



## WESTGATE SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday November 15, 2016

Library

<p><b>Present:</b></p>	<p>Coral Charlton, Nick Sacevich, Mark Nowak, , Delfina Trevisan, Bonnie Johnsen, Brenda Shedden, Mary Jayne Smith, Melanie Gottfred, Pam Hamlin, Angie Lynch, Georgie Ostrowksi, Robert Eady, Allan McGormick, Stacey Freemantle, Diana Petrunak, Rhonda Braun, Jody Forester, Derek Sawyer</p>
<p><b>Regrets:</b></p>	<p>Tegan Venables, Carlos Santander-Maturana</p>
<p><b>Welcome:</b></p>	<p>Introductions of all members</p>
<p><b>Presentation:</b></p>	<p>Derek Sawyer presented “Homework Help” (Online Math Tutoring). Math is a Ministry focus right now in Ontario. Online support available Sunday – Thursday from 5:30-9:30 pm. Totally free. Homework help cards distributed. Website? <a href="http://www.tvo.org/homeworkhelp">www.tvo.org/homeworkhelp</a>. All tutors are OCTs. May be a slight wait time to access a tutor (depending on how busy it is). Site also includes great resources, like “Best Sessions” and “Listen and Learns.” Registration is easy. Just follow the steps, but students need their OEN (which can be found on their report card). Visited site and watched a session in progress.</p>
<p><b>Reports</b></p>	<p><u>Principal’s Report</u> (*Fall Newsletter also distributed to parents)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Term one has ended. Midterm report cards distributed today.</li> <li>• Term one fall <u>sports</u> are wrapping up: girls basketball, boys volleyball, football, cross-country running. We are very proud of our athletes. Our Senior Football team competes in SSSAA championship on Saturday at 12:30; our Senior Girls’ Basketball team lost in the city final yesterday.</li> <li>• <u>Tigers-For-A-Cure</u> Annual Fundraiser was held.</li> <li>• Art students participated in Health Unit’s “<u>Head’s Up</u>” Campaign.</li> <li>• 44 kids have registered for a <u>Travel Club</u> excursion to Italy and Greece in 2018. An information night for parents was held in late October.</li> <li>• <u>Partnerships</u> have been formed with some of our elementary feeder schools’ new Academies. Tech – Bikes for Humanity. Visual Arts. Drama.</li> <li>• <u>Funny Money assembly</u> this Wednesday (November 16<sup>th</sup>).</li> <li>• <b>October 18th</b> – parent-teacher interviews held.</li> <li>• <b>October 21<sup>st</sup> and 22nd</b> – Girls <u>Fall Classic Basketball Tournament</u>.</li> <li>• <b>October 26<sup>th</sup></b> – <u>Halloween Dance</u>. Approximately 150 kids in attendance. Great fun ☺.</li> <li>• Two outstanding <u>Remembrance Day Assemblies</u> were held on <b>November 11<sup>th</sup></b>.</li> <li>• <b>November 17<sup>th</sup></b> - <u>Achievement Night</u>. Recognizes and celebrates the accomplishments of students during the 2015-2016 school year.</li> <li>• <b>November 18th</b> – <u>PA Day</u>.</li> </ul> <p><u>On the Horizon?</u> Tiger Tip-Off Tournament, Party Program Day, Grad Photo Week, White Ribbon Campaign, Christmas Cheer Campaign and more. Information was shared on how parents can assist with Westgate’s</p>

	<p>fundraising efforts.</p> <p><u>Staff Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ditto principal ☺</li> <li>• has been extremely busy and challenging. Individuals are tired, but banding together to support one another. A recent student accident was tough on everyone.</li> </ul>
<b>New Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion for Westgate’s School Council to write a letter to City Council requesting a pedestrian walkway be designated on James Street (by Gordon). Request as a result of a recent pedestrian-vehicle accident in front of the school.</li> <li>• Achievement Data – deferred to next meeting</li> <li>• ProGrant Planning – deferred to next meeting. Parents will come to next meeting prepared to speak to the things they wanted to know (as parents) when their children transitioned from grade 8 to 9 (ie. cost of a meal in cafeteria, how to call a student in absent, and so on.)</li> </ul>
<b>General Information, Updates and Inquiries</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Parent questions</u> – Status of School Renewal and plans to amalgamate Westgate and Churchill? Can Westgate participate in Xmas parade next year and decorate a float?</li> </ul>
<b>Adjournment</b>	<p>8:00 p.m.</p> <p>Next meeting?</p> <p><b>Tuesday, January 17th at 6:30 pm in Library</b></p>