



WESTGATE SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday March 21, 2016

Library

Present:	Coral Charlton, Delfina Trevisan, Bonnie Johnsen, Wendy Mowat, Nicole Anderson, Dave Workman
Regrets:	Mark Nowak, Carlos Santander-Maturana, Tammy DaCosta, Margaret Zacheriesz, Tracy Desjardine, Doreen McGee
Agenda and Minutes:	Approval of Agenda – Delfina (1 st) and Wendy (2 nd) Approval of Minutes from Jan.18/16 – Delfina (1 st) and Bonnie (2 nd). Motion passed to start approving minutes online rather than waiting until subsequent meeting.
Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Council Input into Principal Placement Pro-Grant Applications – Delfina provided information on the grant process. Parent Council to mull ideas and discuss again at April’s meeting.
Reports	<u>Principal’s Report</u> - attached to minutes (page 2) <u>No Staff or Student Reports</u> at this meeting
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nicole spoke to Me-to-We-Westgate’s Build a School fundraising idea of a <u>Spaghetti Dinner</u>. Anticipate 100-150 people. \$15 per ticket. In cafeteria beginning at 6 p.m. Assistance from a local church. Discussed the possibility of linking this event to our ProGrant event on May 12th. Idea was well-received by all. Nicole to join School Council again in April to continue with planning. <u>ProGrant Event Planning</u>. 6:30 p.m. start to better coincide with Spaghetti Dinner. Confirmations received by David Tranter, Health Unit, St. Joe’s Care Group, TB District Social Services, Developmental Services Ontario. Follow-up required with TB Counselling Center, Children’s Centre, ODSP, Police, Beendigen and Faye Peterson. Event locale debated. Cafeteria or large gym? Will tour both spaces at next meeting. A breakaway group for Special Education parents will occur in library beginning at 7:15 p.m. Free spaghetti dinner tickets will be provided to families in need (paid for from ProGrant funds). Coral to check in to food handling logistics. Take-away for parents? A screen-printed bag for gathering information. Must determine what’s going on it. Recommendation to check out Amsterdam Products online. Tour of new Wellness Room and new Weight Room deferred until April meeting On-Track Program discussion also deferred until next meeting.
General Information, Updates and Inquiries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Board’s School Renewal Plans</u>. Firm decisions to be made by Trustees in October. Westgate currently named a receiving school in anticipation of an amalgamation with Churchill CVI. Delfina will be School Council’s rep on southside ARC (Accommodation Review Committee). Board FAQ information sheet provided.
Adjournment	9:00 p.m. Next meeting Monday, April 18 th @ 7pm

Principal's Report

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- Recent Athletic Accomplishments? Our **Junior Girls' Volleyball Team** secured the city championship this year (for the second year in a row). Some fantastic photos are on Westgate's FB page. In addition, our **Curling Team** performed well in the city finals and, as a result, went off to compete at OFSAA. We are very proud of these athletes.
- Exciting Events? A **Basketball Tournament** (for Grades 4-6 students) occurred in our large gym on January 27th. A **Grade 8 Transition Day** occurred on January 28th. Check out the great photo on our FB page that shows our future class of 2020. A **MADD Assembly** for senior students occurred on February 5th. February 17th kicked off a **Week of Pink** (and a variety of anti-bullying activities). Our **Open House** was held in late February. Thank you to Delfina and Bonnie for representing school council that evening and securing commitments from some possible future members. A successful **Semi-Formal** was held at the Victoria Inn on February 25th.
- Miscellaneous Happenings? Another batch of **student teachers** joined us today and will remain with us until the end of April. Canadian astronaut, **Chris Hadfield**, video-conferenced last month with one of our Science classes. Kids and staff were very excited to have the opportunity to interact with him. Westgate has formed a partnership with St. John's **Therapy Dog Program**. A lovely dog (named Bond) and his handler are now visiting our PWP program once or twice a month. Westgate's new **Weight Room** was completed (thanks to an incredibly generous donation from Westgate alumnus, Ms. Wyatt Wishart) and our new **Wellness Room** was also opened. Pictures of both these spaces can also be found on our FB page.
- On the Horizon? **Parent-Teacher Interviews** are occurring this Wednesday (23rd). The **Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test** will be administered on March 31st. In early April, Westgate will be participating in the the "Cool Schools" division of the **Polar Plunge**. Westgate is gearing up to timetable and staff the school for the upcoming school year. We are currently sorting through student course requests and will be taking steps like identifying course cancellations. **Westgate's 2015-2016 Master Timetable** will be constructed in early May. April 22nd is a **PA Day**.
- School Renewal? Many recommendations have been made around **School Renewal Plans** for Lakehead Public Schools at both the secondary and elementary level. Westgate has been named a "receiving school" as it may absorb staff and students from Sir Winston Churchill CVI in September 2017. At this point, no firm decisions have been made. Trustees will vote on the recommendations in October 2016. Delfina Trevisan will be representing Westgate's School Council on the southside ARC (Accommodation Review Committee).
- Maintenance and Upgrades? Science Labs, Key-Fob Entry System, Courtyard Access, Student Washrooms (?), Small Gym (?)