

SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

DECEMBER 14, 2022

Attendees:

Saby Chandi

Lana Durst

Sheila McGovern

Megan Fitzpatrick

Sirisha Naikoti

Sahar Mohamedahmed and Omer Osman

Denise Byard – community liaison and church pastor at Holy Trinity Church

Titi Agoura

Roz Thompson

Absent: Fernando Ruiz

Saby Chandi's report:

- Budget allocated \$345,170 for this year from the board to run programs for 1260 students (funds spent on curriculum related expenses eg science, books for English, math calculators, tech for classrooms)
 - o Non board budget is currently sitting at \$39, 780 with only 731 students paying the Student Activity Fee through cash online for the yearbooks and student activities/athletics (These fees go to paying the yearbook if students purchased one via CashOnline and supporting the various teams and clubs at Laurier)
 - Tomorrow is the United Cultures Club happening to raise money for Water First for students to sample different food
- Grade 12 grad photos have taken place
- Last week before Christmas lots to happen: eg surprise milk and cookies were given out today
- After the holidays: courses will be in wrapping up mode with culminating activities and some with formal exams.
 - o students know which courses they have exams in
- Renovations:
 - o Front doors not yet done due to supply chain issues but anticipate they'll be finished next week and those who walk or use the TTC can use those, but the rest must be dropped off at the back for safety reasons
 - o Phase 2 to begin next with all the doors and windows on the west and back side of the school
- Concerns:
 - o vaping especially in the bathrooms ... administrators do their best to spot check the washrooms while still respecting the kids' privacy
 - o Trying to figure out who is responsible for vandalism and the vaping so corrective action can be taken
 - o A suggestion came in for speakers to come to the school
 - A speaker came in gr 7/8 about social media that was very impactful (Denise can suggest someone)
 - Bathrooms are also being used for gambling (dice playing) and other activities. (Discussion ensued regarding this topic)
- Student violence is a concern. So is inappropriate behaviour at the plaza.
 - o will book trafficking seminars for all grades

- “Pathways” helps check in with students to make sure they’re doing okay and getting support as needed. More information can be found at:
<https://www.pathwaystoeducation.ca/pathways-model/>

To help students choose their courses in the following year, guidance councillors will start going into classes in February for each grade to explain how to direct their choices

- Ministry expects us to do Code of Conduct meetings but we call them Great Expectations. We need to show them what behaviours or conduct is expected and what the consequences will be if those behaviours weren’t observed
 - Saby suggested parents in the council has an opportunity to hear what will be presented before the students receive the information
- Mental health is an ongoing concern – years of unsupported trauma, COVID’s influence, peer pressure, difference between what is expected of the students vs what they’re able to do. Resources in the building are limited. “Equity is more important than equality”...meaning that true equity is when all students get what they need to succeed versus everyone getting the same thing.
- These parent council meetings are forums for parents to hear what’s going on generally in the school and for us to bring forward issues that concern us
- Lana asked if there’s an opportunity for the neighbouring community to be more involved in activities at Laurier
 - For example, if a play is put on and tickets can be sold to people in Guildwood
 - Part of the concern is a lot of students don’t live in Guildwood so feel no connection or responsibility to the neighbours
 - Any other ideas for how to bridge students with the community?
- Denise mentioned a concert this coming Sunday at 4pm at the Holy Trinity Church. She always needs student to help with program and they can get their volunteer hours. All students should join the google classroom for their grade as that is where those opportunities are announced.

Please join the google classroom for your/your child's grade:

Grade 9: siss35g

Grade 10: gm7o3nz

Grade 11: xkji3yf

Grade 12: 7vf7mcp

- Sirisha mentioned first Caring and Safe committee meeting this Friday at lunch in Rm 120 or visit office around 11:30 to receive directions – a think tank on everything related to school, solving school issues.
- Information on the School Council innovation grant has been sent to our chair, Fernando. We have \$1000 in the account which typically pays for the grad portfolios students get with their diplomas.

Future meetings:

- January 18th (in-person in the school library)
- March 8 (virtual)
- April 12 (in-person in the school library)
- June 14 (virtual)