



Westvale Public School

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School Council Meeting minutes February 23, 2022, 6:30pm Virtual Meeting

Welcome to those attending –

Name	Present	Name	Present
Marisa Moser		Rick Foucault	X
Jodie Hancox-Meyer	X	Christine Glidden	X
Tonya Veltman	X	Anita van Raalte	
Amber Fitzgerald	X	Eleanor McGrath	
Stephanie Evans		Liz Kristensen	
Lynda Morris	X	Melissa Santo	
Elizabeth Flynn-Dastoor		Doerte Schulze	
Vidia Kendall	X	Anita Van Raalte	X
Kira Brusckhe	X	Christina K	
Bobbie-Joe Seitz		Val Beddoe	X

Welcome Message – Tonya Veltman

Territorial Acknowledgement – Jodie Hancox-Meyer

Principal's Report – Jodie Hancox-Meyer

- As you've likely read on School Day and heard from your children, Mr. Gomez is leaving Westvale for another school. His last day will be this Friday, February 25th. Smithson P.S. in Kitchener is very lucky to be getting him. This change is bittersweet for Mr. Gomez as he considers Westvale his "family", but it will mean that he now works very close to where he resides, which will make a positive difference for him. We will miss him dearly!
- All of our K to grade 6 students participated in a live-streamed Black Canadian 365: Change the World Conference on February 8th. Our students got to be part of an engaging presentation of music, true stories and guest speakers hosted by Duane D.O. Gibson. The conference had 80 000 participants and involved schools from Vancouver to Cape Breton to Yellowknife! What a neat learning experience this was for our Westvale students!
- All 40 of our students who were doing Short-Term-Virtual-Learning have returned to in-person learning as of February 14th. Some returned earlier than this as well.

- Reports cards went home a week ago today on Wednesday, February 16th. These reports are an indicator of a student’s progress in the first half of the school year. As always, please contact your child’s teacher(s) if you have any questions about your child’s grade or progress.
- Kindergarten registration for the next school year starting in September remains in full swing and we currently have 35 new JKs registered. It is too early to know what this means in terms of how many Kindergarten classes we will be allotted but we are excited to know that we will have at least 35 new learners joining us. We will be hosting some sort of COVID-friendly “Welcome to Kindergarten” event later in the spring to meet and welcome our newest students and more information will be communicated to families closer to then.
- Those families who registered their SK child for grade 1 French Immersion should be receiving notification by month’s end about whether they have been allocated a spot (either by lottery or because they have an older sibling in FI already) or whether they have been waitlisted at Westvale. As well, the school will soon be informed about how many sections of grade 1 FI we will be allocated.
- The city has been contacted about the width of the snow banks on the road on Thorndale Drive beside the school and they will be cutting these back.
- There is flooding happening in the porta-pack. One classroom has been relocated to the empty Kindergarten. The aftercare program has also been relocated to another room due to the flooding. Facilities management is involved and looking into a solution, but it seems to be related to just the volume of snow melting happening.

Staff Report – Val Beddoe

- **February 8:** all students in our school watched DO Gibson live on Black 365 Conference which was broadcasted nationally. DO Gibson’s goal was to celebrate Black History month by celebrating the lives and accomplishments of some special people who are now recognized as national heroes such as Viola Desmond, featured on our 10\$ bill.
- **Valentine’s Day (14):** this year, students willing to participate were given permission to exchange cards. Students at both levels (Primary/Senior) were very appreciative of being able to resume to normalcy (less the sugar!).
- **Results of the Poll:** Grade 6 students were polled about their interest in wearing a WV t-shirt:

	RM 12	RM 15	RM 18	TOTAL
Yes/Total # Students	6/6	15/18	9/9	30/33
Number of Students Absent	1	6	1	91%

Paul Davis Updates – Tonya Veltman

- We have been provided with both a parent involvement and a parents reaching out grant.
- We have booked Paul Davis for March 30th at 8 pm. The event will be virtual.

Domino's Fundraiser – Tonya Veltman

- Same as the last time; one pizza day per week for several weeks in March.
 - March 2nd, 9th, 23rd, and 30th.
- The order code is SGIVE.
- There are 12 gift cards available for draws at school.

Treasurer's Report – Rick Foucault

- Account balance was \$8700
- We have a \$500 commitment still for Mrs. Morley to purchase instruments
- Approximately \$5200 in available funds

Update on Potential Council -Purchased T-Shirts – Vidya, Tonya

- Company called DNA
 - \$6.45 per t-shirt, no tax for kids
 - \$6.45 for adults, but there is tax
 - Approximately \$2900 to get one for all students and staff
- Previous company we used (prior to Staples)
 - Initial quote was \$7.99 per shirt
 - Tonya negotiated price down to \$7.20 per shirt. Children's shirts are HST exempt; adult shirts will have HST added. This price is guaranteed for a 500 minimum order.
 - Sizers will be sent to the school and Jen Balkos will help to size all students in the library.
 - Expected order completion is late March/early April
- Motion to purchase from existing vendor by Amber, Rick seconded. Council voted, and the majority voted in favour. Motion passed.
- Jodie to get the children to vote on their favourite logo design of the ones that Jodie had commissioned. The winning design will be used on the t-shirts.
- Jodie and Tonya will select the exact shade of blue.
- Tonya motions that the council pays for a shirt for Mr. Gomez. This was seconded by Amber. The council voted, and the majority voted in favour. Motion passed.

Next Meeting Date – April 27th, 2022 from 6:30-8:00 pm