

**Sir Wilfrid Laurier Secondary School
School Council Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2019**

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Welcome

Meeting started at 7:05 pm

Approval of the Agenda

Principal's report – Nancy Girozan

Report cards will go out next Tuesday.

The school is working on different legacy and diversity projects - international food festival tomorrow night, land acknowledgement, every month several opportunities to showcase a different group, land acknowledgement every Monday, and Indigenous version of O Canada, going to determine all the events on the school calendar and looking for a staff member to own an event and book them in now. A senior student is working on a welcome banner for the foyer of the school, welcome statement with all the languages in the school, showcase the banner at an upcoming conference, this is her legacy project working on it in tech class, going to be laminated and placed at the front entrance to welcome people, 19 x 18 banner, 50-60 languages, couple of other legacy projects on the go as well with other senior students.

Staffing right now - no surplus teachers right now, some cuts already, program enhancement sections, low enrolment courses, literacy course, classes under 12 right off the top are cut, had to find a different way to run those, 2 new classes going to run, courses that are not successful are not running, trying to get fashion class going again linked with business class, there was enough interest in it so going to be able to run it and have a teacher who is interested in it, other humanities class, fitness, new course.

Timetabling process starting, grade 9 cohort smaller next year, success hosting international students, any student here for 2 months gives the school a teacher credit.

Teacher representative report – Michael Snow

Next school play May 1-2, smaller, Jazz night May 16, the big show May 30th.

Tell them from me survey, email, classes/students will be able to come through and do the survey - answer the survey, running through the classes.

Leadership camp overnight May 3-4.

Leadership fitness class with the feeder schools will be done for boys and girls this year, was successful last year, done only for girls last year.

Relay for life - May 24 - 10 am to 10 pm, biggest fundraiser event of the year for the school.

Approval of the minutes from the last meeting

The minutes are approved.

Treasurer's report

Council received more money from the simply giving campaign.

\$500 was taken out of account, not sure exactly what that was for, will look into it and report back to council.

There is money left over from the parent involvement grant - PIC grant - don't know if that money will come again next year - money in the account for a speaker next year.

OCASC meeting update/report

Cynthia sent council members an email update (included below).

E-waste fundraiser, June 1-2, same weekend as hazardous waste in Navan, weather still not great now but will be good by the time we are doing it, getting a bin? Fill a bin early with stuff from staff and council members, board insurance on property, bin on back property near gym and portables. Updated email to the feeder schools? Clothing? What do they do with it? shoes?

Ewaste is shutting down next spring - date tentatively booked next fall - October 3-4
rainbarrels.ca for fundraising - sir robert borden, look into that as a future fundraiser.

Create a group similar to 'man-up' as has been done at other schools/organizations, invited to half-day workshop, 12 students grades 9-11 will attend, going to city hall for workshop, bring back what they learn and put a plan in place for sir wil for next year, stand up to bullying, harassment etc.

An Imam was invited to the school's last staff meeting to come speak, was well received, gave information about the Muslim faith, Ramadan, answered questions of staff.

Meeting adjourned 7:52 pm

There is one more meeting of council in May, no meeting in June.

OCASC updates / clarifications

Regarding Internet Safety. The program that is more suited to high school students is called **I CAN HELP.** <https://www.icanhelpdeletenegativity.org/>

People for Education provided OCASC with the following note: The Ministry of Education has opened consultations on class size. The deadline to make a submission is May 31. Learn more at https://efis.fma.csc.gov.on.ca/faab/Memos/B2019/B09_attach1_EN.pdf?fbclid=IwAR3X4X0ZPOOhMPw0O2RyeQsHaJwP8fyyVzZpHRtesy1d1FlwbX4AEdK2QT0

I would like to share the OCASC update from the Thursday, April 18 meeting. Below is a snapshot of what was discussed. There was no 'Secondary School Committee' breakout session since many secondary school reps were absent.

WORKSHOP INVITATION: entitled **Help Me- I'm Stressed. Strategies to Support our Young people.**

Psychologist Dr. Laura Hanson and therapist Jennifer Barns

They talk about interacting with teens and giving them tools to help manager their stress, reduce anxiety and build resilience.

They will provide valuable insights, great resources and helpful answers to questions of navigating teen life.

Tuesday, May 14th, at 7:00PM, Earl Of March High School Auditorium,
Refreshments will be served.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE: Several schools are having issues getting year end trips approved. PIC brought this up at the last Board meeting to see if this NEW policy was being implemented across the Board. The Board responded that they are re-applying principles and policies but that there were no NEW policies in place. Trips must be high educational value, low risk, limited time out of school, cost versus access, equity of access etc.... There are apparently several 'legacy' trips that have not been approved and yet these trips have been yearly events at some schools. There was discussion as to whether this was an issue at our respective schools. I have not heard of any issues regarding class trips.

NEWS FROM TRUSTEE SCOTT: The province has gone out to a second round of consultation on class size for next year therefore the increased class size is not a 'done deal'. Board is working on the strategic plan. Identity Data : access to non-traditional respondents. A consultation has gone out regarding Rowyn's Law (concussion policy) and how it is to be handled in schools.

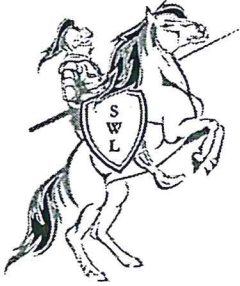
Extended Day Programs Advisory Committee is seeking 3 parent members to serve on the committee. This applies to elementary schools, however there may be some parents at SWL that have children at the elementary level that might be interested. Apply at: <http://ow.ly/8pVB30omQsv>.

PRESENTATION from **My Life OnLine : Dave & Blake co-founders.**

How to help your kids to be Safe & Kind Online. Talking to your children about social media. The program is predominantly for grades 4-8 however can be applied to older students. This is different than the 'shock & awe' internet safety workshops. Dave & Blake talked about Project versus Protect, Hurtful versus Helpful, Handling Haters *ie.* Rate the Hate, iMessages, uMessages. This is teaching kids to be responsible on line. The internet is not going away. Social media in one form or another is here to stay. There are both live presenter training sessions and video sessions. If you purchase the *My Life OnLine video program*, each student has an account and can track their progress. There are 10 modules which take about 4 hours to complete, including quizzes.

There is the possibility of receiving a 15% discount because we had a school rep (me) at the OCASC meeting. Dave & Blake said that if contacted, they could recommend to us workshops that deliver similar programming geared towards older students. Email contact: daveandblake@welcometomylifeonline.com

<http://welcometomylifeonline.com/start/>



Sir Wilfrid Laurier Secondary School School Council Agenda

Wednesday, April 24, 2019
7:00-9:00 School Library

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Staff Representative Report – Michael Snow	30
Approval of last meeting's minutes – Dianne Vroom	15
Treasurer's Report – Wally Peters & Ian Dudley	10
OCASC Meeting update – Cynthia Allen	10
E-Waste Update and Fall event – Ian Dudley	10

Adjournment: 9:00pm

Next Meeting: May 29, 2019

