

Margaret Avenue Public School
School Council Meeting
September 25, 2019

In attendance: Silvana, Rachel, Tracy, Tanya S., Sherri, Grant, Kirk
Regrets: Christine, Ellen, Heidi, Tanya O-L

1. Introductions and Welcome - two staff members in attendance and two new members in attendance. Election applications have started to come in. Election will take place at October's meeting. All new and returning members are welcome. Positions available for Chair/Co-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. We will be using the Google Group and School Day to communicate and share School Council agendas, minutes and information.
2. School Update: Silvana, Grant, Kirk
 - Successful start up - wonderful group of students, several new staff members (including new VP - Mary Sue Meredith, and an additional two classes in Grade 7. Increase of 35 students from last year.
 - Admin visits to classes to gather input - "How's it going", review expectations, answer questions; Guidance teacher visits - to communicate supports available; Grant - shared information about leadership groups, and information about a potential upcoming presenter, Sam Demma - table motion for next meeting for school council to offset the cost (total \$750-\$1000); Kirk - shared his vision about the music program; some equipment requires updates (keyboard, additional guitars, mini recording studio - table motion for next meeting for school council to offset the cost (total \$1000); Sports, leadership and intra murals have begun. Continue to communicate in a number of platforms for both students and parents, and focus on School Day.
3. Financial Update - \$500 PRO Grant - motion based at previous school council to dedicate funds to Margaret 125 Celebrations. Fundraising SubCommittee - Discussions regarding possible fundraising opportunities and options. Add continuation of the discussion at next month's meeting where we anticipate more members in attendance
4. Parent Engagement - Parent volunteer developed last year's yearbook. Thanks to Josh Barbour! We are also looking for a Margaret 125 Committee to help with the spring celebrations. We will have more information about the scope of the celebration in a few months.
5. Other Business - Looking for a WRAPSC meeting volunteer - valuable monthly meetings of all school council parents are welcome with presentations by a variety of Board staff, facilities, HR and senior admin
6. What's on Your Mind - Please feel free to share via email or phone call in advance of the meeting
7. Next meeting date: Oct. 23 (Nov. 27, Jan. 22, Feb. 26, Apr. 22, May 27)