

Dr. G. W. Williams School Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting #3 – Monday, November 21, 2022

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

Attendees:

School Administration: Melissa Schmidt, Andrew Gazaneo

Parents: Patricia Kurtes, Regan Scott, Anita Lo, Murli Sadanandam, Tricia Riccio, Amy Qiong Gao, Kathy Duncan

Student Council: Hailey Graham

Regrets: George Tsigaridis, Margaret McKie

	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 KathyAgenda – Approved by Patricia and seconded by ReganMinutes – Approved by Amy and seconded by Murli	Kathy Duncan
3	Inclusion Activity <ul style="list-style-type: none">Attendees joined in an activity and shared what they are thankful for and what is the hope for the future	Melissa Schmidt
4	Student Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">Student Council's main role is for students to get involved in various activities.Recently approved club requests:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mahjong Mondays ClubCreative Literature ClubStocks ClubMuslim Students' AssociationMath ClubRecently approved events for Clubs:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Movie Night (change by coffee)Open Mic (music leadership team)Movie Night (music leadership team)Ongoing projects:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Words by Wildcats site (going live soon!)STUCO column on WBW website	Hailey Graham

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upcoming school events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grad Photos Multiples Day (match with your friends) Semi Formal (500 tickets were sold and the venue is at full capacity) Motion to approve student report – Patricia and seconded by Tricia 			
5	<p>Staff Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing to report. 			
6	<p>Administration Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staffing - recently hired another LTO in English, 2nd Report Cards - just completed the reporting cycle and those report cards are being electronically distributed this week Ontario Secondary School Literacy Testing (OSSLT) - being written the entire month, 2 classes/day Technology Night - November 17, entire technology department came together and welcomed 3 colleges, as well as the Curriculum Pathways Coordinator (SHSM, OYAP, Apprenticeships) After School Literacy and Numeracy - provided After School Literacy prior to OSSLT, starting After School Numeracy focused on Grade 10 students New School Update - Still planning for opening in September 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff have been able to review and give feedback to plans for technology and food labs Town of Aurora and YRDSB have collaborated on a turf field and sprint track for the new facility The new school location is on the north-east corner of Bayview Avenue and Borealis Avenue Significant Dates: <table border="1" data-bbox="224 1245 1239 1736"> <tr> <td> <p>November 21-30 Grad Photos 24 - Semi Formal</p> <p>December 2 - Elementary Music Concert 15 - Music Winter Concert 23 - Last day of classes before winter break</p> <p>January 9 - Classes begin again 12 - Course Selection assemblies 24-30 - Exam\Summative Days</p> </td> <td> <p>February 1 - OCAS Deadline 3 - PA Day 6 - Semester 2 begins 9 - Festival of the Bands 16 - IB Alumni Night 16 - School Council mtg. 20 - Family Day</p> </td> </tr> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion to approve Administration Report - Patricia and seconded by Regan. 	<p>November 21-30 Grad Photos 24 - Semi Formal</p> <p>December 2 - Elementary Music Concert 15 - Music Winter Concert 23 - Last day of classes before winter break</p> <p>January 9 - Classes begin again 12 - Course Selection assemblies 24-30 - Exam\Summative Days</p>	<p>February 1 - OCAS Deadline 3 - PA Day 6 - Semester 2 begins 9 - Festival of the Bands 16 - IB Alumni Night 16 - School Council mtg. 20 - Family Day</p>	<p>Melissa Schmidt</p> <p>Andrew Gazaneo</p>
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7	<p>Equity Work at Williams</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In depth work as a school. Over the PA days a lot of introspection for the students 	<p>Andrew Gazaneo/</p>		

	<p>in supporting mental health through identity affirming approaches.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The School Board has a new approach by considering the strengths in a student, building connections between students, considering the school environment and who we bring in to speak to the community. • Looking at assessment practices for the students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Growing success does not require all students to be evaluated in the same way. This includes final evaluations. ○ All students need to be evaluated based on predetermined standards connected to overall expectations. ○ Students must be evaluated as compared to these standards, not as compared to other students. ○ Anything that is evaluated needs to be explicitly taught. 	Melissa Schmidt
8	<p>Planning for School Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thoughts of what we would like to discuss at our future meetings could include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Equity and inclusion ○ Guidance counsellors to speak about course selections ○ Department heads to speak about what is happening within each department ○ Update on the new school site • Any ideas can be emailed to Melissa Schmidt and Kathy Duncan 	Kathy Duncan/ Melissa Schmidt
9	<p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report. 	Kathy Duncan
10	<p>Chair's Report and Mailbag</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email to Chair and Co-Chairs from Parent Family and Community Engagement (PEAC). 	Kathy Duncan
11	<p>Meeting Adjournment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting adjourned at 8.20 pm • First motion to close the meeting is Amy and seconded by Patricia 	Kathy Duncan

Next Meeting: **Tuesday, February 21th, 2023**, at 7:00pm in the Library

All Parents/Guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend.