



Windham Ridge School Council

Tuesday Sept 19, 2017 | 6:30-8:30pm

In Attendance

Council Attendance

Julie Romanovich
Vivian Aitas
Catherine Salole
Maria Pulsoni
Tara Dimopoulous
Rachel Hamou
Nereo Bonomo
Jennifer Yan
Angela Lambros
Teresa Cowan
Leila Mireskandari
Suzanne McWhinnie

Guest Attendance

Theiva Kumaresan
Natalie Giatas
Mukesh Gautam
Svitlana Shamova
Anahita Ogra
Carol Davidson
Frances Misquitta
Mary Dunstan
Cassandre Lennoz
Alla Koren
Sally Lin
Vanessa Comella
Inna Dovjenco

Regrets

Kelly Giesen
Parissa Giahinejad
Gina Celsie
Anna Margitta
Narendra
Chandrasekhar

Welcome & Introductions ~ V. Aitas and J. Romanovich

Welcome & Introductions

Motion to approve agenda by T. Dimopoulos. Seconded by A. Lambros. All in favour. Motion carried

Motion to approval of June 6 minutes by T. Dimopoulos. Seconded by M. Pulsoni. All in favour. Motion carried.

Welcome to guests joining the Council meeting. Guests and members were invited to introduce themselves.

Elections

After a final review of submitted nominations and clarification of roles and responsibilities, nominees were invited to affirm, withdraw or change their nomination. Election results are as follows:

Election of voting council members

- All nominations of voting members were successful; 17 voting council members were elected.

Election of Co-Chair/Chair

- Vote Results: V. Aitas and J. Romanovich

Election of Treasurer

- Vote Results: I. Dovjenco

Election of Secretary

- Acclaimed: C. Salole

Sub-committee memberships were established, through consensus, as follows:

French Ambassador	S. McWhinney	Discussion:
Communications	A. Ogra, M. Dunstan	
Education	S. Shamova, C. Davidson	
Fundraising	M. Pulsoni, A. Lambros, M. Dunstan	
Health and Wellness	N. Giatas	
School Grants	S. McWhinney, N. Giatas	
Volunteer	T. Dimopoulos	
Yearbook	A. Ogra, S. Shamova, F. Misquitta	
Student Programs	C. Davidson (lead) S. Shamova T. Kumaresan	Student programs are a significant and important community builder, given this, there was consensus to assign a lead of this committee. Lego club was identified as a favourite activity, creating a craft club was also discussed.

Other representatives identified:

- Teacher Representative: T.Cowan
- Non Teacher Representative: K. Giesen

The following proposed meeting dates were approved:

- Wed. Oct 11, Tues. Nov 28, Thurs. Jan 11, Wed. Feb 7, Mon Mar 5, Tues April 3, Thurs May 3, Tues. June 6.

Action: V. Aitas and L.Mireskandari will send a thank you to parents who helped with the garden over the summer.

Action: T. Cowan will endeavor to secure a student representative.

Council norms and objectives were reviewed

Action: Council members will be sent a link the Council constitution for review.

Administrators Report ~ N. Bonomo and R. Hamou

BIPSA/SIPSA

- The Board Improvement Plan and related School Improvement Plan is a 5 year plan across the YRDSB with 3 foci: mathematics, mental health and modern learning. The Council will be updated regularly.
- School BIPSA Leadership Team:
 - Mme Pirvu – Technology Lead
 - Mme Dahesh – Modern Learning Lead
 - Mme Walls – Mathematics
 - TBD – Mental Health and Wellbeing

Enrollment & Staffing

- 26 homerooms compared to 25 last year.
- Total enrollment is 603 which is up from 575.
- Some classes may have to be reorganized in the coming weeks. Parents will be informed if any changes need to be made.
- New and returning teachers were reviewed and welcomed (back).

EQAO Updates

- As with the trend in the province, our grade 3 and 6 math scores have gone down particularly for our grade 6's. Writing and Reading results/scores continue to be high.
- Student results will be sent home in the next couple of weeks.
- Our Grade 6 Math results are particularly concerning. The school, along with the Board, will review and explore possible explanations and interventions.

Teachers' Report ~ T. Cowan

- Teachers have been signing up for clubs and activities.
- The following activities have begun
 - Intermediate basketball
 - Cross country
 - Terry Fox
 - Chess Club

- Seeds of Hope
- Me to We

- Babysitters will be arranged for Council meetings
- An end of year educational trip to Ottawa is planned for the graduating class. The school must have at least 90% participation in order to confirm trip.
- A group of teachers and administrators have met to discuss community building and belonging through mixed grade collaborations and activities. Some ideas generated included random acts of kindness, creating mixed grade families or colour groups for ice breakers and activities (eg. Terry Fox).

Reminders

- Fresh from the Farm fundraiser: Look out for promotion and incentives. Volunteers will be needed.

Next Meeting

October 11, 2017 6:30-8:30