

School Council notes for Wednesday Sept. 11th

Welcome - Andre Lewin

Introductions- Andre Lewin

Council Chair Reflections- Andre Lewin

What is the role of School Council?

School Council is an advisory board that functions within the parameters of the Ministry of Education and the Waterloo Region District School Board policies and procedures, specifically Ontario Regulation 612/100. The School Council will assist staff in improving student achievement by providing financial support where possible, recommendations to the staff and administrators, and enhance the accountability of the education system as a whole

What is School Council not?

School Council is not a place to pursue your own agenda. Individual issues should be pursued through the classroom teacher, the Principal and the School Superintendent.

Roles of the Executive Members

Secretary: takes minutes, attends Executive Meetings, manages correspondence

Treasurer: assists with establishing school council budget, monitors flow of money into the council budget and expenses out of the council budget, attends Executive meetings

Vice Chair: assists the Chair, shadows the role of the Chair, fills in when the Chair, shadows the role of the Chair, fills in when the Chair is not available to run the meeting, attends Executive Meetings

Chair: prepares agenda with School Principal, runs School Council meetings, attends executive meetings, meets with the principal to discuss school council business, supports committees

Role of Voting Members: attend all school council meetings, share ideas and input and actively contributes to committees

Election Process - Voting Members, Members at Large and Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer

Quorum: 51% of the voting membership needs to be in attendance at a meeting in order to make decisions.

Executive for 2019-2020

Executive Position	Nominations
Chair	Lalita Premasukh
Vice Chair	Jess Peer
Secretary	Tara Barone
Treasurer	Sajid Kolsawala

Review of the School Council Annual Report: Andre

Financial Update:

June Balance: approx 2000.00

Principal's Report - enrollment is at approximately 750 students right now

- Facilities - We have 4 portables, a new field, we are waiting for our basketball nets to be replaced
- Staffing- New staff - listed off new staff due to growth
- PD day focus (School Improvement Planning - 4 groups - Curriculum, Wellness, Equity/Social Justice, and HERO <https://plasticitylabs.com/> Hero generation
- HERO GEMS, certificates of participation

Teacher's Report - upcoming events

- soccer teams began

SCIS committee - mandated - student voice, teachers, support staff, parents

1st meeting - orange shirt day - awareness to indigenous rights, residential schools

Flagpole ceremony - first Friday of the month - brings community together - focus on our HERO trait

Meet the teacher night - selling water bottles to raise money for a speaker

5:30-7pm

Volunteers for cutting apples - 2:00pm -Ashley,Nadia Tara

School Website - <https://jme.wrdsb.ca>

Establish Committees - Fundraising-Jess Peer, Lalita Premasukh, Ashley Atcheson

Transportation- Gregorio Garcia, Ashley Atcheson

Book Fair- Sara Styan, Ashley Atcheson, Cinnamon Abdallah

WRAPSC - Jason Barwegan

Safe Caring and Inclusive Schools Committee - Sara Styan, Lalita Premsukh

Fundraising - what are our timelines for fundraisers - we will plan them out so they don't conflict with school fundraising like the Terry Fox Run and Jump Rope for Heart

What do you want to Learn?

Guide for School Council, Ontario

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/general/elemsec/council/guide.html>

Janet Metcalfe School Council Bylaws

<http://schools.wrdsb.ca/jme/files/2019/08/Janet-Metcalfe-School-Council-Bylaws.pdf>

Next Meeting- October 9th, 2019 at 6:30pm in the Library