



Westminster Public School School Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday September 25th, 2019

Start at 6:30pm

Westminster Principal/Staff: Melissa Murray, Cheryl Ebidia

Council Members present: Diana, Sandra, Lucy

Guests: Rose Ganzon, Rachael Markovsky, Kaab, Julie Feinberg, Linda Lalani, Alana Dennis

1. Approval of March 27th, 2019 Minutes: (VOTE Required)

- May 1st, 2019 Meeting cancelled due to scheduling conflict for Principal.
- Minutes Approved: Diana voted, Lucy Seconded

2. Approval of Treasurer's Report: (VOTE Required)

- Treasurer's Report reflective of final figures for 2018/2019 School year.
- Going in to 2019/2020 school year budget of \$1792
- Treasurers Report Approved: Dianna voted, Lucy Seconded

3. Chair's Report:

- Thank you to everyone from last year
- Introductions

School Council Constitution Adoption: (VOTE Required)

- One change, to change number of votes required to meet quorum.
- Proposed to lower minimum requirement from 6 to 4
- Chair gets extra vote if there is a tie.

School Council Executive Roles Elections: (VOTE Required)

- New School Council Approved: Approved by Sandra, Seconded by Rachael, Majority Voted Yes: Rose, Diana

Voted in 2019/2020 Council Members:

Chair: Diana Mousavi

Secretary: Rachael Markovsky

Treasurer: Sandra Eamor

Members at Large (Voting Members): Lucy Ivascu, Rose Ganzon, Alana Dennis, Julie Feinberg

4. Principal's Report:

Land Acknowledgement

- We are a declining enrollment school.
- Window construction still not complete.. 4 left to be replaced. Hoping it will be done by Christmas.
- Snow guards also installed to stop snow that collects on the roof

- New tree being planted to replace one that died. Red Maple Tree to be planted in memory of a staff member that worked with Mrs. Murray in other program for Autism and Development Disability Program.
- EQAO – our scores are not where we want them.. only had 14 Grade 3s write the assessment. Reading 71% met level 3 or 4, writing 43%, Math 50% Math is an issue across the Board. Our numbers are in line with the rest of the province. 30% are English Language Learners and 14% have a learning need, 71% are speaking a language other than English at home.
- Grade 6: 74% writing, 50% for Math (higher than provincial level), over 70% need additional learning support, but not provided through EQAO.
- EQAO is a snapshot of what students can do, but in school, that is not the only way to look at and assess what a student knows. Not to excuse the results, but to provide context of the data.
- Data still being assessed, leadership team to review the data to determine what to do to better support our students in the coming year.
- Because the test is in May, there are some curriculum elements that may not get covered by that point in time.
- Elementary Teachers are generalist. Most of our teachers have two grade levels. We are providing additional training to teachers, including in Math.
- Want to avoid kill and drill numbers... want to get students to think more about the why and the how behind math and numbers. They need to know how to solve problems. English Language Learners are having difficulty with the language behind the tests.

5. Proposed 2019/2020 School Council Events:

- Need to be aware of Teacher Job Action for support staff. May affect janitorial staff and how we execute upcoming events. May need extra volunteers to assist with cleaning etc.
- **Autumn Ball:**
 - Will plan for Wednesday Oct 30, 2019 5:30 to 8pm
 - Not going with a DJ to save on costs, and due the unknown impact of potential job action.
 - May be a Movie Night instead, or may not include food to avoid a bigger mess
- **Yearbook:**
 - Alanna to take pictures, and do some research with potential yearbook vendors etc.
 - Mrs. Murray to reach out to vendors to set up meeting.
- **Fresh From the Farm:**
 - Order date extended to Oct. 11
- **School Lunches:**
 - Started this week with D-Lites and Astoria

Future School Council Meeting Dates: Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 6, 2019 6:30pm
 Future dates to be selected and communicated by Diana

Meeting Adjourned 7:48pm