



WESTGATE SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

Library

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p>Present:</p> | <p>Coral Szyszka (P), Nick Sacevich (VP), Shannon Ambury, Dave and Melinda Coates, Judy and Alex Crane, Robert Eady, Kasey Etreni, Darryl Fawcett, Jody Forester, Pam Hamlin, Debbie Hill, Judy Hole, Brenda Janssens, Bonnie Johnsen, Kim Knezevic, Shawna Kozak (Secretary), Allan McCormick, Hollie Napper, Georgie Ostrowski, Krista Power, Brenda Shedden, Andrea Shepard, Mary Jayne Smith (Vice-Chair), Delfina Trevisan (Chair), Ruth Vannieurhuizen, Ken Whent</p> |
| <p>Regrets:</p> | <p>Melanie Gottfred, Emma Johnson (Student Rep), Tina Michon, Mark Nowak (Staff Rep), Diana Petrunak, Carlos Santander-Maturana (Staff Rep)</p> |
| <p>Welcome:</p> | <p><u>Introductions</u> of all members</p> <p><u>Mandate of School Council?</u> Advisory body. Provide input and suggestions. Gain information and work collaboratively to promote a positive school environment.</p> |
| <p>New Business:</p> | <p><u>Elections</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair: Delfina Trevisan • Vice-Chair: Mary Jayne Smith • Secretary/Treasurer: Shawna Kozak • Community Rep: To-Be Determined <p><u>School Renewal Presentation</u> (Heather Harris and Mark Hakala)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brook McIlroy is the architectural firm working on the renovation project at Westgate. • Impending upgrades and renovations to Westgate were outlined, including but not limited to a cafetorium and drama room addition, library upgrade, new fitness room, new tech shop, new furniture and aesthetic upgrades in main office and student services, paving and expanding rear parking lot, kiss and go drop off for parents, courtyard improvements, staff room expansion, second floor washrooms upgrades and new lockers • Hoping to go to tender in January with a spring start date • Completion timeline? September 2018 |
| <p>Reports</p> | <p><u>Principal's Report</u> (Coral Szyszka)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great (but busy) start to the school year ☺ • August 31st - <u>Grade 9 Open House</u> • September 5th – Westgate-Churchill Transition Committee Meeting (School Renewal Plans) |

| | |
|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 7th - <u>Kickstart Program</u> started – 2 Tech, 1 Band, 1 Guitar, 1 Foods. Runs every Tuesday and Thursday (3:40-5:10 pm) • September 8th – <u>Grade 9 Welcome Luncheon</u> in Courtyard. Huge success. • September 8th and 11th – <u>Grade Assemblies</u> • Week of September 12th – Ambassador Visits to Grade 9 Classrooms • September 13th – First Fire Drill of School Year • Fall Sports are in full swing ... ☺ (Boys volleyball, Girls basketball, Football, Golf, Cross-Country Running, Cheerleading) • Westgate partnering again this year with some south-side elementary schools on their Academies of Learning • <u>Upcoming October Events?</u> SNC BBQ (Sept. 26th), Orange Shirt Day (Sept. 28th), Pep Rally (Oct. 6th), Picture Day (Oct. 16th), Westgate-Churchill Transition Committee Meeting (Oct. 16th), Parent-Teacher Interviews (October 19th) • Challenges? Class size issues, student behaviour <p><u>Staff Report</u> – N/A</p> <p><u>Student Report</u> (Emma Johnson via Handout)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year-At-A-Glance SAC Activities and Events were provided on a handout. October events include Pep Rally, Oktoberfest, Halloween Dance, United Way Fundraising and a Leadership Retreat. Many other fun events are planned for the year (including but not limited to a Semi-Formal, Talent Show and Spring Carnival). |
| <p>General Information, Updates and Inquiries</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Xmas Parade</u> – Discussion about putting a Westgate float in the Xmas parade (mid November). Will proceed if a flatbed truck can be secured and a committed group of parents are willing to coordinate the activity. Allan McCormick will take the lead. Will email council for interested supporters if truck can be secured. Stay tuned. If this moves ahead, there will be additional “work meetings” in October and early November. • <u>Parent Questions:</u> • <i>Where do kids get information on clubs and teams? How do they sign up?</i> School announcements and posters. Talking to staff. Will also try to post that sort of information on Westgate’s FB page. • <i>Can an events calendar be placed on FB page?</i> Will look into it. • <i>Can the student handbook be put online?</i> Will do that. • <i>What is the Board Policy on Violence?</i> Zero tolerance for violence. Progressive discipline approach. All schools have strict Bullying Intervention and Prevention Policies. Safety is #1 priority. |

Adjournment

8:10 p.m.

Next meeting?

Tuesday, November 7th at 6:30 pm in Library