

# Westmount School Council Meeting - November 2022

**Date:** November 23, 2022

**Location:** Video Conference

**Time:** 7:00 PM

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Chair: Roti Akinsanmi

## **Council**

Vice-Chair: Kim Anthony

Treasurer: Navdeep Kailey (missing)

Secretary: Thomas Chan

Communications Director: Kathy Good (missing)

Fundraising Director: Laura Teterenko

Parent Engagement Director: Ashley Wilford-Matthews

Special Events Director: Ameet Kooner

Director-at-Large: Terri May (Missing)

Director-at-Large: Melissa Wolsey

## **Administration**

Superintendent: Dr. Myra C. Hood (could not attend)

Principal Elementary Campus: Hal Curties

Principal Mid-High Campus: Graeme Finlay

Student Council Representative: Nathan Chung

Recording: [Link](#)

Kim Anthony motion to approve AGM minutes approve. Ashley Wilford-Matthews second.

Graeme update on website. Currently the website is down. Reboot and attached everything to the website.

### **1. Introduction of new School Superintendent - Dr. Myra C. Hood**

We will delay introducing the Superintendent because she is meeting with the School Board.

### **2. Approval of minutes from Sep 21, 2022**

Website is down. Will approve in next meeting.

### **3. Student Council Report**

Nathan Chung - having audio issues

### **4. Reports from Council**

#### **a. Parent Engagement Report - Ashley Wilford-Matthews**

- Will keep coffee talks monthly, but this year will be alternating in-person and online. Next Coffee Talk for the Elementary campus will be November 25<sup>th</sup> and for the Mid-High will be December 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Plan to have a parent engagement session before the end of the year. Jill Foreman, who is an occupational therapist and works on anxiety and mental health. The

session will be online on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Also talking to Gord Hamilton (Mr. Pickle) to have an afternoon session about math puzzles

- Will have Paul Davis come in on January 10<sup>th</sup> to discuss digital safety and security. In-person session at the Mid-High campus. Session will not be recorded.

**b. Fundraising Report - Laura Teterenko**

- Wrapped up Stampeder parking. Thank you for anyone that volunteered. Made well over \$5,000. Will be starting it up next Summer.
- Thank you to everyone with the bottle drive. Another bottle drive planned for January 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Working on one more potential fundraiser before the end of the year. Keep a look out in the newsletter for a hot lunch.

**5. Principals' Report**

EC Principal's Report

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

**a. Mid-High Campus Update - Graeme Finlay**

- Student illnesses going around. Westmount's break acted as somewhat as a circuit breaker. Alberta education required to report a 10% absentee rate. Please if your child is not feeling well, have them stay at home.
- Starting to see rise in mask wearing. We do not mandate it
- February 3<sup>rd</sup> we're hosting a science fair. Looking for judges
- Looking for an art coordinator. Looking for 1 or 2 volunteers.
- Finished up all the volleyball. Junior boys won the league, junior girls got a bronze. Moved on to basketball. No rest for athletic students
- A few performances before the end of the year. December 6<sup>th</sup> Grades 5 & 6 band. Senior High band is at Mount Royal University. Need to purchase tickets for that.
- Drama students 13, 14, 15<sup>th</sup>. Called "Almost Main. Tickets are for sale online. For ages 12 and up.
- Fundraising. Winter Holiday store
- Amazing creativity of the pumpkin carving.
- Thank you to all the casino volunteers.

**b. Elementary Campus Update - Hal Curties**

- Very lucky with seasonal illness. Absentee rate has been under 10% so far, so the school hasn't had to contact AHS.
- Fully regrouping language Arts and Math
- Was able to do the Halloween Howl. Each grade parades through the gym in their costumes
- Remembrance day assembly
- Drills continue to happen. Fire drills
- Anti-bullying week is going on by homeroom. Will not put kids in for general assembly due to the illness going around. The assembly will be held in January.
- Wacky hair day on Friday.
- Swimming has started. If you can please volunteer. Ashley - looks full, but it is not full, because it is mostly mothers volunteering

- Watch for Deck the Halls event. If illness are not too out of hand we will have parents in.

Question (Roti) - Science fair what is the level of qualifications to be a judge?  
Anyone can be a judge.

Ameet - talk about the traffic. Have the kids advocate. Graeme will be meeting with the student council to. Hal – administrative policy.

Kim (parent) - Wants more details for the bully assembly. Reach out Kaly Hughs from student services. Hal – last assembly they had the grade 3 & 4 students MC'd it. Hal the number of complaints about bullying is low. Mostly just incidents that pop-up.

## **6. Call for Volunteers - Roti Akinsanmi & Kim Anthony**

### **a. Alumni Relations**

- Good meeting with Julie Jansen with what the administration has done. Augment what has already been done. Looking to do an event to keep the alumni engaged. Maybe talk about post-secondary applications. Presentations about different professions. Looking for volunteers to help us out with that. Overall engage the alumni and keep them connected to the school. See how they can help the current students.

### **b. Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (“DEI”)**

- Last year was a good year. Look to build the momentum from last year. Execute on the strategy that we come up. Anyone with experience.

## **7. Closing Remarks**

No meeting in December. Next meeting January 18<sup>th</sup> on Zoom.

**Meeting Adjourned - 7:50 PM**