



William Burgess Parent Council Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2018

Date:	September 18, 2018
Time:	6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Location:	William Burgess Library
Present:	See Annex A for list of attendees and identification of voting members
Guest(s):	

Agenda Item		Discussion	Action
1.0	Call to Order and Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Colleen called the meeting to order, noting that three individuals submitting Council Election forms had not identified any Council positions to which they wished to apply - These individuals were called upon to confirm whether they were interested in applying for any Executive positions and, if not, whether they wished to be identified as a voting or non-voting member. Once this information was confirmed, the vote for Executive members proceeded. 	
2.0	Vote for Executive Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - With the exception of the available fundraising role, votes for vacant Executive positions were taken by verbal consensus as opposed to secret ballot - There was no opposition to any of the proposed candidates - Where multiple candidates applied for a single position, it was unanimously agreed upon that multiple candidates were desirable in each position to allow for an alternate - Candidates for each position were unanimously affirmed as follows: <p>Co-Chairs: Michael Bluestone, Denise Georgiou-Newell (both acclaimed)</p>	

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		<p>Communications: Peter Brugnatti (acclaimed) Secretary(s): Matthew Wilson, Melissa Diccico (both acclaimed) Treasurer(s): Crystal Kraft, Tristan Chudyk (both acclaimed) Fundraising Chair: Shannon Crookston (secret ballot)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attendees who wished to be voting members self-identified as such on the attendance form, as indicated in Annex A 	
3.0	Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - William Burgess (WB) now has a Twitter account, which will be primarily used for blurbs as opposed to updates re: school business - Student articles will be a focus of the school website, which will also include the school’s Twitter link - Various attendees expressed a desire for the website to include a regularly updated calendar of events; however, it was confirmed that WB does not have the administrative capacity to maintain the site to this degree. A suggestion was to instead provide a link on the website to the existing TDSB website, where Board-wide information and important dates are communicated 	
4.0	Upcoming Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) <u>PALS program:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Teacher volunteers as well as student volunteers from Grades 4-5 have been identified, with student training taking place on Wednesday, September 19th o Student volunteers will lead school yard activities, with a focus on inclusivity. Approach is to ensure every student has an opportunity to participate (ii) <u>Curriculum Night:</u> 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Next Thursday, September 27th. Parents will be able to tour the school and engage in their children’s learning routine. ○ Spiritware samples are available <p>*Further details regarding these and others activities will be provided to parents in upcoming communications sent home with students</p>	
5.0	New and Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updated Council by-laws have been drafted, but will require ratification by formal vote before they can take effect - A fifth JK teacher has been allocated to the school, bringing the total number of JK classes to five. The new class will have 15 students, reducing the average number of students in the other four classes to approximately 26-27. Letters will be sent home on Thursday, September 20th discussing re-allocation of existing students. A point was raised regarding whether students will be informed of their potential move in advance of the letters to parents (TBD) - June 2018 meeting minutes were approved 	Draft by-laws to be finalized and introduced at upcoming Council meeting (Date TBD)
6.0	Next Meeting	Next meeting: October 16, 2018	-
7.0	Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm	



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ANNEX A – MEETING ATTENDANCE

#	NAME	VOTING MEMBER (YES/NO)
1	Andrew Peek	Yes
2	Anita Basnet	Yes
3	Anne Pastuszak	No
4	Bruce McEachern	No
5	Crystal Kraft	Yes
6	Dan Tomlin	Yes
7	David Heasman	Yes
8	Daryl Morgans	Yes
9	Denise Georgiou-Newell	Yes
10	Desiree Watkin	Yes
11	Elisha Yoder	Yes
12	Eryn Stoddart	Yes
13	Helen Lo	Yes
14	Helene Armbrust	No
15	Ilana Weitzman	No
16	Irene Bithas	Yes
17	Jaclyn Pritchard	Yes
18	Jane MacPherson	Yes
19	Jen Scully	No
20	Jennifer Brugnatti	Yes
21	Joanne Wilson	Yes
22	Joy Henderson	Yes
23	Julie Trakos	Yes
24	Karen Ung	Yes
25	Lindsay Baker	Yes
26	Lindsay Williams	Yes
27	Mara Lewis	Yes
28	Marci Morgans	Yes



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29	Matthew Wilson	Yes
30	Megan Henze	No
31	Melissa Diccico	Yes
32	Merrill Newell	Yes
33	Michael Bluestone	Yes
34	Peter Brugnatti	Yes
35	Sarah Godfrey	Yes
36	Sarah Noble	Yes
37	Shannon Crookston	Yes
38	Sophie Sudano	Yes
39	Sri Wati	No
40	Suzanne Williams	Yes
41	Tristan Chudyk	Yes
42	Tyler Murree	Yes
43	Valentina Parker	No