

Dr. G. W. Williams School Council Meeting Minutes
Meeting #1 – Monday, Sept. 27, 2021
Virtual Meeting 7:00 - 8:30pm

Attendees

School Administration: Melissa Schmidt, Harmandeep Brar, Katrina Morrison, Diane Conlin

Parents: Corry Patterson-Goncalves (Outgoing Chair), Murli (Murlidharan) Sadanandam, Sara Helling, (Amy) Qiong Gao, Kathy Duncan, Anita Lo, Alison and Peter Mohan, Angela Yeoman, Jodie Montagnese, Mary Zizakovic

Student Council: Eunice Han

	Item	Topic Lead
1	Welcome and Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none">Attendees introduced themselves.Motion to approve tonight's agenda: Kathy and seconded by Anita.Motion to approve May's minutes: Kathy and seconded by Peter.	Corry Patterson-Goncalves
2	Land Acknowledgement <ul style="list-style-type: none">Video and acknowledgement by YRDSB students	Melissa Schmidt; Harmandeep Brar
3	Student Council Report <u>General Events</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Student council elections are taking place tomorrow, September 28, 2021: <u>Club Updates</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Working on setting up various clubs; initial clubs to be announced Sept. 28Clubs require a staff advisor Motion to receive the Student Council Report: Kathy and seconded by Anita.	Eunice Han
3	Council Elections <ul style="list-style-type: none">Chair, Vice – Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Grade 9 RepresentativeMelissa explained roles and responsibilities of the positions on the executiveChair – Kathy volunteered and was acclaimedVice – Chair, Jodie volunteered and was acclaimedTreasurer – Murli voted inSecretary – Alison volunteered and was acclaimedGrade 9 Parent Rep – Amy volunteered and was acclaimedMotion to accept the slate – Eunice Han; seconded by Peter; accepted by all, no dissenting votes	Melissa Schmidt

	<p>but it has been fairly easy to pivot because of plans which were already in place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been lots of talk about Mental Health in the first few weeks. • We have been addressing challenges around breaks and numbers of people in the halls because of the sheer number of students in school; working on alternatives such as movement breaks in the classrooms. • Literacy Test coming both Fall and Spring - the school only has 30 Chromebooks which are needed for the students to complete the test; Council voted to put forward up to \$900 of funds which have been sitting towards Chromebooks. • There may be a presentation about apprenticeships available in the fall, both in classes and for parents. 	
6	<p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No new business and nothing in the mailbag. 	Corry Patterson- Goncalves
8	<p>Meeting Adjournment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kathy adjourned the meeting at 8.54 pm. 	Kathy Duncan

Next Meeting: **Monday, Oct. 18, 2021** at 7:00 pm

All Parents/Guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend.