

**Westmount School Council
Meeting Minutes – September 24, 2024
Westmount School Learning Commons 5:30 – 6:50pm**

In Attendance – Sherry Opas – Principal, Brad Skeet- Vice Principal, Sharon Martin - Chair, Sharon Nichols, Lisa Penza, Brandi Findlaton, Cali Peace, Robin Mitchell, Stephanie Murdoch, Kirsty Judd, Amanda Elliot, Paige Stonehocker, Amanda Kryvenchuk, Jordan Shane, Anna Dioguardi, Gloria Schwabe(virtual), Kerstin Koehler(virtual), Brandi Basra(virtual)

1. Welcome and Introductions **Chair**

2. Approval of Agenda **All**

Motion to approve - Amanda
2nd - Paige

3. Review and Approval of June Minutes **All**

Motion to approve – Robin
2nd – Stephanie

4. Standing Items (Items Brought Forward)

4.1. Communication meeting & survey update - Sharon

35 responses from survey

Feedback 1 - Communication – preferred method school e-newsletter sent by Brandy

Notes in backpacks not sustainable – Cali

Parents wanting one place to go for what’s happening during the week/An “at a glance” view of what’s happening

Instagram page well received, good feedback

Feedback 2 – Q&A for council meetings

Questions need to be general and not about individuals/classrooms, this will be screened and anything not appropriate for meeting will be redirected to Sherry

4.2. Questions & Answers- Sharon

No questions submitted – will send out appeal earlier next month

4.3. School Update from Sherry Opas

Vision/Mission/Values

Engagement

– meet the teacher

-survey

-Terry Fox

Success

-PD days prior to school starting

-RLTS/evidence

-Benchmark testing

-Support transition day

-School liaison counsellor

Restorative Questions

-set of questions to be used school-wide

-help promote empathy amongst students

Class Sizes

-Kindergarten – good

-1-3 22/23 per class – low side

-4-6 good with grade 5 being on the high side

-7-9 159 kids, reasonable size for junior high

-class projection, down 12 kids from projection

K-8 Learner Profile

Technology Ranking

-7/21 ranking for assistive tech devices

-discussion surrounding how many are actually working and devices not being replaced by “retired”

-Cali suggested funding can be found to replace devices

Bussing Rates

-fundraising support needed

-rates have gone up

P3 School

-does not impact day-to-day operations

-snow/parking lot is a concern

Data – Brad

Division 1 Assessments (AB ED)

EICS Math Assessment (FSD) – Gr 4-9

4.4. Trustee Update- Lisa

Footnotes left by Lisa – updating MLA(s) about hot topics/concerns/celebrations

5. New Business

5.1. Fundraising Sub Committee – Sherry

An exciting new fundraising subcommittee is going to be led by Jordan Shane and list of other interested parents

5.2. Community Engagement Sub Committee

5.3. Nov 26th Meeting Christopher Fuzessy

Meeting with Superintendent scheduled for November

6. Next Steps

6.1. Forward agenda items for next meeting

7. Date of Next Meeting 29 Oct 2024

8. Adjournment at 6:50pm

Motion to Approve - Robin, Second - Amanda