



Walter and Gladys Hill School Council

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 1, 2022

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Present: Freya Fourny (Chair), Andrea Hall (Secretary), Swapnil Sharma (Parent Council Advisory), Marie McKay (Director at Large), Brendan Toner (Principal), Emilie Giroux (Vice Principal), Christina Oxamitny (Director at Large), Elena Gould (Casino Chair Friends of Ravens), Heather Pinsent, Nicky MacDonnell, Shanon Smith, Shruti Sharma

1. Freya called to order the regular meeting of the Walter and Gladys Hill at 6:34 p.m. on June 1/22.
2. Review & Approval of Agenda: not completed
3. Review & Approval of Meeting Minutes: Freya motioned to approve; Swapnil seconded the motion - motion carried.
4. Principals Report (Brendan):
 - Pride Week:
 - Grade 5 is organizing pride week next week, Ms. MacKinnon is the lead
 - Not everyone is comfortable with Pride week, but overall it is a very positive week for human rights, inclusion and diversity
 - Timing coincides with the human sexuality curriculum
 - Rainbow items for sale in the office; proceeds to go towards Inclusion/Diversity books
 - 2 Gender inclusive bathrooms are being introduced – putting up this signage up is a big step and signifies a culture change
 - Question (Freya) Regarding human sexuality, is it possible to separate the kids into groups of boys and girls. May be more comfortable, encourage more open dialogue. *Mr. Toner to bring this up with the teachers.*

- Staffing 2022/2023:
 - Next year, W&G will be keeping 24 of 25 staff.
 - Three temp positions will expire at the end of June, but the remainder of the staff will be 98% the same.
 - Transition is underway with new administration and going well – but it will be good to have the same staff in place.
 - EA support - going to be able to post 5 more positions in addition to what we have in place today.
 - Triple I program is going away to Christina Gordon, so this is great news.
 - Grade 2 position has had 6 people apply for the position.
 - Mr. Toner has started the transition to Westwood after 3 years at Walter & Gladys.
 - People are welcome to reach out and ask questions.
 - Handoff is happening with the new principal.

- Events:
 - First Provincial Achievement Test for Grade 6 students went well
 - More testing happening mid-late June
 - Volunteer appreciation event will be June 13th 6:30 pm – Freya/Brendan to host
 - June 23rd is Kindergarten Graduation
 - June 27th Grade 6 Farewell – items, gifts ready to go
 - June 22nd (Div 1) and June 23rd (Div 2) Sports day at 10:00 a.m.
 - Stations, lunch
 - There will be a backup plan if the weather isn't good
 - Question (Shannon) is the Multisport program continuing to Jr. High? This has been such a positive program. *Not that Mr. Toner knows of.*
 - Question (Swapnil) Will there be a Grade 6 archery class this year? *No extracurricular after June 1st except for custodian helper program.*
 - Question (Marie) Will there be a staggered entry next year? *Yes – Grade 6 students' first day is August 29th, youngest students will start at the end of the week*
 - Question (Swapnil) Any plans for Multicultural events? *Yes, there will be a Chinese New Year, multicultural night, Reggio nights.*
 - Comment (Freya) Activities recognizing indigenous week would be good. *Elena: Sept 8/9 there is an Indigenous Culture festival at Borealis Park. The school would need to register to participate, transportation is included, ~2,500 students expected.*

5. Appoint an Interim Chair

- Shruti has accepted the position
- Freya will be available to handover and support prior to her move.
- Thanks to Shruti for stepping up

6. Meeting Adjourned 6:54 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Andrea Hall

Minutes approved by: Freya Fourny
