted, intent vs. impact, we conclude with education and ensuring accountability. Reflection piece as well. Impact is not just on people who viewed it.</p> <p>Get behind the issue, and work on relationships.</p>	
6	<p>Chair’s report and New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No new business <p>Next meeting – 19 September 2022 – elections for the coming school year</p>	
8	<p>Meeting Adjournment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting adjourned at 8: 30pm • Motion to adjourn Amy moved, Jodi seconded. 	Jodie Montagnese

Next Meeting: **Monday 19th September 2022**, at 7:00 pm

All Parents/Guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend.