



# Westminster Public School Council

## School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday Nov 25<sup>th</sup> 2020; Time: 7pm

**Attending:** Mrs. Schlosser (Principal), Ms. Melissa Malfara (Teacher), Cheryl Ebidia (Office Staff), Diana Mousavi (Chair), Sandra Eamor (Treasurer), Linda Lalani (Secretary), Paul Markovsky, Lucy Ivascu, Rose Ganzon, Oma Persaud, Joseph Batac

**Visiting Parents/Guardians:** Nimesh Bhatia, Said Escamilla

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

Item #	Type	Agenda Item	Presenter	Action/Discussion
<b>1.0 Standing Agenda Items</b>				<b>Start 6:35pm</b>
1.1	I	Welcome, Online norms, Land Acknowledgement	Mrs. Schlosser	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Everyone welcomed. Welcomed two new families to Westminster PS.</li> </ul>
1.2	D	Review of Agenda and Approval of September meeting minutes	Diana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minutes approved.</li> <li>School office will post the Minutes on the school website.</li> </ul>
1.3	D	Review and Approval of Treasurer Report	Sandra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approved. Last change was a donation for the 2020 grade 8 ceremony (\$300 for the awards which was already approved).</li> <li>School office will post the Treasurer's report on the school website.</li> </ul>
1.4	I	Principal Report & Teacher Report A. Anti-bullying week B. Cyber Safety C. Parent-Teacher interviews D. Report Cards E. Inclusive Schools – partnership F. Mental Health Speaker (Dec. 2) G. Fundraising – Water Bottle Sales	Mrs. Schlosser	A. Anti-bullying week: It was a successful week. Displays in the front hall continue. B. Cyber Safety: Grades 4-8 had a presentation; parents were invited to an evening participation. There have been some online incidents in the school; the tutorial has been helpful in addressing them. C. Interviews held successfully in a virtual format (GoogleMeet or by a phone call). D. Report Cards: Reach out to teachers anytime if parents have questions. E. Inclusive Schools: Spoken word poetry slam competition (Dwayne Morgan workshop). Intermediates will be participating. F. Mental Health Speaker: Please RSVP for the December 2nd session; share with other parents (spread the word).

				<p>G. Water bottles: We get \$10.00 back to the school with every purchase. An email went out with the link to purchase.</p> <p><b><u>OTHER:</u></b></p> <p>COVID-19 updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The school has been cleared (case from October); all students back to in-class learning.</li> <li>• Next opportunity to switch learning mode is at the end of January. Hopefully there will be no class re-organizations (very few requests about switching have been received by the school).</li> </ul> <p>Snow Days</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inclement weather policy updated this year – days when buses are cancelled schools will be physically closed.</li> <li>• Teachers will be asked to teach online those days. Before and after school programs will be closed on snow days as well.</li> <li>• Official communication will be forthcoming.</li> </ul> <p>2020 Grade 8 Graduation Ceremony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Virtual graduation rescheduled for December 3rd (drive by pick up of the awards after the ceremony)</li> </ul> <p>Student Rep.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ilyan Lalani (Grade 8) confirmed as Student rep on the School Council.</li> <li>• Will work on ideas for getting the Yearbook started and any other Council related initiatives that can be safely achieved during COVID.</li> </ul> <p>Communication with Parents/Guardians</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Various methods of communication with parents is confusing (e.g. Edsby vs. Google Classroom). Mrs. Schlosser will bring this forward to the teachers to ensure there is consistency.</li> <li>• Regarding the Council blog, the purpose is to bring the school community together and include information we find useful for parents</li> </ul>
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				<p>without putting pressure on the school to communicate. The challenge is that the Council blog needs to be connected to the school blog.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● It was raised that the “river” on Edsby is not a very efficient form of communication.</li> </ul> <p>Google classroom training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sandra E. to hold a virtual google classroom tutorial for parents.</li> <li>● If there are only a handful interested, she could also reach out individually.</li> <li>● A form will be sent out to register and to include questions on what parents want Sandra to cover during her tutorial.</li> <li>● Date: Tuesday December 14<sup>th</sup> 7pm to 8:30pm.</li> </ul>
<b>2.0 New Business/Ideas</b>				
2.1	I,D	<p>A. School Blog, School Council Blog (TBD)</p> <p>B. Virtual Activities</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Virtual school activities – date TBD (in the New Year). Do we need the principal online for these events? Mrs. Schlosser will need to determine what platform can be used, but she also needs to be involved (but Parent Council can organize and lead).</li> <li>● Brainstorm ideas for virtual fun night activities. (e.g. Baking night, dance party, bingo).</li> </ul>
<b>3.0 Subcommittee Updates</b>				
3.1	I/D	<p>Fundraising</p> <p>A. Flip Give (TBD)</p> <p>B. Mabel’s Labels (TBD)</p> <p>C. Other ideas (TBD) ie: Magazine Orders, Toy Sales, Pizza Orders</p>	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Flip Give – about \$100 raised last year. Sandra will set it up and an email will be sent to the school (including the virtual families). There is no additional cost. We are still buying from the original source.</li> <li>● Mrs. Schlosser has suggested that we delay other fundraising for the time being.</li> <li>● We cannot do Pizza Pizza this year; we don’t get the promotional prices if we don’t buy in bulk.</li> </ul>
<b>4.0 Other</b>				
<b>Next Meeting Date – February 10, 2021 @ 7pm</b>				