

Westmount School Council Meeting - April 2022

Date: April 13th

Location: Video Conference

Time: 7:00 pm

Chair: Baljit Singh (Absent)

Council

Vice-Chair: Roti Akinsanmi (Absent)

Treasurer: Navdeep Kailey

Secretary: Thomas Chan

Communications Director: Kathy Good

Fundraising Director: Kim Anthony

Parent Engagement Director: Ashley Wilford-Matthews

Special Events Director: Ameet Kooner

Director-at-Large: Dawn Courtman

Director-at-Large: Laura Teterenko

Administration

Superintendent: Joe Frank

Principal Elementary Campus: Hal Curties

Principal Mid-High Campus: Graeme Finlay

Student Council representative: Jun Heo

Note: Video recording of this meeting is also available online ([link](#))

1. Opening Remarks and Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda: 1st Navdeep Kailey, 2nd Ameet Kooner. Agenda approved.

There was a Parent information session around "Supporting Charter Schools" right before the council meeting and parents are encouraged to watch the video.

2. Approval of minutes from March 9th, 2022 School Council meeting

Motion to approve minutes: 1st Kim Anthony, 2nd Navdeep Kailey, all in favor, none opposed, minute formally adopted

3. Student Council Report - President Jun Heo

- Hosting a lip sync contest, has a positive reception with students and lots of participation
- Hosting a Spring Dance on May 5. For Grades 5 to 8 it will be during 3 & 4 block. Admission is free and food is available to be pre-ordered. For Grades 9 to 12 the dance will be from 6 to 9 pm, \$5 per ticket, including food

Ameet Kooner - Curious if the Student Council would be interested working on an event with the School Council.

Ameet will send a follow-up to Jun and Principal Graeme.

4. Reports from Council

a) Parent Engagement Report - Ashley Wilford-Matthews

- **Parent Engagement Sessions** - Just completed a session focused on Charter schools earlier in the night. Great information about Charter schools and how they came to be. Next two sessions will be in May, where the U of C's Civil Liberties Research Center will be speaking on racism. These sessions will not be recorded.
- **Coffee Talks** - Next Elementary coffee talk will be April 22nd and Mid-High coffee talk will be April 29th.

b) Fundraising Report - Kim Anthony

- **Bottle Drive** - Next one scheduled for April 28th. You can also setup Skip TheDepot pickup at your house
- **Stampeder Parking** - First pre-season game is May the 28th. Will be in touch closer to the date to recruit volunteers.
- **Westmount Cookbook** - Still have a few available. Contact Laura Teterenko if you would like to purchase one.
- **WestJet & 50/50 Raffles** - Currently organizing the Spring raffle through Rafflebox. All tickets will be sold online. Sent out a communications today with the details on the fundraising. The goal for the two draws is \$20,000. Raffle will go until May the 9 and the draw might be done on May 11th (School Council AGM). Prizes will be given to the top individual and the top grade for fundraising
- If anyone has fundraising ideas or if you want to volunteer let us know.

5. Principals' Reports - Mr. Hal Curties and Mr. Graeme Finley

[Mid-High Principal's Report](#)

a) Elementary Campus Update

- Things are getting back to normal at the Elementary campus. Things are positive in the classrooms and kids can be put into groups. Field trips are starting to be planned. Grade 1's are going to the Bow Habitat Station. Easter egg challenge currently going on with judging next week.
- **Sky's the Limit** - Third term of this started on April 8th. Hoping to eventually get back to LEAD program in September
- **Physical Activity** - Students doing dance classes in gym with Sound Creation. They will also be doing Drum Fit, which involves drum sticks.
- **Assemblies** - Grade group assemblies have started. One Grade at a time
- **Clubs** - Clubs have started up again, with at least two already
- **Drama** - Going to go ahead. Normally the production starts in September, with the performance in June. This year the production will start in April

- **Curriculum** - New curriculum is a go. The finalized curriculum will be starting in September, with Language Arts, Math and Physed. Resources are going to be arriving mid-May.

b) Mid-High Campus Update (in addition to Principal's Report)

- Nice to see a sense of normalcy back at the campus. Met with all of the student representatives. General consensus is people are feeling more buoyant with all of the activities going on.
- **Sports** - Track and field tryouts going on. Held a badminton tournament.
- **Incoming Students** - Before May school council meeting, there will be a Q&A and presentation on "New to Mid-High". Presentation is at 6 pm. Join us if you are transitioning or are new to the Mid-High. Plan to host tours of the school in June for incoming students
- **Course Fees** - school fees will be presented at the May council meeting. The schools have had generous donations over the years and the focus is to keep course fees status quo, despite costs going up. Can't promised anything beyond next year regarding costs.
- **Westmount Clothing** - Clothing order currently going on. Links can be found in the weekly communications.
- **Westmount Charter Board** - Elections are currently going on. On the Westmount website you can read about the candidates

6. Closing Remarks

Ashley - School council also has elections coming up. If you are interested in joining, we would love to have you. Currently the Fundraising Director position is open. Excited to have new faces and a good opportunity to get involved with the school. Reach out if you have any questions or if there is anything that you would like to know about the school council.

7. Meeting Adjourned - 7:25pm