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Westmount Collegiate Institute School Council Meeting Minutes September 14, 2016

1. **Welcome – Mark Feigenbaum:**
 1. Welcome to the new year
 2. Amazing attendance at meeting!
 3. Daphna sends her regrets
2. **Principal's Report – Sheri Epstein:**
 - First day of school amazing
 - 370 Grade 9 students. Largest class ever – all assigned to Wolf Pack
 - 450 parents attended Grade 9 day
 - 1365 total students
 - Timetables – a couple of weeks until everything gets settled
3. **VP Report – Sheldon Zelsman / Lisa Wargo**
 - Safety drill – fire drill coming up (secret day)
 - First semester lock down drill
 - Hold and secure drill – entire building locked
 - There are 6 fire drills a year. 2 lockdown drills (one in each semester)
 - All entrances are open in morning, then all entrances locked except front door
4. **Student Council Report – Ronny Litvack-Katzman**
 - Student Council is running a multitude of events
 - Enhance students learning and interact to enhance their experience
 - Sept 21 H.O.W.L day – Grade 9 students will go with leader to Green Acres for leadership activities
 - Sept 22 Grade 9 representative election
 - Sept 28 Club fair
 - Oct 31 Halloween haunted house and fright movie night
 - Dec 8th semi-formal dance off school property
 - Westmount Wednesday at end of every month for spirit
 - Relay for life May 25th last year raised \$24,000.00



5. Guidance Report – Rod Conte

- Timetables are done for grade 12. 98% of kids are happy
- Friday all classes are final
- Semester 2 can be changed throughout the semester. Plan ahead
- University fair – metro convention centre. Sept 23-25. Not too early for grade 10 and 11 to go to fair.
- Follow up fair in Oct 17/18 at Direct Energy Centre
- November 2. High schools mini fair
- November OUAC will start process of university applications
- College process can create account at any time
- Oct 27 Graduation preparation assembly. Also in April
- Guidance website full of information and dates for fairs
- Twitter is best way to communicate to everyone in real time
- Career cruising has a lot of information on potential careers and post-secondary research (IPP)

6. New Business

- Guest speaker is booked for February 8, 2017. Speaker will present to students during the day and to parents in the evening. Speaker is a board approved mental health lead. No meeting on that day.
- New executive team voted in: Co-Chairs: Mark Feigenbaum and Daphna Romi

Next School Council meeting is on Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at 7:00pm in the Library, on the 2nd floor.