

## Dr. G. W. Williams School Council Meeting Minutes

### Meeting #2 – Monday, October 17, 2022

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

#### Attendees

**School Administration:** Melissa Schmidt, George Tsigaridis, Nicole Gordner

**Parents:** Patricia Kurtes, Kellie Hutchinson, Johana Vigneswaran, Regan Scott, Anita Lo, Sophia Guo, Murlu Sadanandam, Tricia Riccio, Charles Wang, Amy Qiong Gao

**Student Council:** Clyde Wang

**Regrets:** Andrew Gazaneo, Margaret McKie, Kathy Duncan

	Item	Topic Lead
2	<b>Land Acknowledgement</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ms. Schmidt led the land acknowledgement</li></ul>	Melissa Schmidt
1	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Melissa</li><li>Agenda – Approved by Regan and seconded by Margaret</li><li>Minutes – Approved by Tricia and seconded by Anita</li></ul>	Amy Gao
3	<b>Inclusion Activity</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Attendees joined in on a couple of activities to introduce themselves.</li></ul>	Melissa Schmidt
4	<b>Student Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Clyde introduced himself as Vice President of Student Council and updated the Committee as follows:</li><li>Election on student council representatives took place 2 weeks ago with an increase in voter turnout compared to years prior</li><li>18 new student council representatives; 4 members for each grade</li><li>First President's Council meeting was completed where Club guidelines and rules were discussed:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Clubs must have mandatory attendance for student safety</li><li>A need to request to run events and post Instagram graphics through our Instagram account using a Google form was requested</li><li>First event of the of the school year is a bake sale happening tomorrow</li><li>42 clubs listed on our website and all clubs must have a staff member</li></ul></li><li>Motion to approve student report - Joanna and seconded by Murlu</li></ul>	Clyde Wang
5	<b>Staff Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>October 26 - Post-Secondary Fair</li><li>November 3rd – Grade 8 open house</li></ul>	Nicole Gordner

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fall sports coming to a close</li> <li>• Inter-season sports, tryouts have already happened</li> <li>• Winter sports commencing in the coming days and will be announced on the morning announcements and posted on our website</li> <li>• Focusing as a school on approaches to teaching and learning</li> <li>• Continuing to work on curriculum for destreaming and academic only</li> <li>• PA Day on Friday where staff will be working on Equity and Inclusion, Student Mental Health and Destreaming</li> <li>• Motion to approve staff report – Patricia and seconded by Tricia</li> </ul>	
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6	<p><b>Administration Report</b></p> <p><b>Principal</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focusing on Assessment and Evaluation practices in the school - Equitable Assessment</li> <li>• More opportunities for professional development for staff this year</li> <li>• Bathroom use - working with individual students that are found consistently in the washrooms to support accessibility and safety for all students</li> </ul> <p><b>Vice Principal</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade 10 (and previously eligible students) literacy test November 8-25, two classes a day during period 3</li> <li>• Edsby opens for parent/teacher interview booking on Tuesday, Oct 18 at 9 AM</li> <li>• Take our kids to work day (November 2) for grade 9 students; info shared via email</li> <li>• Interim marks distribution centrally Oct 22</li> <li>• Parent/Guardian - Teacher Interview Night October 27th 6:30-8:30 p.m.</li> <li>• Mid Semester November Report Cards distributed centrally Nov. 18-22</li> <li>• Grad photos Nov 21 - Dec 1</li> <li>• Significant dates:</li> </ul> <table border="1" data-bbox="228 1245 1230 1587"> <tr> <td data-bbox="228 1245 565 1587"> <p><b>October</b></p> <p>19 - Post-Secondary Pathways Assembly</p> <p>19 &amp; 20 - Interim Reports</p> <p>21 - PA Day</p> <p>Theme: Learning Recovery</p> <p>24 - Diwali</p> <p>26 - Post Secondary Fair (Cardinal Carter)</p> <p>27 - Teacher Interview</p> </td> <td data-bbox="565 1245 870 1587"> <p><b>November</b></p> <p>2 - Take Your Kid to Work Day (Grade 9)</p> <p>2 - Take Your Grade 8 to High School</p> <p>3 - Grade 8 Open House</p> <p>10 - Term 2 begins</p> <p>18- PA Day</p> <p>21 - School Council Mtg.</p> <p>21-30 Grad Photos</p> <p>24 - Semi Formal</p> </td> <td data-bbox="870 1245 1230 1587"> <p><b>December</b></p> <p>1 - Music Winter Concert</p> <p>2 - Elementary Music Concert</p> <p>23 - Last Day of Classes before winter break</p> <p><b>January</b></p> <p>9 - Classes begin again</p> <p>12 - Course Selection assemblies</p> <p>24-30 - Exam\Summative Days</p> </td> </tr> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion to approve Administration Report - Anita and seconded by Patricia</li> </ul>	<p><b>October</b></p> <p>19 - Post-Secondary Pathways Assembly</p> <p>19 &amp; 20 - Interim Reports</p> <p>21 - PA Day</p> <p>Theme: Learning Recovery</p> <p>24 - Diwali</p> <p>26 - Post Secondary Fair (Cardinal Carter)</p> <p>27 - Teacher Interview</p>	<p><b>November</b></p> <p>2 - Take Your Kid to Work Day (Grade 9)</p> <p>2 - Take Your Grade 8 to High School</p> <p>3 - Grade 8 Open House</p> <p>10 - Term 2 begins</p> <p>18- PA Day</p> <p>21 - School Council Mtg.</p> <p>21-30 Grad Photos</p> <p>24 - Semi Formal</p>	<p><b>December</b></p> <p>1 - Music Winter Concert</p> <p>2 - Elementary Music Concert</p> <p>23 - Last Day of Classes before winter break</p> <p><b>January</b></p> <p>9 - Classes begin again</p> <p>12 - Course Selection assemblies</p> <p>24-30 - Exam\Summative Days</p>	Melissa Schmidt/ George Tsigaridis
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7	<p><b>IB Program Overview and Review Process</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Gordner reviewed the layout of the IB program. This year the school is completing the 5 year review process and has been gathering input from all stakeholders (students, parents and staff) to inform our next steps as we review all elements of our program delivery.</li> </ul>	Nicole Gordner
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8	<b>Planning for School Council</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will send out a survey through email to the attendees tonight to suggest topics for discussion.</li> </ul>	Melissa Schmidt
9	<b>New Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A parent informed the committee regarding not enough space in the lunchroom for students to sit down to eat</li> <li>Admin will monitor the space in the lunch room now that it is getting cold</li> <li>Will speak with the cafeteria supervisors to be mindful of the issue</li> </ul>	Melissa Schmidt
10	<b>Chair's Report and Mailbag</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nothing to report</li> </ul>	Melissa Schmidt
11	<b>Meeting Adjournment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting adjourned at 8.36 pm</li> <li>First motion to close the meeting is Margaret and seconded by Johana</li> </ul>	Melissa Schmidt

Next Meeting: **Monday, November 21st, 2022**, at 7:00 pm in the Library

All Parents/Guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend.