

Westmount School Council Meeting – March 2021

Date: March 10, 2021

Location: Video Conference

Time: 7:00 pm

Chair: Baljit Singh

Council

Vice-Chair: Roti Akinsanmi

Treasurer: Navdeep Kailey

Secretary: Ameet Kooner

Communications Director: Kathy Good

Fundraising Director: Kim Anthony

Parent Engagement Director: Ashley Wilford-Matthews

Special Events Director: Thomas Chan

Director-at-Large: Kelly Poon

Director-at-Large: Dawn Courtman

Administration

Superintendent: Joe Frank

Principal Elementary Campus: Hal Curties

Principal Mid-High Campus: Graeme Finlay

Student Council representative: Parthiv M.

Other

Board Liaison & Community Liaison: Peter Khu

Note: Video recording of this meeting is also available online

1. Call to order and approval of the Agenda

Baljit Singh called the meeting to order – 19:02.

- Adjustment to Agenda – none.

Motion to approve agenda: 1st Kelly Poon, 2nd Ashley Wilford-Matthews, carried.

2. Chair's Remarks – Baljit Singh

1. Big thank you to school staff and leadership and cooperation and collaboration with parents as we work through this tough academic year. Looks like we will be back in person for universities and colleagues and hopefully all schools as well in fall 2021. Hopeful.
2. School Council Executives have been discussing the important topic of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. Inappropriate comments were made in social media which have been address by the superintendent Joe Frank. We are looking at ways to create a positive learning environment - free of bias and respectful of differences. Productive discussion to date and will engage other parents and work in partnership with school admin.

3. Approval of minutes from February 10, 2021 School Council minutes

Motion to approve minutes: 1st Kim Anthony, 2nd Ashley Wilford-Matthews, all in favor, none opposed, carried.

4. COVID-19 Updates – Graeme Finlay, Hal Curties, Joe Frank

- Couple cases at mid-high. Fortunately, not in school transmission (both cases were transmitted at home).
- Interruption to in school learning. Modifications being made for missed assignments, school days, etc.
- Apologies for the confusion in quarantine dates in the last case – AHS sets the quarantine dates not the school. There were technically two different start dates so the end date was unclear. No harm done. Will work on better communication next time.

5. Student Council - President: Parthiv M. absent

Information shared by vice-principal of mid-high: Julie Jansen

- Two upcoming competitions:
 - o Logo for Westmount School 25th anniversary water bottle. Limited to 3 colors. Due March 11th for elementary campus; March 13th for mid/high school applicants
 - o Sticker competition. No theme. Guideline in newsletter and Instagram account.
- E-Games competition between student and staff. More to come.
- Spirit days planning underway as well.

6. Reports from Council

a. Parent Engagement Report – Ashley Wilford-Matthews

- Coffee talk (to be recorded)
 - o Mid-high March 11th at 11am; Elementary campus on Friday March 12th
- March 17th Parent Engagement session with Medical professionals from within our Westmount community. To be recorded and link shared.

b. Treasurer's Report – Navdeep Kailey

- February monthly reconciliations complete.
 - o YTD expenses: \$1,386
 - o YTD revenue: \$19,687
 - o Balance approximately \$45,000

c. Fundraising Report – Kim Anthony

- Planning
 - o Annual WestJet raffle confirmed. Vouchers secured thanks to Roti! Next, applying for raffle license, and research on online platforms underway.
 - o Bottle drives - 1 or 2 more by end of year. We continue to partner with Skip the Depot. If you have bottles to donate, feel free to contact Skip the Depot directly for private pickup at your residence and contribute toward Westmount Charter School. Instructions available on our [website](#).
 - o Stampeder parking – waiting to see what happens with the football season!

Thank you to everyone for donating, volunteering, and sharing your ideas. If you have any ideas, please email schoolcouncil@westmountcharter.com

7. Principals' Reports: – Mr. Hal Curties and Mr. Graeme Finley

- a. [EC Principal's Report](#)
- b. [Mid-High Principal's Report](#)

8. Meeting adjourned at 19:28.