

**Sir Wilfrid Laurier Secondary School
School Council Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2019**

In Attendance:

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Special Education Presentation 6:30 pm

Accommodate vs modify curriculum – difference between HS and elementary school for IEPs. In high school the idea is to help the students fulfill the requirements of the curriculum through modifications, not accommodating/changing the curriculum, this is main difference when students get to high school. Learning strategies credit – helps work on the deficits students may have. Online database for the teachers, flags IEPs and accommodations the student may need. There is a breakfast club, open to everyone, fruit, snacks, takes away the stigma of the blue room.

ESL and ELL learning presentation – program is offered 1 period a day, open to all students – even native speakers benefit from the program. This program is new, in its infancy, but hope to grow it.

Welcome & Introductions

Meeting started at 7:05 pm

Elections

- Co-Chairs – Terri-Lynn & Dianne
- Secretary – minutes do on a rotation basis – sign up sheet
- Treasurer – Wally

- Fundraising Chair – as needed, decide later if need to have a person dedicated to fundraising (what sort of fundraising have we done in the past, what do we use the money for, how much fundraising is needed?)
- OCASC Reps – JP & Cynthia, if we only have 1 vote JP will be the official rep/vote, but both will attend OCASC meetings on our behalf.

Discussion about doing dedicated fundraising for a large purchase for the school such as working toward raising \$5,000 a year, 5 year plan, for a laser cutter. E-waste is extended to the end of 2020 now, so council can do it again as a fundraiser. Discuss at next meeting, need to make bookings if going to do it again in spring 2020.

Approval of the Agenda and Meeting Dates

Should be April 29 not April 21 for the April 2020 meeting – dates of council meetings for 2019-2020 school year are approved.

At the end of the last school year the staff room was painted and put up some whiteboards, this meeting space downstairs in the staff room will work better than the library for council meetings. Nancy will advise when council can move down there for its meetings.

Principal's report – Nancy Girozan

Plant news, the parking lot was not ripped up and outside lights not fixed this summer, the work was cancelled right before it was to start but it has to be fixed now. Summer school being moved to another location is the sticking point, however other work on the building was done during the summer. All the interior hallway lights were changed over to LED, that work was done, new cameras/upgraded were installed in spots where they were needed, repairs to male washroom downstairs being done for a couple of weeks.

PD day on Oct. 11, staff will be planning/working on subject matter training at the school, leadership team retreat in October to make a plan for the year re activities/curriculum. Progress reports come out Oct. 17, parent teacher interviews Oct. 24.

VP report - Balazs – successful club day last week, grade assembly had a focus on safety and wellbeing. Christine acting VP, discussed at the grade assembly sporting event participation, concussion, expectations, parking etc. The School's Resource Officer met with students during the grade assembly's as well. Nancy discussed concerns about traffic flow, uber and uber eats at the school and drop offs in the morning.

Student population is at 985, international students inviting more every year, 60 students this year and has been increasing each year, proud to be hosting so many short-term students, from Spain, France etc.

Staff report - Tricia Leduc

Highlights of Sept. included the link and leadership class, link crew for Grade 9s, led by teacher Erin Mckinnon. Leadership camp tomorrow, 102 Grade 9 students participating with 29 Grade 12 students, 25 Grade 11 students will be leading them.

Rec. leadership – phys ed, sports leadership class, run programs for Grade 8s.

The Welcome bbq was well attended. In athletics the school is running 13 of 14 fall ncsc sports teams including rugby, volleyball, tennis, xcountry running, basketball, swim, golf, football, hockey.

Mrs. Angel running program for girls – run for it. Many clubs and music groups are going.

Update on library news – library is active on social media, follow the school library on Twitter:

@SirWilLibrary, @swlcbhumanlib Instagram: sirwil_reads

Cbc Canada reads, a graduating student won 5 books for the school through the program, won debate.

Some new things in the library this year, created a comfy seating area, bean bag chairs, the students love the new comfy space, low seating, stools.

Make space more welcoming to indigenous students – 4 prints by indigenous artists, highlight our indigenous collections, maps from a first nations perspective, feel they have voice and can see themselves represented in the school.

Tricia meets with all the Grade 9s to introduce them to the library, talk about research, plagiarism, citing sources and using databases for research, orange shirt day activities on Monday sept. 30th three guest speakers, homework help in the library 4 days after school, lots of students are coming in for help, already busy/using it on the first week, the educational assistants work well with the students, student success teacher is offering stress lessons in the library for Grade 9s, ted talk, could it be offered to other grades as well, beneficial not just for Grade 9 students.

Field trips, science Carleton u labs, Ottawa u medical school cadaver lab, laser quest, maker mobile, downtown Ottawa for photography, NAC, Gatineau park for photography.

Approval of the minutes from the last meeting

Minutes approved, plant news, the parking lot and outside lighting was not done in the summer, have asked for delayed green light again, parking lot needs to be done but summer school is the hang-up, summer school has to be moved before the work can be done. Scope of work is too big.

Potential presentations in the proposed council meeting dates, spec. ed presentation done. November meeting is free/open for a presentation.

Minutes from the May 2019 meeting are approved as is.

Other

Paul Davis on Internet safety – 3 upcoming presentations, 2 in Orleans

Parent council training day – 2019 Parent Conference and School Council Training Day on Saturday, November 9, 2019 presented by the Board and OCASC.

Treasurers report – Ian / Wally

Council is in good standing, a number of the requests we approved last year did not get claimed, math boards went through a different way, through math funding from the Board, council has 3 accounts, funds from school activity fees, funds from fundraising/simply giving, and funds from pro grants.

Fall/October reporting to the board needs to be done.

Ewaste fundraiser – signs are in the cage – pick up

Will take anything with a cord on it, cell phones separate get more money for them outside of the bin, sign up for volunteers, coincides with hazardous waste down on trim again, may take small batteries this time, batteries, clothes and shoes again.

Taking bookings in January if want to do it again next year, talk to Ray Friel first to book the parking lot, do it in the spring again?

Take tires?

Ian – will give us keys and phone number of the people who pick up the bins.

Meeting adjourned at 9 pm