

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Secondary School Parent Council

Draft Minutes

September 28, 2022

7:00-9:00pm

In person - Staff Room

Attendance

Nancy Girozan – Principal

Murray Stevenson – VP

Terri-Lynn Kennedy – Chair

Musfira Uvaize – Treasurer

Dianne Vroom – Minute taker, OCASC rep.

Erin Fletcher-Randle

Aaron Malek

Approval of the Agenda

Welcome and Introductions

Elections

Positions to be filled - Chair (Vice-Chair/Co-Chairs), Secretary, Treasurer, Fundraising Chair, OCASC Rep.

- Nancy did not receive any nominations/self-nominations before the meeting
- Erin Fletcher-Randle and Aaron Malek put their names forward to be Co-Chairs
- Erin Fletcher-Randle stepped up to take the minutes/Secretary
- Musfira Uvaize would like to continue in the role of Treasurer this year
- Council is not sure yet if they will have/or need a Fundraising Chair, to be determined
- Council is not sure at this time if they will send a rep. to OCASC meetings this year, they will review the minutes of the OCASC meetings online and decide later if they will pay the fees and send a rep. to the meeting this year. OCASC meetings will be a hybrid of in-person and virtual this year.

Principal's report – Nancy Girozan, shared with VP Murray Stevenson

- Welcome BBQ was back this year and was well attended, it was so nice to see everyone back at this event this year
- Wall at Exit C entitled, "Valuing Voices:". This is a large wall that is used to recognize special events in the school such as Orange Shirt Day, a day to end Islamophobia, etc.
- Teams have started, including x-country and rugby, and clubs are up and running
- Literacy tests going ahead this year, gr. 12s will need to complete for graduation
- Talked about the Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) programs. SWL has three SHSM's that are available for students to consider beginning in Grade 11. They are: Arts and Culture; Information and Communication Technology and the SWL Construction SHSM.
- EQAO math testing for gr. 9 are going ahead this year as well
- Discussed staffing, enrolment, once numbers are confirmed some classes in the next semester may be closed or reassigned

- The LINK crew has once again done a great job of welcoming the grade 9s. We have a lot of international students; the link crew gave tours of the school to these students.
- Attendees were invited to share any fundraising activities they may know of, since e-waste activities used in the past can no longer be organized. Simply Giving campaign on the school website will continue to be fundraising method unless/until a fundraising chair steps forward.
- Will have special presentations and guest speakers at the start of each school council meeting, at 6:30pm, and then the regular council meeting will happen after that. Nancy will mail out the upcoming dates of the presentations and what they are to be about. Examples of presentations in previous years have been about the SHSM program, math pathways, the Third Path – student wellness, option sheets presentation from guidance, Learning Support & the Blue Room.
- Future school council meetings will be held 100% virtual for the school year to allow for maximum attendance

Staff Representative Report

A staff rep. for parent council is still to be determined.

Approval of the April Minutes – Dianne Vroom

The minutes from the last meeting of the school year are approved.

Treasurer's report – Musfira Uvaize

No changes to the account balance, no transactions to report.