



School Council Meeting

December 5, 2024

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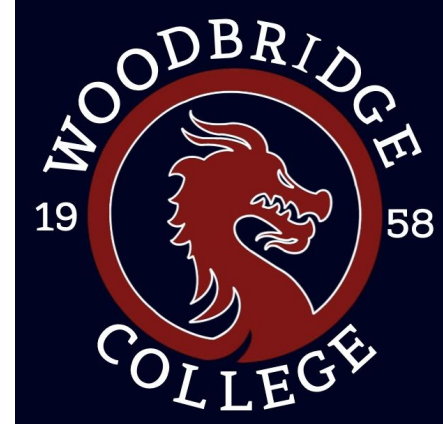
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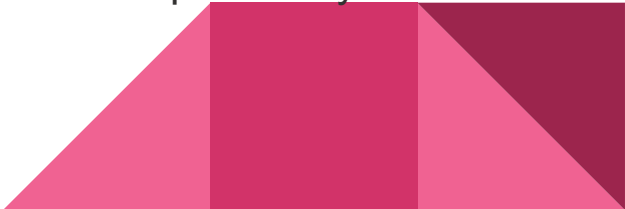
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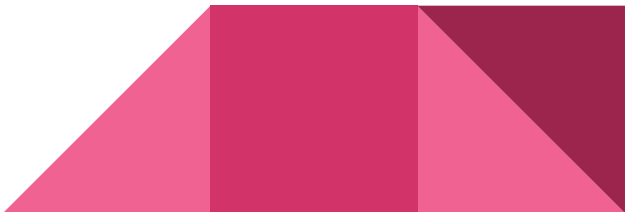
Land Acknowledgement

We affirm that we are all treaty people and acknowledge that the York Region District School Board is located on the lands of two treaties. These treaties have been signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the First Nations of the Williams Treaties who are: the Mississaugas of Alderville, Curve Lake, Hiawatha, Scugog Island; and the Chippewas of Beausoleil, Rama, and Georgina Island who is our closest neighbour and partner in education.

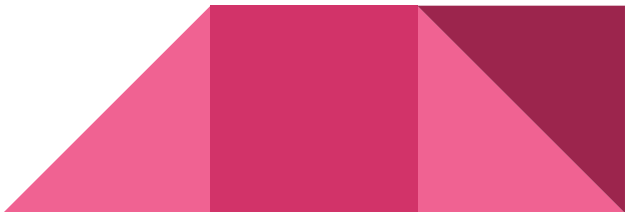
To honour this agreement we will take up our responsibility to be respectful of their traditions, knowledge and inherent rights as sovereign nations. We will respect their relationship with these lands and recognize that our connection to this land is through the continued relationship with these First Nations, and we acknowledge our shared responsibility to respect and care for the land and waters for future generations.



Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
 - Adopt Minutes
 - Student Council Report
 - Teachers' Report
 - Administrators' Report
 - School Council Chair Report
 - Parent Outreach
 - PRO Grant
 - Treasurer's Report
 - Sharing Voice: Questions, Comments, Concerns
 - Mental Health and Well-Being
 - Culturally Relevant Mental Health Support
 - Supporting Students' Academic Needs
 - Future Meeting Dates
 - Adjournment
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Welcome and Introductions

- **Michelle Randall, Principal**
 - michelle.randall@yrdsb.ca
 - **Janice Bordonali, Vice-Principal**
 - janice.bordonali@yrdsb.ca
 - **Timothy Wesson, Vice-Principal**
 - timothy.wesson@yrdsb.ca
 - **Manjeet Matharoo, School Council Chair**
 - woodbridge.college@sc.yrdsb.ca
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Meeting Minutes - November 7, 2024

Meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

Land Acknowledgement was read

Introductions of the School Admin Team:

- Michelle Randall, Principal
- Tim Wesson, VP
- Janice Bordonali, VP
- Email addresses shared

Agenda for the meeting was reviewed.

Soussanna K, Sheetal T., and Pam T. adopted the meeting minutes with no changes.



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School Council Election:

- A review was shared of the circumstances for the delayed election
- It was voted on by all parents present (both in-person and online) that WC would have a school council of 6 members.
- Mr. Wesson explained the ballot process for the election and identified the candidates who were confirmed to be running for the elected positions on Council.
- Asma Azizi was identified as a candidate that also works for the school board - this information was required to be shared prior to the vote.
- The following community members were elected to council:
 - David Allman
 - Asma Azizi
 - Elaine Dela Cruz
 - Soussanna Karas

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.Student Activity Council

- SAC Ambassadors: Shrey and Sean
- Shared the events that have occurred so far this year:
 - SAC: October Spirit
 - Eco-Club: sustainability and promotion of environmentally friendly habits
 - Youth Leading Change: annual food drive
 - Spoken Word/Poetry Club: recently started club supporting our creative writers and those interested in literature
 - Model UN: Upcoming conference at Maple H.S.
 - DECA: Regionals at North Park S.S.
 - WAC: hosted a breast cancer awareness workshop
 - BSA: hosted a school-wide cookout to promote Afro-Caribbean culture at WC
 - MLC: hosted a read-a-thon
 - Art Club: building up to hosting an art night



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Teacher's Report: Christina Bazzo, Subject Head of Cooperative Education

- Pathways to Opportunities - WC Specialized programs
 - 3 specialist High schools majors
 - Dual Credit
 - OYAP

Administrators' Report

- School Council Forum - Wed. Nov. 13, 2024 at Westmount CI
- YRDSB Family Dashboard up and running, please set up your account
- OSSLT - two sessions; we are waiting on further information
 - Date: Thursday, November 28, 2024
 - Special schedule for the school day
 - Test writers attend in the morning
 - All WC students attend from 12:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

● Families reminded to send their students with both letters and photos

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Upcoming Key Dates were shared:

- November 26 - Honour Roll and Student Success Awards Breakfast
- November 28 - OSSLT
- November 28 - Grade 8 Open House
- January 22 - 28 - Exams
- February 11 - 13 - Semester 1 marks distributed
- February 13 - Course Selection Night at WC
- Corresponding with School Staff
- Email is the best way to reach teachers, guidance counselors or other school staff
- first name.last name@yrdsb.ca
- Guidance Team:
 - Effy Kolianou (Student Last Names: A - M)
 - Patricia Neally (Student Last Names: N - Z)

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Treasurer's Report

- \$500 budget this school year

Sharing Voice: Question, Comments, Concerns

- Translators

Proposed Future meeting dates:


- Thursday, December 5, 2024
- Thursday, February 20, 2025
- Thursday, May 15, 2025

School Council Email information provided to Manjeet Matharoo so that he could monitor the

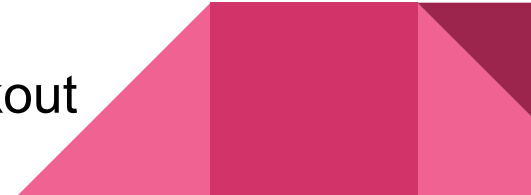
School Council email account on behalf of the council and share the voice of our community.



Student Council Report: Shrey and Sean

- **SAC** just finished off the month of November with a Fall Market in collaboration with numerous clubs at WC. We are in preparation for the Annual Talent Show, Spirit Week and Winter-Fest.
 - **Eco-Club** has been collecting CDs, batteries, and milk bags. Eco-club is also holding a thrifting event on December 11th.
 - **YLC (Youth Leading Change)** is currently running their annual food drive. This week, events are being held for Teacher Appreciation Week.
 - **Alliance of Asia** has recently started up! This brand-new club to WC, held their meeting last week. Objective to empower students!
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Student Council Report: Shrey and Sean


- **Model UN** attended a Model UN Conference at Maple H.S. on November 30th. This club holds bi-weekly practice runs to develop transferable skills such as problem solving and debating, while also having fun.
 - **DECA** had 8 students compete at regionals which happened at North Park Secondary School. Our students got to exercise their business skills, and we have students moving onto Provincials!
 - **WAC (Women's Advocacy Coalition)** recently hosted a bracelet making workshop, and are preparing for the fundraiser bake sale this Friday.
 - **BSA (Black Students Alliance)** Hosted a cookout to promote Afro-Caribbean culture at WC.
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Student Council Report: Shrey and Sean

- **Prom Committee** has recently started up! Returning to WC, the committee is brainstorming fundraising efforts, and engaging in outreach for student input
- **Hack Club** has recently begun! Open to all students regardless of programming or coding experience! Hosted a workshop to teach students how to make their very first website.



Teachers' Report


- Guidance would like to remind families of our Course Selection Information Night on February 13, 2024. This is a drop-in session for families of students in grades 8 - 11 to join us here at WC for support with selecting courses.
 - Seneca College Presentation on December 10th for students who are not permanent residents and are applying to post secondary colleges and universities (during lunch)
 - Registration for Semester 2 Dual Credit is underway, applications are still being accepted. Students should see Ms. Bazzo in room 218.
 - 47 Grade 11 and 12 Student have recently acquired their Standard First Aid through the SHSM program.
 - We are among the top three schools in the Board in SHSM student certifications and paperwork completion.
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Teachers' Report

- Accelerated OYAP typically occurs in the Spring months of semester 2; a pilot program was developed to begin student learning in January. WC is sending one of only two students in the YRDSB to this pilot program for studies in Electrical Construction and Maintenance.



Administrators' Report

- **OSSLT** went well. Our students have written, and we will receive results towards the end of the semester to support second semester programming.
 - **Student Success Awards and Honour Role Breakfast** on November 26th was a great success. More families in attendance than in past years.
 - **Grade 8 Night** on November 28th welcomed many gr. 8 students and families to the school. We had many attending from out of Board, and we received wonderful feedback from our guests.
 - **Grade 8 Visits to WC's Feeder Schools** will take place between January 13th and 21st. We are also making a special trip to Elder's Mills P.S., who requested that we come speak with their school about WC and what WC has to offer/course selection/transitioning into grade 9.
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Administrators' Report

- **Course Selection Evening** will take place on Thursday, February 13, 2025. Families from grade 8 - 11 will be invited to attend on a drop-in basis to be supported with the process and have opportunity to get personalized support and questions answered.
- **Graduation Photos** occur the week of Dec. 9 - 13; Student will need to book appointments through Edge Imaging website
- **Welcome Tyler Tillmann** from our English Department.



School Council Chair Report

1. Parent Outreach (broadcast messages)
2. Pro Grant Application
3. Fundraising for Graduation
4. Appointment of Co-chair.



Treasurer's Report

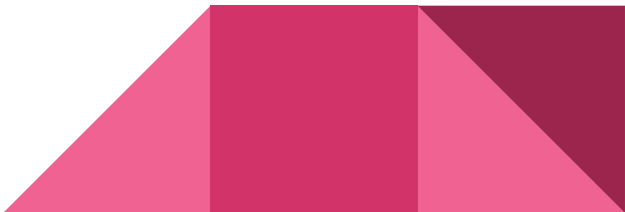
- Our budget for the 2024-2025 school year is \$500



Sharing Voice: Questions, Comments, Concerns



Mental Health and Well-Being

- [**310-COPE:**](#) 905-310-COPE (2673) or 1-855-310-COPE (2673) available 24/7
 - [**KidsHelpPhone:**](#) 1-800-668-6868, text 686868 - available 24/7
 - [**York Hills Help Phone Line:**](#) 905-503-9561 Monday - Thursday, 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 - [**YRDSB - Mental Health Page**](#)
 - [**YRDSB - Community Partners Page**](#)
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Culturally Relevant Mental Health Supports

- **Black Youth Helpline**: 1-833-294-8650
- **Taibu Community Health Centre**: 416-644-3536
- **Tropicana Community Services**: 416-439-9009



Supporting Students' Academic Needs

- [YRDSB Caring and Learning Plan](#)
- [Student Tools and Resources](#)
- [TVO Mathify](#)



Future Meeting Dates

- Thursday, September 26, 2024
- Thursday, November 7, 2024
- Thursday, December 5, 2024
- Thursday, February 20, 2025
- Thursday, May 15, 2025

