

**Sir William Mulock Secondary School  
School Council Meeting  
Tuesday June 16, 2020**

**Present:**

Denise Anderson  
Kelly Broome  
Daniela Mallinas  
Doug Ikeda  
Farnaz Taremian  
Jackie Akestoridis  
Jody Hamilton  
Rick Hamilton  
Claudia Levy  
Minahimy Rahimy  
Rose-Ann Punnett  
Susan Marshall

**Staff:**

**Carmen Spiteri-Johnson** (Principal)  
Ranjit Gil (Vice Principal)  
Samantha Pohlmann  
Susan Sopha

**Welcome and Introductions**

Kelly welcomed everyone

**Review of Agenda**

Agenda was approved

**Review of Minutes from February 18<sup>th</sup> 2020**

Minutes were reviewed by all members

Daniela Mallinas motioned for the approval of the agenda and minutes and Claudia Levy seconded it.

**Teachers Report – Samantha Pohlmann**

- The Breakfast Program has donated \$750 worth of Metro gift cards to the Newmarket Food Bank and \$250 worth of Metro gift cards to a

family in need as the school could not use them due to the school being closed as a result of COVID19. This was approved by the Breakfast Program coordinator for the Region.

- There was no Student Council election held this year due to COVID19

### **Treasurers Report - Claudia**

- The Treasure's Report was sent out to Council members ahead of the meeting
- \$980.00 was raised through fundraising in December and March
- The School Council can determine how the money can be spent
- There must be a plan to determine how the money must be spent
- Kelly proposed using the funds towards and outdoor classroom
- Carmen has additional money in the budget that can be put towards this plan
- She has spoken to the Eco Club advisor
- Carmen would like student voice involved in the planning
- We could look at a longer fundraising plan but it cannot be too long as students and their family would want to be able to see what we are working on
- An outdoor space may help with COVID
- The money needs to be spent in a reasonable time frame
- Could consider grants and apply for a project
- We cannot access money through sponsorship
- Someone can donate money but they cannot ask for recognition in return
- This discussion will be continued after the questions from parents are addressed as there have been questions about whether or not money can be spent towards the 2020 graduates

### **Administrators Report - Carmen**

- Teachers are trying to deliver programs moving forward there will be more synchronized learning opportunities
- They are developing a Learning and Caring 2.0 plan
- We need to consider barriers to on line learning for some youth for example they might be responsible for carrying for siblings or they may have to share laptops with their siblings
- Enrolment is up for 2020/2021
- They will have a good compliment of teachers

- Some teachers are leaving for opportunities at other schools and we will be getting some new teachers
- They are currently working through course conflicts right now
- Carmen discussed the questions which parents had submitted and grouped them by theme

- 1) Report Cards
- 2) Online Process
- 3) Graduation

## Q & A

Question	Response
Will there be a plan for students to access any items left in their lockers? Also, how can students access IT support remotely if something happens to their school laptop?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to school is June 15-17. Anyone who hasn't yet signed up can attend the school on June 15 and we can accommodate them</li> <li>• If there are issues with school laptop "loaners", board loaners or SEA equipment please contact VP/P and we will contact ITS</li> <li>• Typically our ITS department is dropping off another laptop and taking the other one back for service</li> </ul>
First class of the day starts at 8:05, so why is the class work not uploaded so the students can start at 8:05? If the kids were in school the class would be going Example it is now 8:55 and first period math is not available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learning and Caring Plan developed by board, as per Ministry direction</li> <li>• Teachers were given direction to provide 3 hours per week per subject</li> <li>• Asynchronous model to begin; teachers had choice re synchronous</li> <li>• Ministry and Board mandated synchronous to be implemented in June. Teachers providing 1-2 opportunities per week for the Month of June</li> <li>• (Not mentioned in meeting, but additional information) There was no mandate around what time of day materials were to be posted, only that office hours are to be shared with students so they could expect teacher response immediately within that hour</li> </ul>
If the next year will be online ( I hope it will not be online ) , are there real online classes for the students, I mean they see their teachers and will be able to talk with them and their classmates?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learning and Caring plan 2.0 is being developed but awaiting Ministry direction</li> <li>• We anticipate that synchronous learning (where students can see their teachers) will be part of this plan</li> <li>• We recognize the importance of "face to face" engagement</li> </ul>
Will school be open this fall? If not , any possibility that students have video conferences classes? Is it possible some courses be online, some attending at school?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We expect some in-person classes</li> <li>• We also expect some online presence to start the year.</li> <li>• We anticipate video conferencing (synchronous learning) with students</li> </ul>

<p>If the next year will be online ( I hope it will not be online ) , are there real online classes for the students, I mean they see their teachers and will be able to talk with them and their classmates?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are awaiting Ministry direction to YRDSB about the plan.</li> <li>• There will also be a plan should we need to close the schools due to Public Health directives</li> </ul>
<p>Please share information on what the September back to school format is anticipated to be. What is the % live classroom attendance to online learning? Will students be required to wear face masks in school? Will hand sanitizer be provided in the schools? There are many questions so I'm looking forward to attending the session and getting some idea of what the future holds.</p>	
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<p>When the guidelines come out for returning to school in September, will the council get a chance to weigh in or at least find out before it goes public? Thank you.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carmen consulted with Superintendent on this question</li> <li>• It has not yet been 100% determined what parent outreach will look like</li> <li>• However, current feedback via parent survey is being closely analysed and being used to inform updated board plan (Learning &amp; Caring Plan 2.0)</li> </ul>
<p>Realizing there are no definitive decisions as of yet, could the various options under consideration for "the back to school plan" in September be reviewed with parents.</p>	
<p>1 - has the date for grad officially been determined? 2 - what will happen if students cannot come back for their grad in the fall months? 3 - if a student does not come back, will School Cash online provide a refund for grad fees? 4 - are there any plans for a prom for grade 12 students? 5 - how will universities receive the grades required for entrance and admission verification? 6 - When will students be allowed to come into the school to clear their lockers out?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. No - Still to be determined</li> <li>2. Diploma and other graduation materials will be distributed but the process has yet to be determined</li> <li>3. Yes</li> <li>4. No. Prom was cancelled but we hope to provide an "enhanced reception" for students at graduation.</li> <li>5. This process remains the same with an upload of marks to OUAC (University application website) and OCAS (College Application website)</li> <li>6. June 15-17.</li> </ol>
<p>My daughter is studying in grade 12 and I am concerned how she will be graduated. He enrolled for the university and I want to know if her diploma will be ready before september</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report cards and diploma are issues after Graduation date (June 26)</li> <li>• Report cards are being emailed to students.</li> <li>• Report cards for grade 12s will be signed and filed in their Ontario Student Record (their academic record file)</li> <li>• All other materials will be distributed, including diplomas, by a process that has not been finalized</li> </ul>
<p>Is council looking at creative ways to support and recognize the graduating class of 2020? Is there any fundraising money that would have been put towards PROM or any other grad activity, or any extra monies that could be put towards the grads. I understand with Public Health Measures it is difficult to DO something for the grads but maybe get something for them such</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board has provided guidance around appropriate graduation recognition</li> <li>• Any activities must consider safety, fiscal responsibility, equity and privacy</li> <li>• Funds provided to the school by the Ministry for Instructional program may not be used for graduation</li> </ul>

<p>as small personalized tokens, as an example. A lot of promotional companies do keychains, notebooks, pens, socks, water bottles etc. I realize the school itself can only spend on certain items but feel that in such an extraordinary year, the school community should do something for this group of grads as they have not only had a crappy end to their gr 12 year but their first year of post secondary will also be greatly affected. Thanks for your thoughts and consideration of this topic.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Generated Funds (i.e. student activity fee) may be used in line with guiding principles above</li> <li>• Prom tickets were not sold (and any funds collected for a specific purpose like prom) cannot be utilized for another purpose.</li> <li>• To date, Mulock has done the following to recognize our graduates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Personalized letter to potential graduates</li> <li>○ The opportunity to take a Grad “selfie”</li> <li>○ A video is being created specifically for our graduating class to be distributed on what would have been their graduation day</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The request to use School Council funds requires a decision by this group (excluding school staff).</li> <li>• As long as it is in alignment with board protocols and the guiding principles listed above, the wishes of the school council on how to use the funds will be granted by the Principal</li> </ul>
<p>Parent QuestionL</p> <p>What will the communication plan for graduation for families of 18+ students?</p> <p>How will graduates be informed if their GAPPS accounts are closed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carm has forwarded this question to Senior Superintendents for consideration</li> <li>• (After the meeting, Carm also thought that a mailed invitation to the home address of the student would help to ensure students and families were aware)</li> </ul>

Discussion as to whether the fundraising could be used for the 2020 grads  
There are 299 grads and \$980 in fundraised money which would not be much per student

It was suggested that if we did the outside classroom area we could erect a plaque dedicated to the Class of 2020, it was suggested that a table could be inscribed with the Class of 2020 and it was also suggested that graduates could sign something that would then be displayed in the outside classroom area

Motion – To plan to use the \$980.00 raised through fundraising to create an outside classroom area where youth could meet and that area would be dedicated to the Class of 2020

Kelly – Motion

Claudia – 2<sup>nd</sup> the Motion

Motion Carried

## Dates for the 2020/2021 School Council Meetings

September 22<sup>nd</sup>

November 16<sup>th</sup>

March 9<sup>th</sup>

June 21<sup>st</sup>