

# Westminster Woods School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: September 27, 2021

**Present:** Allison Stoffman, Erin Hamilton, Melissa McEachern, Angela Popofski, Natalie Thomas, Lisa Matchett, Julie May, Dawn Nicholson

**Regrets:** Kylie Booth, Melanie Taylor

1. Introductions and welcome: Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm
2. Elections
  - Chair - Angela Popofski
  - Secretary - Kylie Booth
  - Treasurer - Angela Popofski
  - Fundraising, Community Building, Greening - Natalie Thomas
3. Acceptance of past minutes from May 2021
  - Motion - Angela Popofski
  - Secunder - Natalie Thomas
4. Principal's Report

- Smooth start up-

## **New staff:**

- Erin Hamilton new vp
  - 6 years of experience in Peel DSB
  - Congratulations to Keith who is now full-time vp at elementary remote program
- Rob Hummel, Laura Bauman, Sara Furnival, Ryan Lockie, Liz Lebrun all returning to Westminster Woods this year
- New LTO staff: Carlyn Walser (grade 3) for Julia Eberhardt, Julia Morrison (kindergarten) for Lindsay Ly, Jennifer Lannan (for Melissa Monaghan), Luke Forcey (grade 5) for Sarah Billings who was new to Westminster in the staffing process in the Spring, Stephanie Bell (intermediate core French) for Lindsay Campbell, Leslee Hodges new junior French and planning time teacher
- For a full staff list- check our website!

## **Covid protocols**

### **What's the same?**

- Screening
- Staggered entry in different doors
- No groupings in hallways
- Capacity limits in windowless rooms (washrooms)
- Frequent handwashing
- Masks inside
- Students facing same direction

### **What's different?**

- No cohorting outside but with masks encouraged
- Shared materials
- Use of shared spaces
- Extra Curriculars
- More flexible use of class space

- Purifiers in every classroom
- We did have our first case this past week so one class is online for this week. Need to isolate for 10 days. For older kids, vaccination status will be a factor.

### **Re-organization:**

- Increased by 1 Grade 8 class
- 1A became 1/2A
- Moved a few primary students to ensure we are meeting ministry class caps
- we had quite a few new registrations in the summer time
- still 50 students who have opted for remote learning, no opportunities to switch learning modes this year, as this was quite disruptive last year

### **Priorities:**

#### Supporting Mental Health and Building Community

- Building community in the classroom to provide safe, supportive environments
- Looking for, identifying and addressing concerns early
- Working with the division and other classes to do engaging, community building activities together

#### Examples so far:

- Umbrella project to reframe perception of challenges and strengthen skills of well-being
- Planned and collaborative activities in Junior/Intermediate
- Terry Fox Run

#### Closing Gaps

- Identify gaps in learning through diagnostics
- Ensure students are being met where they're at regardless of grade curriculum
- Utilization of high-leverage teaching strategies

#### Examples so far:

- Reading and Math Diagnostics
- Review of IEP's and OSR's
- PD day focus on teaching strategies and diagnostics
- More diagnostic materials received for the school
- Scheduled discussions about progress and plans for students

#### Equity

- Ensure all parts of our school community are represented in the building and classrooms
- Address equity concerns through age-appropriate education
- Educate students about indigenous reconciliation
- Identify financial barriers to education and utilize community resources to support students and families

#### Examples so far:

- Update survey on languages, cultures and holidays within our community
- Educate, through announcements, about different holidays

- Activities and fundraising around National Truth and Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day)

### Upcoming events:

- Virtual open house: Visit your child's Google Classroom to meet the teacher and watch their video, slideshow
- Garden: Can we hire a professional landscaping company to come in and fix up? Regular maintenance?

### Butterfly Garden

- Natalie motioned to spend approx \$1,800-2,400 from Greening to have a landscaping company do fall weeding, edging and mulch.
- Seconded by Lisa Matchett

### 5. Treasurer's Report

- Only activity between March-June 2021, was \$1,000 used for grad celebrations

### 6. New Business

- 4 meetings scheduled (dates to be added if needed):
  - September 27, 2021
  - November 29, 2021
  - February 7, 2022
  - May 16, 2022
- PIC meeting:
  - October 25, 2021 at 6:45
- Spirit Wear - Allison to go ahead and start up with supplier from last year.

### 7. Adjournment 7:12 pm