

Westmount School Council Agenda

Date: April 12th, 2017

Location: Elementary Gym

Time: **7:30 pm**

1. Call to order and approval of agenda.
2. Introduction of Council and Admin.
3. Safety minute.
4. Gratitude.
5. Charter Document minute.
6. Approval of minutes from March 1st, 2017 Council Meeting.
7. Reports from Council
 - Fundraising Report
 - o Need Bottle Drive Coordinator for next School year
 - Treasurer Report
 - Parent Liaison Report
 - Communications Report
 - Chair Report
 - Principals - Reports sent with agenda.
8. Operating Procedure update.
9. Discussion regarding upcoming AGM (May 3rd, 7:30 pm, MHLC).
10. Questions.

Adjourn

Westmount Charter School Council

Meeting March 1, 2017

The contact e-mail for the Council is: schoolcouncil@westmountcharter.com

Location: Mid-High Campus Learning Commons

Chair: Nanette Doshen, Chair of WCS School Council

Present: Vice-Chair: Vacant

Treasurer: Lori Ketchuk (Absent)

Secretary: Bruce Seifred

Fundraising Coordinator: Salimah Jina

Parent Liaison: Liz Fontana

Communications: Kirk Schmidt

Principal Mid-High Campus: Janneke Frank (Absent), V-P Dani Sever was in attendance

Principal Elementary Campus: Hal Curties

Superintendent: Joe Frank

Student Council President: Maanasa D.

In addition see attendance list below.

1. Call to order & Approve agenda: 19:35. Added School Council President to the agenda. Motion to approve amended agenda: 1st Liz Fontana; 2nd Kirk Schmidt; Carried.
2. Introduction of Council & Admin.
3. Safety Minutes:
 - a. Please send your kids to school healthy and disease free!
 - b. There is a lot of congestion at the Mid-High around the time of drop off. Please use the Stadium Shopping Centre for drop off. Parking is also a safety issue at the Elementary Campus.
4. Gratitude: Gratitude: To our WestJet Raffle volunteers: Coren J., who donated the tickets, Yi-Nei K., who is coordinating the sale and Cynthia C., who provided expert guidance.
5. Charter Document Minute: Nanette read out a portion of the Philosophy from the new WCS Charter:

PHILOSOPHY: Perspectives on giftedness: How are we different?

Perspectives on giftedness: How are we different? Gifted students not only think differently from most others, they also feel differently. They were born with a heightened awareness of and sensitivity to their surroundings, as well as enhanced cognitive ability. This heightened awareness can lead to isolation. "Why don't I fit in? Why do I feel things so deeply? What's wrong with me? Who is there to turn to who really understands?" Our

students need others who understand and empathize with their complex lives, their need for meaning, and their difficulties living in a world in which they often feel alien. At Westmount, we look at giftedness “from the inside out.” What does this mean for us? It means we strive to first know and honour who our students are before we can help them become the best they can be.

- The entire document is on the school website:
<http://www.westmountcharter.com/pdfs/Westmount's%20Charter%20-%202015%20year%20final.pdf>.
- 6. Approval of Minutes of meeting from February 1, 2017; Motion to approve minutes: 1st Salimah Jina, 2nd Kirk Schmidt; Carried.
- 7. Reports from Council:
 - a. Student Council President: Maanasa D. presented the exciting list of events Student Council has proposed for the upcoming month;
 - b. Fundraising Report: Salimah Jina – presented the current fundraising and other events:
 - i. The next Bottle Drive is March 23rd;
 - ii. QSP continues;
 - iii. Stampeder Parking, if you wish to volunteer go to the website;
 - iv. The WestJet Ticket Raffle which will be drawn at the Mardi Gras on March 9.
This latter event is NOT a fundraising event - just fun!
 - c. Treasurer’s Report: As Lori Ketchuk was absent, the Treasurer’s report was presented by Nanette:
 - i. The mid-year financial review took place with Admin. No changes to the budget were made;
 - ii. Direct Donations are down this year; and
 - iii. Expenses are on target.
 - d. Parent Liaison Report: Liz Fontana
 - i. The next Elementary Coffee Talk will be Friday, March 3rd;
 - ii. The next Mid-High Coffee Talk will be Tuesday, March 21st; and
 - iii. *Inside-Out: A Conceptual Framework*, a learning event by our own Janneke Frank on Tuesday, March 14th at 7:00 pm.
 - e. Communications Report: Kirk Schmidt - The e-mail system for Council requires ‘positive’ enrolment from the parents and will be used for all Council e-mails.
 - f. Chair’s Report: Nanette Doshen – drew attention to:
 - i. The WCS Board elections are coming up at the end of May;
 - ii. There is a High School Open House for Grade 8 & 9 parents and students on March 8 at 6:30 pm.
 - g. Principal’s Report: Elementary Campus – Hal Curties – See the report that has already been sent out. In addition Hal pointed out some highlights including that the use of the Outdoor Teaching Space is being revisited and that the school is looking for a lunch supervisor.
 - h. Principal’s Report: Mid High Campus – See the report that has already been sent out. Dani Sever said that
 - i. February had been a busy month;
 - ii. The IPP system is being overhauled and they are hoping to open the Parent IPP portal in April;
 - iii. Hoping to open a Parent resource library soon; and

- iv. They are working on planning the student re-registration and course selection which will be smoother and completed before Spring Break this year.
- 8. Community Development Update: Peter K.
 - a. Updated on the Stadium Shopping Centre development;
 - b. The larger community area has noticed an increase in the disposition of drug paraphernalia which is a definite concern;
 - c. Construction on the 29th Street and 16th Avenue intersection will be starting in the Spring; and
 - d. On March 11th & 12th West Campus Development will have an open house.
- 9. Presentation of Proposed Operating Procedures Document for review and discussion: Kirk made this presentation of highlights:
 - a. The Alberta School Council Association template was the start;
 - b. **Quorum** – at least 51% of executive must be present AND the Principals or their designates AND of the voting members parents must be a majority;
 - c. **Voting** – looking at 1 vote per family OR 1 vote for any member present;
 - d. **Roles** – Added a Special Events Coordinator AND we have changed the Parent Liaison role to Parent Engagement, volunteer coordinator has been deleted and Communications and two Directors-at-large roles have been added;
 - e. **Term Limits** – The usual rule will be that terms are to be two years with a two term maximum;
 - f. Striving for the goal of having both campuses represented; and
 - g. Some discussion of these points ensued.
- 10. School Superintendent: Joe Frank – Noted that the school website had been extensively updated. He also drew attention to the issue of whether we were one or two school councils.
- 11. Questions: The question was raised for discussion on whether we should have mandatory volunteer hours for parents.
- 12. Adjournment - Motion to adjourn made at 20:45: 1st Michael E.; 2nd Bruce Seifred; Carried.

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12TH, 2017, ELEMENTARY CAMPUS GYMNASIUM, START TIME - 7:30 PM

MARCH 1ST ATTENDANCE

Yi-Nei	K.	Michelle	I.	Darlene	N.
Thomas	C.	Jordan	L.	Lani	B.
Srinivas	D.	Michael	E.	Peter	K