

Dr. G. W. Williams School Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting #5 – Monday, April 17, 2023

In-person Meeting 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Attendees:

School Administration: Melissa Schmidt, Susie Mitchell, Hailey King

Parents: Patricia Kurtes, Kathy Duncan, Johana Vigneswaran, Regan Scott, Qiong Gao (Amy), Wayne Williams, Kathy Derlis, Paul Derlis,

Student Council: Clyde Wang

	Item	Topic Lead
1.	Land Acknowledgement <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ms. Schmidt led the land acknowledgement	Melissa Schmidt
2.	Welcome and Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none">Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Kathy.Agenda – Approved by Patricia and seconded by Johana.Minutes of last meeting – Approved by Wayne and seconded by Amy.	Kathy Duncan
3.	Student Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">Cookie Sale – Student’s father baking and selling for \$2 tomorrowEarth Week happening this week.Open Market – April 28th – Many clubs are able to fundraise.Students Appreciation Day – June 2nd – Day students to appreciate the year.Student Council Communication Board – close to the Guidance office for students to see what events are running.Motion to approve student report – Johana and seconded by Amy.	Clyde Wang
4.	Staff Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">PFLAG coming to the library tomorrow. What it means to be an ally and how to support our LGBTQ students.Sports currently running:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ultimate Frisbee, girls Rugby, Flag Football, Badminton, Track and Field, Varsity Girls Soccer.The SIP (School Improvement Plan) gives us the opportunity to create specific goals for the following: Equity and Inclusivity, Mental Health and Wellbeing, effective Instruction and Assessment.Critical Consciousness and Courageous ConversationsMotion to approve Staff report - Regan and seconded by Wayne.	Hailey King

5.	<p>Administration Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New staff: James Carlin (Geography) and Bonnie Tam (ESL) • Every Student Counts Survey – Late April – May. Would like to hear every student’s voice. Survey closes on May 10th. • Susan Mitchell introduced herself as our Vice Principal who started with our school December 2022. • Ontario Student Drug Use and Health Survey – May 10 (1 class/grade). • Course verifications last week and this week (MyBlueprint). • Mid Terms eDistribution on May 3rd to 5th. • Exam Schedule <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ June 19 (gr12/P1) and 20 (gr12/P2) ○ June 21 (gr9-12/P5) ○ June 22 (gr9-12/P3-4) ○ June 23 (gr9-12/P2) ○ June 26 (gr9-12/P1) • Motion to approve Admin report - Johana and seconded by Regan. 	<p>Melissa Schmidt</p> <p>Susie Mitchell</p>
6.	<p>AI – Chat GPT Applications in the Classroom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chat GPT – can be used in Indigenous education to provide personalized language learning and cultural education to students. Supports language revitalization efforts by generating new text.... • GEN-AI (Generative Artificial Intelligence) - Creates data and material with a suite of instructions established by human beings but with a concluding result created by computers. • Examples of use include written text, data, images, music vocalization, videos/films, animations, avatars, code, scientific exploration. • GEN AI are tools – Great as a Tutor, Writer’s Assistant, Creative Assist, etc. • Chat GPT sprints to one million users. • What is AI and Generative AI? AI refers to the ability of a machine or computer system to perform tasks that would typically require human intelligence, such as problem-solving, decision-making and learning. • Generative AI, on the other hand is a specific subfield of AI that focuses on creating new contents, such as text, images or music using deep learning techniques. • What is ChatGPT? Chat Generative Pre-trained Transformer, is a chatbot developed by OpenAI, a company owned by Elon Musk and other investors. At this time it is entirely free to use online. • Users “chat” with the AI by asking questions. • As an example, we asked the website Why should parents of high school-aged students learn about Chat GPT? List of many answers was displayed. • Tool can also be problematic as it is quite biased and it also doesn’t reference where the responses are being pulled from. • Factors that lead to students being academically dishonest: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ An emphasis on performance rather than learning. 	<p>Haley King</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ High stakes riding on the outcome ○ An extrinsic motivation for success ○ A low expectation of success ○ Lack of time management skills ○ Uninterested in course content/unclear of its relevance. 	
7.	<p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Email sent that the Board budget open for comments until April 26th. ● Prom tickets sold on Cash online. ● Prom guest tickets are sold out. 	Kathy Duncan
8.	<p>Chair's Report and Mailbag</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nothing to report. 	Kathy Duncan
9.	<p>Meeting Adjournment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm. ● Regan motioned to adjourn the meeting. 	Kathy Duncan

Next Meeting: **Monday, May 15, 2023**, at 7:00pm in the Library

All Parents/Guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend.