

## **Sir Wilfrid Laurier Secondary School Parent Council Meeting Minutes**

October 26, 2022 6:30-8:30pm

Virtual – Google Meet

### **Attendance**

The meeting was held via Google Meet and open to parents/guardians of SWL students.

### **Presentation – Student Support Staff**

- New classroom, test accommodations are in the blue room (resource room)
- Provides academic support for students, buffer zone for self-regulation, test assistance, breakfast program, technology loans, eLearning coordinator for students who are struggling with online courses
- Also provides school withdrawal support and accessing accommodations on IEP
- Board is pushing for student success to be experiential student learning experience
- Can offer courses that aren't always available in Sir Wil to keep students engaged (ex. hair styling course)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> learning path (combines achievement and wellness for student growth and success)
- Parents are welcome to drop-in to the Blue Room during parent teacher interviews October 27

### **Approval of Agenda – Aaron Malek**

- Approved

### **Principal and Vice-Principal Report**

- Clubs and teams running (anime, student council, art, yearbook, YouRock, theatre production, board games, etc.)
- Friday announcement – Mr. Jupp and Student Success will be starting a gaming club
- Link Crew (senior student mentor for small groups of grade 9s) and leadership opportunities
- Science field trip to Mer Blue for stargazing
- Black 365 student union hosted an event (150 student turn-out) that went well, looking to possibly do an international food festival in spring
- Report card date November 23<sup>rd</sup>
- P.A. day November 24<sup>th</sup>

### **Staff Representative Report – Roberte Vincent**

- Check out website for live links for presentations for post-secondary planning

- 3 universities and 1 college have done live presentations for 1<sup>st</sup> time in 3 years (Queens, OttawaU, Carleton, Algonquin College) Algonquin's presentation will take place on November 9
- Counsellors in process of meeting with college-bound students (finished university-bound students last month), will be an open house, please see website for dates
- Google group for grade 12 students to send them information
- Take your kid to work day is on Wednesday November 2. On-site for first time in 3 years, career-based activities from home, 4 activities planned in-school for students who are not able to shadow someone. The Link Crew has done presentations to grade 9s, and forms have been sent home. Historically has around 85% participation rate
- Grade 10 careers classes have had presentations on graduation requirements
- Grade 11 presentations scheduled for later in the year
- Link Crew welcomed 250 grade 9 students on first day of classes, just completed grade 9 challenge last week in school gym, planning a study tip seminar for grades 9 and 10 to prepare for exams, cookie decorating challenges in November, class lesson on inclusion and acceptance
- Leadership has had theme days, Halloween event on October 28 (dress-up as movie characters), dance-off competition and pumpkin carving photo submission on October 31 (Halloween)
- Hands for Humanity bake sale will be selling cookies and taking donations October 27 to raise funds for Orleans-Cumberland Community Resource Centre Food Bank and Christmas Hampers
- Launch Day for grade 12s (and 11s) will occur on November 2 and 3. Will be a Virtual event for students only, with a career-based focus, apprenticeships information, many speakers from a wide variety of work sectors. Messaging to go out to senior students October 27

### **Questions and Comments**

- Pin numbers for University-bound students coming out next week
- Parent shared idea about guest speaker opportunities for take your kid to work day regarding federal government student opportunities

### **Approval of September Minutes – Erin Fletcher-Randle**

- Motion to approve with minor amendments—approved

### **Treasurer's Report – Musifra Uvaize**

- \$641.80 raised in Simply Giving campaign, collected voluntary school fees, account correction from board has been resolved
- Opening balance of \$3382-\$4187.03 (\$500 from Parent Involvement Committee [PIC])
- No outstanding commitments on the funds
- Simply Giving Campaign email went out to parents on October 3<sup>rd</sup>

- November 1<sup>st</sup>, Nancy will be sending out a call for submissions of funding requests from teachers with submissions due date of November 23. No requests in yet, co-chairs will present requests at next school council meeting for approval

### **OCASC Meeting Update – Cynthia Allen**

- Ottawa Carleton Assembly of School Councils meeting occurred last week, and had better representation of secondary school
- One secondary school asked if other secondary schools are having issues with washroom vandalism. Presenter asked if Sir Wil is experiencing similar problem. Principal shared that there have been incidents of vaping and gathering in washrooms, but no vandalism, and washrooms are well renovated
- Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) is looking for parent volunteers
- November 5<sup>th</sup> parent conference will be held at Richmond High School, see board website for presentation schedule and registration
- Upcoming OCASC meeting will have a board chief financial officer speaking about how school council money is intended to be allocated and spent (ie, not on staffing)
- Art advisory committee is looking for membership. Committee mandate and terms of reference were sent out last year. Presenter asked if a notice can be put in the next Sir Wil Lancer Parent Update

### **Questions and Comments**

**Q:** Is there is a protocol in place for addressing the vaping in the washrooms?

**A:** There is no smoking or vaping allowed on Board property. If a student is caught smoking or vaping on Board property, then Bylaw is called. Bylaw determines the consequence (i.e. If they issue a \$350 dollar fine or a warning). Parents are also called if the student is under the age of 18 years old

**Q:** Are there preventative messaging going out about vaping?

**A:** Principal shared that education does address dangers of vaping, as does bylaw officer when they come out, and vaping is also addressed during welcome assembly

### **Round Table**

**Q:** Does the School Council Calendar get updated by school admin?

**A:** it gets updated by admin staff, but there is a challenge of competing calendars for sports, teams, clubs and level of information listed in the public calendar

**Q:** When are Grad photos?

**A:** November 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>. Retakes Jan 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Q:** School photo quality was poor, priced high with no family pricing, and not sourced locally. Two parents seconded this.

**A:** Principal will take feedback under consideration

### **Next Meeting – November 30, 2022**