



Westminster Public School Council

School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: March 4, 2021; Time: 7pm

Attending: Mrs. Schlosser (Principal), Ms. Cheryl Ebidia (Support Staff), Diana Mousavi (Chair), Sandra Eamor (Treasurer), Linda Lalani (Secretary), Rose Ganzon, Oma Persaud, Joseph Batac, Ms. Melissa Malfarra (Staff), Ms. Keren Piso (Staff)

Absent: Kate Batac, Lucy Ivascu

Visiting Parents/Guardians: Valery Golstman

Legend: D- decision, W – working item, I – information item

Item #	Type	Agenda Item	Presenter	Action/Discussion
1.0 Standing Agenda Items				Start 7:05 pm
1.1	I	Welcome, Online norms	Mrs. Schlosser	
1.2	I	Review of Agenda and Approval of November meeting minutes	Diana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved previously and posted online.
1.3	I	Review and Approval of November Treasurer Report	Sandra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved previously and posted online.
1.4	I	Principal's Report A. COVID 19 Protocol Updates B. Re-Organization/Numbers C. Pink Shirt Day D. Pro-Grant E. Black History Month F. PA Day Staff PD	Mrs. Schlosser	<p>A. COVID protocol changes: Mandatory masks 1-8; all staff must wear eye protection as well as masks. Open entry in the morning; Must leave right away at the end of the day. If one student is home due to COVID – siblings must also stay home. One child has symptoms – all siblings must stay home as well (until cleared). Issue with some parents not wearing masks at drop-off and pick-up.</p> <p>Question raised about COVID testing: Public Health (PH) is setting up areas for asymptomatic testing (it is optional if you wish to go; it's booked online). Every Wednesday PH distributes a list for those schools that can go and get tested (our school has not been on the list yet). Testing does not occur at school but at the testing sites.</p> <p>B. Re-org and numbers: Some kids came back from virtual and some switched to virtual. We had no re-orgs (9 came back and 9 went to online; 6 brand new students to the school since the closure). Now turning attention to enrollment projections for September.</p>

				<p>C. Pink Shirt Day: Bully prevention lead by the KG team. Pink shirt print outs handed out to all kids at the school and each student wrote ideas on how to prevent bullying – All shirts were displayed in the front hall “Let’s hang bullying out to dry”.</p> <p>D. Pro-Grant: Youth Speak – grades 1-8 (anti-racism assembly; two separate assemblies for the age groups). Identities interwoven – embroidery project each student can work on. Grades 6,7 and 8 (week of March 8th will begin).</p> <p>E. Black History Month – each class researched a person of interest; final products will be shared with parents.</p> <p><u>Other:</u> Mental Health (MH)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Behaviour as a mode of communication: Supporting student’s mental health; 1/3 of Westminster students have some sort of MH need or concern. Big focus of the school. Board-wide mandated session Westminster participated in. MH activities purchased as resource for teachers (2 to 10-minute activities the teachers can use for their students). • Question: How are the teachers being taken care of? Weekly staff check-ins are held; Board releases workshops each week. Principal 1:1 check in’s as well; encourage teachers to support each other; Ms. Schlosser has an open-door policy. <p>2020 Grade 8 Graduation Ceremony:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ilyan (student rep) to survey grade 8’s on memento they would like to have for their graduating class. • Preference is to have the ceremony before school year ends (not in the fall). Possibility of having it outside to be further explored as we get closer to the end of the year. <p>Announcements:</p>
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2.0 New Business/Ideas				
2.1	I,D	A. Virtual Activities		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Virtual school activities – Zoom is now allowed by our Board. Google Meet is another option. We can discuss the logistics with Mr. Tamblyn. Idea: Virtual Bingo (free of charge) and prizes would be virtual gift cards. Ask people to register beforehand so we can plan for the numbers. Virtual students to be invited too. Date: TBD.
3.0 Subcommittee Updates				
3.1	I/D	Fundraising A. Flip Give (TBD)	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flip Give – \$170 raised so far this year Water bottles - \$220 raised from this (21 bottles purchased) Possible grad gift: Westminster water bottles. We can run this fundraiser again in the Spring.
4.0 Other				
<p>Meeting Adjourned @ 7:55 pm Next Meeting Date – May 5th, 2021 @ 7pm</p>				

Land Acknowledgement

We would like to start by acknowledging that we are on the traditional territories of the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee, and the Anishinaabe peoples, whose presence here continues to this day. We also would like to acknowledge this is the treaty lands of the First Nations of the Williams Treaty and thank them and other Indigenous peoples for sharing this land with us. We would like to acknowledge the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation as our closest community and partners in education.