

Westmount School Council

Meeting Minutes - Tuesday February 27, 2024

Westmount School Learning Commons 5:30pm - 7:00pm

Attendance:

- In Person: Sharon Nichols, Lisa Penzo, Sharon Martin, Brandy Hayhurst, Sherry Opas, Amy Park, Robin Mitchell, Sarah Ethier, Chris Fuzessy.

Meeting came to order at 5:37 pm.

1. Introductions and welcome: Chair
2. Agenda - addition of 5.1 and 5.2, Motion to approve - All
3. February Minutes - Motion to approve - All
4. Standing Items: None

4.1 School Update: Sherry Opas

- Bullying emails sent out to families.
- Learning profiles sent out, positive feedback. Only 10 families that couldn't access it.
- Renaissance Fair - positive experience for CTS students and enjoyed by rest of school.
- Breakfast program is going well, and is contributing to the family culture of the school. Chris Fuzessy handed out pancakes recently at the program. Fresh Co also recently donated cereal to the Breakfast program and has offered to donate again in the future if required.
- Minds Matter Oilers game a big success with high student attendance.
- Partner Band - Is going to the Comp.
- Read a thon: winding down, had Dress like Your Favourite Book Character day, Popcorn day, Read with a flashlight day coming Friday, Reading with the Dawgs baseball team. Prizes to be handed out March 5th at 2:00 PM.
- Extracurricular: Basketball is continuing.
- Coffee with the principal - there were three people at the last meeting. We will continue for now. Chris Fuzessy to be at the next meeting, March 19, 2024.
- Kindergarten open house. Only 12 registered so far out of a required 24.
- Divisional code of conduct was put forth to students for input. Surveys were sent to junior high regarding dress code, wording of divisional code of conduct. This was approved by students.
- Collaborative response team meetings.
- Professional learning: Focus on assessment/reporting.
- teachers convention Upcoming.
- Student surveys were sent out from Alberta Ed to FSD families of students grade 4, 7 & 10. The survey closes February 28th.

Student Assessments Update: Amy Park

-Grade 1 assessments:

CC3 - 3 @ risk, One class with 0 @ risk.

Lens (to see who might be @ risk) = 4

Numeracy - 6 @ risk

Total Assessed = 38, Total Unassessed = 2

-Grade 4 to 9 assessments:

No results as of yet.

4.2 Superintendent Q&A with Dr. Christopher Fuzessy

-Question from Robin Mitchell regarding school numbers required for high school and whether or not a new high school will be coming. Updates coming on Friday from government to Division. New HS is coming, more than likely. Zoning is still unsure. Possible sister school to the Comp.

-Tillitson is zoned for Big Rock, no impact on Westmount's numbers.

-Danielle Smith's policy announcement regarding pronouns to be determined. Lots of documentation to be changed when the decision comes. Consultation to come in fall sitting.

-\$5,000,000 top-up coming for nutrition, to be disseminated on a per capita basis, money to come within approximately a week, specific to feeding kids.

-This Thursday will be the budget announcement. The results of which remain to be seen.

Technology: Sally to come March 26th. AI Strategies for Schools discussion. More info to come next meeting info set by June Unroll as Abel Chris to attend.

-To attend next Coffee with the Principal. On

-Question from parent regarding Support Staff turnover rate and retention strategies.

Suggestions from parent to increase training and pay.

4.3 Trustee Update: Sharon Nichols

-School calendar

-Assurance Survey Council meeting happening next week.

-Meeting with Municipal partners to come.

5. New Business:

5.1 New Secretary: appoint Sarah Ethier, Acclamation

Has VP vacated Position? Sharon to follow up.

5.2 Add to speaker schedule - Sally Smith to speak at the next meeting regarding technology and AI.

6. Next Steps: Chair to forward agenda for next meeting to

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7. Date of Next Meeting: March 28, 2024, 5:30pm

8. Meeting Adjourned at 7:00pm