

## School Council – May 28, 2024

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**In Attendance** – Brian G (Principal), Kim PH (Teacher Rep), Shannon B, Catherine R, Kristi G, Claire R, Jerome G, Nicole C

**Regrets** – Susan McBurney

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### Minutes

Meeting began at 6:25

### Land Acknowledgement

### Roll Call

### Approval of Minutes from April Meeting

- Minutes approved; motioned by Claire, approved by Catherine

### Student Council Report

- No report tonight

### Teacher Report

- Students launched Westdale Relay for Life with assemblies on May 3; event is on June 5
- Commencement planning is coming along; Cohort 2024 lunch is on June 6; school messenger sent out with details about commencement and community involvement hours
- Ms. O’Leary conducted valedictorian voting last week
- Valedictorian is Emilia Diaz-Ruiz
- Timetable is coming along and we will likely be able to start conflicts next week
- Successful 2.5 weeks of IB exams completed
- Counsellors have been following up with Grade 12’s who haven’t submitted CIH over the last week
- Counsellors have also been reminding students headed to university that the deadline to accept an offer in Ontario is June 3
- Question – should Parent Council provide a note of congratulations in program? Brian will follow up

### Principal’s Report

- Quiet days as of June 12 (no co/extra-curricular activities)
- June 19 last instructional day; evaluations June 20 – 25 from 9-11 daily
- June 3 – Simoni Lawrence/TiCats/Bulldogs have reached out to congratulate Tomi for her hard work; will be providing money towards school nutrition program; Tomi to be recognized at TiCats game in August; Brian will connect with Westdale BIA that it is a common lunch day
- June 29 – Prom
- Working on staffing for next year; ESL program continues to grow
- Successful Animalpalooza
- Two successful Grade 8 days in May
- Good news item: SO Lee’s support has added a third VP to Westdale for September; team is status quo plus the addition of the third VP

### Chair’s Report

- SO Lee requested formal letter summarizing feedback from April meeting; thanks to Danielle for her hard work on the letter; received email from SO Lee thanking group for the letter
- Thanks to SO Lee for her prompt response to emails and it is appreciated
- Filed principal’s survey on behalf of group

### **Canadian Parents for French**

- Membership is up; it is now free
- Event coming up June 8 and planning events for the summer
- Summer virtual programs almost all full

### **PRO Grant Planning Debrief**

- Thought the speaker was informative
- Low attendance was a concern, however attendees were interested in Sheryl's message
- Advertise to parents and kids; perhaps associate schools as well
- Interpreters? Use SWIS workers?
- Will look to explore PRO Grant again for next year
- Sheryl offers affordable presentations; could look to do a two-part series
- More social media with a "splash" of mental health is what we would look for in a presenter for next year
- "Setting Your Student Up for Success" session in October – a possibility?
- Someone may have mentioned that they had attended a presentation by a police officer who shared tips and tricks with parents about social media use and things to look out for
- Homework – investigate people who could be brought in to potentially speak in the fall and applying for the grant
- School takeaway – "Well Being Map" for Westdale

### **School Council Social**

- After last meeting in June would be nice for group to get together for a social

### **Further Business**

- Question about new rules for devices next year? The board is working on a plan to operationalize new "rules"? Is PIC at the table for these discussions?

### **Meeting Adjourned 7:17 pm**