

**Dr. G. W. Williams School Council Meeting**  
**Meeting #4 - Monday January 18, 2020**  
**Virtual Meeting 7:00 - 8:30pm**

**Present:**

**School Administration:** Melissa Schmidt, Harmandeep Brar, Diane Conlon, Katrina Morrison, Margaret McKie, Anthony Buono, Nicole, Gordner

**Parents:** Corry Patterson-Goncalves (Chair), Chris Baker, Patricia Kurtes, Anita Lo, Adrienne Watt, Kathy Duncan, Nanda Shamanna, Brian Park (Student Rep)

	Item	Topic Lead
1	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Motion to approve November's minutes: Chris, seconded by Margaret.</li> <li>Motion to approve tonight's agenda: Chris, seconded by Margaret.</li> </ul>	Corry Patterson-Goncalves
2	<b>Student Council Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fundraiser in Planning and have some sponsorships.</li> <li>Had spirit week in the past which has been difficult because of virtual; have also had Instagram takeovers with "A day in the Life" stories which students upload through the day.</li> <li>Receipt of Student Report moved by Chris.</li> </ul>	Brian Park
3	<b>Staff Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PRO (Parents Reaching Out) Grant due January 29<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>Wildcat Shout Out – recognition of staff – nothing from parents as yet.</li> <li>School updates coming in emails – notified of COVID exposure in building today, with very few people in the building.</li> <li>Staffing and timetabling ongoing:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One resignation, Stephanie Lerikos, head of Moderns will not be returning;</li> <li>A number of staff going to virtual school for 2nd semester - because of lack of people coming back. They will join the 10 staff that are there from first semester; and</li> <li>Timetabling application not set up to change program mid-year.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Diane mentions timetabling has been a challenge with all of the unknowns.</li> <li>Timetables for the students will be January 26<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>Upcoming PA day on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Assessment and evaluation committee has been working hard on how to manage online.</li> <li>Harmandeep informs Council the Board has come up with a new solution supporting students who are in jeopardy of not getting a credit through normal methods.</li> <li>After School Credit Success program is an after-school program, from Monday to Thursday, for 1.5 hours for students to complete assignments and receive assistance. 34 students have signed up to take advantage of the opportunity.</li> <li>Two classes have opened up. Ms. Morrison and Ms. Oprea are the teachers.</li> <li>Lots of work during a short period of time as this is only for two weeks. January 18<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>Our dedicated Executive Assistants have adjusted their timetable to work until 4:00pm.</li> <li>This program will also run for the second term.</li> </ul>	Melissa Schmidt  Diane Conlon  Harmandeep Brar

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Katrina informed us that that the first session today of the After School Credit Success program was attended by over 27 of the 34 students and additional registrations are still coming in.</li> <li>Staff working hard to support students to give them as many opportunities as possible.</li> <li>Since no exams, new innovative ways for students to be successful are being worked on by the staff. Plenty of challenges finding various creative ways to assess the students.</li> <li>Margaret McKie, SOAA (Secondary Office Administrative Assistant) has worked out a system as the number of people in the building are reducing.</li> <li>Motion to accept the Staff Report: Kathy, seconded by Chris.</li> </ul>	<p>Katrina Morrison</p> <p>Margaret McKie</p>
5	<p><b>School Wellness Team Presentation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Incorporating into our schools and our classroom</li> <li>Working hard to figure out the best approach to incorporate mental health and wellness into classes.</li> <li>A lot of questions to be answered, parent voice is an important piece.</li> <li>Asking staff what they are doing in class; getting feedback from department heads about what their teams are doing.</li> <li>Gathered a lot of anecdotal data - lots of strategies being employed by staff.</li> <li>Trying to identify gaps which exist so that we can identify strategies which can be used to fill them.</li> <li>Identifying what is implicit and what is explicit and the need to be intentionally explicit.</li> <li>Teachers intentions are not a student's reality. Need more feedback from students for staff to understand how they are doing.</li> <li>Finding much of the information being emailed is also a challenge for students.</li> <li>Guidance Counsellor is meeting with students regularly; hope to provide strategies to roll out soon.</li> <li>Drop ins for students over lunch hours have just started.</li> <li>The 5 pillars being used should be an example of how to help the students.</li> <li><a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1072VzS47oTcHwpKRTsscOuOBQABlthdABzw8fNffTws/edit">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1072VzS47oTcHwpKRTsscOuOBQABlthdABzw8fNffTws/edit</a></li> <li>Mental Health Ontario - are you creating the basics to ensure your school is healthy - tiered approach: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work on 5 pillars as foundation;</li> <li>Ask questions after looking at 5 pillars;</li> <li>Found that what we were doing leant itself well to promotion;</li> <li>What is missing and what do we need to do to get there.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Will be opening it up to parent voices - will discuss other pillars in subsequent meetings. Important to get as many voices as we can as the more voices the more meaningful this study is.</li> </ul>	<p>Anthony Buonos and Nicole Gordner</p>
6	<p><b>New Business</b></p> <p><i>Parents Reach Out (PRO) Grant</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Due date January 29<sup>th</sup>, which is a very short timeline.</li> <li>\$500 this year's allotment, which is much less than previous years.</li> <li>In-person speaker would be better so Melissa mentions we should start brainstorming about next steps for a new speaker and subject for next year.</li> <li>Melissa mentions book one speaker during the day and another in the evening. Works out effectively.</li> <li>Corry mentioned finding speakers who may be complimentary in the community.</li> </ul>	<p>Corry Patterson-Goncalves</p>

7	<b>Chair's Report and Mailbag</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mailbag had letter from the Board office that wished everyone a Merry Christmas and an apology for posting everyone's email.</li> <li>Motion on Mailbag and New Business: Patricia and seconded by Chris.</li> </ul>	Corry Patterson- Goncalves
8	<b>Meeting Adjournment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Corry adjourned the meeting at 8.26pm.</li> <li>Motion to adjourn: Patricia and seconded by Kathy.</li> </ul>	Corry Patterson- Goncalves

Next Meeting: **Tuesday, March 23, 2021** at 7:00 pm

All Parents/Guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**Future Meeting Dates**

Monday, May 17th, 2021