



WESTGATE SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday September 26, 2016

Library

<p>Present:</p>	<p>Coral Charlton, Nick Sacevich, Mark Nowak, Carlos Santander-Maturana, Delfina Trevisan, Bonnie Johnsen, Brenda Shedden, Mary Jayne Smith, Melanie Gottfred, Pam Hamlin, Angie Lynch, Georgie Ostrowski, Robert Eady</p>
<p>Regrets:</p>	<p>Allan McGormick, Diana Petrunak, Rhonda Braun, Stacey Freemantle, Stacy Yanke, Tegan Venables</p>
<p>Welcome:</p>	<p>Coral welcomed everyone to Westgate and thanked all the new parents for coming. Spoke about the role of the council as an advisory body.</p>
<p>Elections/Appointments:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair: Delfina Trevisan • Vice-Chair: Mary Jayne Smith • Secretary/Treasurer: To-be Determined
<p>Correspondence</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>OSBIE</u> – voted against insurance • <u>Pro-Grant</u> – Delfina gave an update on successful grant application from last year, parent council was able to secure a \$1000 grant to create a “Navigating Westgate” video for the parents of students transitioning to high school • <u>PIC Event</u> - Monday, October 17th (at Victoria Inn Ballroom). Delfina Trevisan and Pam Hamlin will attend with the Principal.
<p>Reports</p>	<p><u>Principal’s Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great (but busy) start to the school year ☺ • August 25th - <u>Grade 9 Information Night</u> • September 2nd – <u>Grade 9 Welcome Luncheon</u> in Courtyard. Huge success. • September 2nd and 6th – <u>Grade Assemblies</u> • September 6th – <u>Concussion Testing</u> for football players • September 6th - <u>Kickstart Program</u> started – 2 Tiger Tech and 1 Tiger Music • September 7th – <u>Picture Day</u> (Retakes on October 17th) • September 23rd – <u>“Sweet Life Road Show”</u> • Week of September 26th – <u>Ally Week</u> (GSA Activities) • Fall Sports are in full swing ... ☺ • Westgate and Westmount partnership – Fridays – Bikes for Humanity and Xmas Cheer • <u>Challenges</u> – unexpected staff changes, class size (but being over-projection is a very good thing) • <u>Upcoming October Events?</u> Pep Rally, GSA Assembly for Grade 9s, Parent-Teacher Interviews, Online OSSLT (for select grade 10s), PIC Event, Halloween Dance <p><u>Staff Reports</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great start up – one of the best yet • Staff supporting one another • Proud of our teacher coaches (don’t rely heavily on community coaches) • GSA active and engaging school community in a variety of events. Gender neutral washrooms. Transgender students right to change name.

<p>New Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>School Profile</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 843 total students enrolled (plus 68 in Kickstart) - 52% male – 48% female - Self-identified FNMI students - 14% - 61 teachers, 14 SSPs, 1 social worker, 1 child and youth worker, 4 secretaries, 1 library tech, 7 custodians, 3 cafeteria staff, 1 aboriginal tutor, 1 IT tech ● Summer <u>maintenance and upgrades</u> shared. New student washrooms in academic wing, new courtyard doors, 2 new science labs, new football change room, small gym refurbishing, roof improvements. ● <u>Pilot Projects</u>. “Get Fresh Caf.” Partnership with Roots to Harvest. All items are fresh, homemade and local Ontario focus. Items include things like chick pea salad, spinach and feta pizza and baked potatoes. On parent-teacher interview night, parents will be treated to samples during a “Taste the Menu” event. “Key Card Access System.” Westgate one of 3 pilot sites. All exterior doors will be locked during instructional periods. School safety initiative. ● <u>Achievement data</u> shared, including OSSLT and grade 9 EQAO results. Sampling of course data shared. Pass rates high. Attention needs to be paid to number of students reaching provincial standard (L3/4). Reviewed <u>School Improvement Plan</u> priorities and focus. Instruction, assessment and relationships 3 areas of broad focus. ● <u>School Renewal Plans</u>. Trustees vote on October 4th. South Side Option? Churchill to close and amalgamate with Westgate.
<p>General Information, Updates and Inquiries</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Budget</u> for parents’ council - \$500.00 ● <u>Parent questions</u> – What upgrades will Westgate be getting to accommodate for increased student population (if 2 schools merge)? Will there be more than one school team per sport? What transitional activities are planned?
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>8:30 p.m. Next meeting? Tuesday, November 15th at 6:30 pm in Library</p>