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Westmount Collegiate Institute School Council Meeting Minutes March 23, 2016

1. Welcome – Daphna Romi / Steven Mayers:

- YouthSpeak was successful. L.H. Frechette hosting YouthSpeak on March 31, 2016 at 6pm.
- Parent's symposium on March 30th.
- Looking to secure more speakers and presenters for the next school year. Looking to stay with the Mental Health team.

2. Principal's Report – Sheri Epstein:

- Staffing and student numbers: Number of students will go up next year. 1255 currently, approx. 1340 for next year. School built for 1076. Ok to be 110-120% of capacity.
- Influx mostly Grade 9 – next year 375 for Grade 9 class.
- Our population consist of 60% transfers, 40% local. Any transfer application in by end of February was automatically accepted. Beyond that there is no guarantee to accept transfers.
- Staffing numbers from board next week. Staffing formula is a combination of registration and average credit count in building. School with higher credit count will result in more staffing.
- Board wide--declining enrolment. People are not having as many children.
- Once a student is enrolled or transfered to Westmount they can remain a Westmount student throughout their high school career.
- Administration staying the same next year.

3. VP Report – Sheldon Zelsman / Lisa Wargo

- Literacy test March 31, 2016. There will be a modified school day. Letter was sent home.
- There was supposed to be online version this year, but not at this point. There was online prep tests. A number of students taking after school literacy classes
- Awards assembly was successful.
- Interim reports were sent out.
- Relay for life (Canadian Cancer Society) is being set up by the Student Council. Thursday May 26, 2016. Business fundraising will coordinate with this event.
- Semi-formal not occurring this year. More often in-school activities instead.



4. Student Council Report - Jake Benaim/Jesse Benudiz

- Send regrets

5. Guidance Report – Rod Conte

- 59 School days remaining
- Prom May 12, 2016. Full sit down dinner.
- Updated guidance website.
- April 6, meeting with Grade 12. Go through graduation procedures.
- April 20, 2016 grad ticket distributed. Prom tickets are through cash online
- Valedictorian selection is coming soon.
- Awards of excellence nominations are due April 1, 2016.
- Full disclosure for school May 2, 2016. Midterm marks transmitted April 28, 2016. For grade 12, last day to drop a course is April 27, 2016 for it not to show on Transcript. After that date, there is a Withdrawn course designation.
- Page on website specifically for graduating class.
- May 29 a student will receive offers from University.
- Graduation is at Paradise Banquet Hall.

6. New Business

- Applied for pro-grant again for guest speakers – parent engagement.

7. General

- For future awards ceremonies, please have the presenter on the riser and in the future there will be a better speaker system.
- The new speaker system will be installed in the cafeteria on May 6, 2016
- Some universities offer early acceptance. Students can apply in November and get an offer sometimes in December/January, which is a conditional offer.
- Additional volunteer hours are not tracked beyond the minimum necessary.
- Final report cards are mailed to homes.

Next School Council meeting is on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 7:00pm in the Library, on the 2nd floor.