



## WESTGATE SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, November 17, 2014

Library

<b>Present:</b>	Coral Charlton, Jane Lower, Mark Nowak, Carlos Santander- Maturana, Gail Iwanonkiw, Shaun Kennedy, Jeannie Faubert, Cody Nygard
<b>Regrets:</b>	Delfina Trevisan
<b>Welcome</b>	Coral welcomed everyone to Westgate. Gail is now the sole chair of our council. She will submit our last meeting minutes to Jennifer Tavares to be posted on the Board's website.
<b>Guest Speaker</b>	Council met school social worker Laura . She works between Westgate and Churchill. 25% of her time is as a certified attendance counsellor and the other 25% is dealing with social work duties. Laura tries to encourage contact with the school's guidance counsellors first before she gets involved. Part of her duties is to answer parental calls. She has specialized skills-based behavioural training around managing your emotions. She ran the "Girls' Group" last year at Westgate which was well attended. She knows the feeder school students as well. We have another social worker from the Children's Centre here one day every two weeks as well as an employee from Sullivan and Associates who is here 2.5 days per week.
<b>Correspondence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Board Policy Input Request – Access to System Programs and Student Concussion Management</li> <li>* Building Parent Engagement Packages (Ontario Gov't) were shared</li> </ul>
<b>Reports</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <u>Principal's Report</u> - attached to minutes</li> <li>* <u>Staff Reports</u> - Mr. Nowak's report mirrored Mrs. Charlton's               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr.Santander-Maturana added that there were a lot of student led activities being run during anti-bullying week</li> </ul> </li> <li>* <u>Student Report</u> - Cody Nygard Co-Chair of the SAC with Julianna Boyle reported about some of the activities that have been run so far this year such as the Grade 9 BBQ, Oktoberfest, Hallowe'en Dance, SAC retreat (20-30 students), United Way Challenge (nickel wars), dodgeball tournament. They will be planning some fun theme days in the future.</li> <li>* <u>Chair Report</u>- Gail attended the Board's PIC event entitled "Digital Engagement"</li> </ul>
<b>New Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-School Maintenance and Upgrade Projects - defer requests for maintenance to the next meeting               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-roofing work is to continue –two new washrooms will be refurbished in the main lobby –foods teacher will have her classroom space redone</li> </ul> </li> <li>-Westgate Ways Code of Conduct draft policy was shared               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-hat policy is to be discussed at our next meeting</li> </ul> </li> <li>-Achievement Night date was shared</li> <li>-Westgate Blog –to be shared at our next meeting</li> </ul>
<b>General Information, Updates and Inquiries</b>	<p>Parents' Questions:</p> <p>Q: What is going on with the WIFI in the school?</p>
<b>Adjournment</b>	8:50 p.m. Next mtg Monday, February 9 at 7:00 p.m.

