

Westmount Charter School Council
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING February 4th, 2020

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Location: Mid-High Campus Learning Commons

Chair: In place of Chair: Baljit Singh, Vice-Chair of Westmount Charter School Council

Council: Chair: Katarina Galic (absent)
Treasurer: Raquel Spinato (absent)
Secretary: Bruce Seifred
Communications Director: Kathy Good (absent)
Fundraising Director: Kim Anthony
Parent Engagement Director: Ashley Wilford-Matthews (absent)
Special Events Director: Thomas Chan
Director-at-Large: Ameet Kooner
Director-at-Large: Vacant
Board Liaison & Community Liaison: Peter Khu

Principal Elementary Campus: Hal Curties
Principal Mid-High Campus: Graeme Finlay (absent)
Assistant Principal Mid-High Campus: Laurie Alisat
Superintendent: Joe Frank
Student Council Representatives: Amy L. and Katelyn T.
In addition see attendance list below.

1. Call to order & approval of agenda: Baljit Singh called the meeting to order at 19:02.
 - a. Motion to approve agenda: 1st Thomas Chan, 2nd Bruce Seifred; Carried.
2. Introduction of Council & Admin. and parents.
3. Gratitude: Baljit expressed the Council's gratitude for the support of Westmount by community volunteers and the community at large.
4. Approval of Minutes: From meeting of December 3rd, 2019: Motion to approve minutes: 1st Ameet Kooner, 2nd – Kim Anthony. Carried.
5. Reports from Council:
 - a. Treasurer's report: Raquel's report was carried forward to the next meeting.

- b. Parent Engagement: Ashley's report was carried forward to the next meeting. Baljit pointed out that the Stephen Pfeiffer's presentation to parents: *The Hearts and Minds of Gifted Children*, on January 30th, was a great success.
 - c. Fund Raising: Kim Anthony
 - i. The Direct Donation Campaign has started with a letter sent to all parents in December. Donating may be done at any time of year. Thanks to those who have donated already;
 - ii. Stampede Parking - Thanks to volunteers who helped out in 2019. We are looking for a Stampede Parking Coordinator for 2020, please contact Kim directly;
 - iii. A bottle drive was held on January 9th, thank you to all those who participated. A reminder that you can donate bottles anytime to Vecova, just tell them you are donating to Westmount. Next bottle drives Thursday April 16th and Thursday June 4th; and
 - iv. The WestJet Raffle will be started soon. We are looking for a raffle coordinator, please contact Kim directly.
 - d. Chair Report: In Katarina's absence Baljit read the report:
 - i. The Council has a representative on the upcoming Board election process;
 - ii. The Council has provided input to the WCS Superintendent's evaluation;
 - iii. The Council has a representative on the advisory budget review committee regarding the Alberta Education 2020/21 budget; and
 - iv. Council is working on the *Mardi Gras* event.
6. Principal's Reports:
- a. Elementary Campus: Hal Curties' report was e-mailed and will be posted on the WCS website. He highlighted:
 - i. That information has been sent out on the Corona Virus and that several staff and students have been away;
 - ii. He and Graeme Finlay have met with Katarina and Ashley to discuss communications; and
 - iii. The Principals are working on a letter for parents to raise awareness of the School Council and the need for volunteers.
 - b. Mid-High Campus: Report presented by Laurie Alisat – See the full report on the WCS website. She drew attention to:
 - i. On April 14th at 6:30 pm - there will be a Career Exploration night and they are looking for volunteers to present information on different careers;

- ii. Westmount has a finalist in the prestigious Loran Scholars Foundation Award; and
- iii. Bruce Horak will be presenting to all students on February 5th and 6th. Bruce is an inspirational speaker, artist, and performer.

7. Other Business:

- a. Student Council Report: Amy L. and Katelyn T. presented on the several events their council is planning for the spring. They also noted that council elections will be held in June;
- b. Superintendent’s Report: Joe Frank – noted that:
 - i. Westmount is putting out information to parents, staff, and students on the Corona virus and using Alberta Health Services, the Alberta Ministry of Education, and the College of Superintendents as their sources; and
 - ii. A Board budget committee has been set up to plan for future provincial budget scenarios.
- c. Mardi Gras: Thomas Chan reported that the *Mardi Gras* will be on April 23rd and that planning is well underway for this student-oriented event;
- d. Additional Funding: Ameet noted that an *Additional Funding Template* is being drafted for the Admin and Council to use to notify Council in advance of these requests;
- e. Biology Field Trip: Further to a prior request by the Admin a motion was made by Bruce Seifred “*That Council approve the school’s spending an additional \$14 for the upcoming grade 11 Biology Field Trip,*” , 2nd Baljit Singh; Carried; and
- f. Community Liaison: Peter Khu informed Council of the changes to parking around the school he had negotiated with the City to the school’s great advantage. He also noted that the University Heights Community Association will have its *Annual General Meeting* on February 25th at 7:00 pm. at the Foothills Mennonite Church.

8. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made at 20:45 - 1st Kim, 2nd Bruce; Carried.

Minutes compiled by Secretary, Bruce Seifred.

February 4th, 2020 ATTENDANCE

Jackie	D.						

Council 2019 / 2020 Meeting Schedule:

Month	Date	Location
Mar	3	Elementary
Apr	7	Mid-High
May	5 - AGM	Elementary
Jun	2	Mid-High
July	<i>No meeting</i>	
Aug	<i>No meeting</i>	

Coffee Talks Schedule:

Elementary Campus:
February 7th
April 17th
May 29th
Mid-High Campus:
February 6th
April 23rd
June 11th

Bottle Drive Schedule:

Elementary & Mid-High Campuses:
April 16th
June 4th