



**Sir William Osler School Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes**

Date of Meeting:	Monday September 29 2025	Time:	6:00 PM EST
Location:	Sir William Osler Library		
Attendees:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19 Parents (8 in person; 11 online), 1 Community Representative (Lorraine Robinson, YMCA), 1 Teacher Representative (Karen Wilkins), School VP (Louise Van der Put), School Principal (Richelle Bratuz) 		

Topic:	Discussion:	Action By:
Land Acknowledgment and Introductions	<p>Richelle introduces the purpose of the Council and we all introduce ourselves briefly. Attendance is taken both of in-person attendees and online participants.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leora van der Linden • Ross Harper • Mallory Fry • Zaine Carmargo • Xiaoli "Sherry" Liu • Billie Tuinema • Tamara Ozdemir • Aadil Merali • Tinashe Wingfield • Nadine Parker • Shelly Mohammed-Khan • Sajah Stiller • Katherine Henderson • Neha Sethi • Tamara Deneault • Lauren Beckett • Connie Brownhill • Breanne Blackburn • Sasha Pivarnyik • Lorraine Robinson • Karen Wilkins • Louise Van der Put • Richelle Bratuz 	Richelle



<p>Creating Council Exec & Voting Members</p>	<p>Tamara and Breanna discussed their desire to be Council Chair - either solely or as co-chairs. Each presented why they feel they would be a good choice. It could not be agreed upon to have co-chairs, so we took it to a vote. Voting was done anonymously across all parents in-person and online and was tallied by Richelle and Louise. Tamara was awarded sole Chair with a vote of 8-5 in favour.</p> <p>Breanna accepted the Treasurer position. Lauren Beckett accepted the position of Secretary. We then had a total of 9 voting members appointed.</p> <p>Billie asked if all parents may still attend even if they are not voting members. The answer is yes. If a voting member is not able to attend a meeting, someone else may need to vote instead if a topic requires it.</p>	<p>Richelle</p>
<p>Playground Committee</p>	<p>Committee Members:</p> <p>Monica Palkowski, Monica Novak, Anne Pederson, Dane Pederson, Lauren Beckett, and Connie Brownhill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Green Day was discussed by Lauren with October 3 being the first date of a Green Day for this school year. Parents are encouraged to join with their kids from 4-7 to help out. ● Lauren discussed that the Playground Committee will be formulating a wider plan for outdoor development that will be presented to Council at the next meeting and will require discussion about ideas and fundraising. ● All Council parents were invited to join the sub-committee should they want to ● Richelle will report back to Lauren on basketball nets 	<p>Lauren</p>
<p>Fundraisers</p>	<p>It was introduced that we have a fundraising sub-committee this year as there is a lot of work that is required to set up events. Connie is an excellent choice to head this up. We did not have adequate time tonight to discuss a fundraising plan which is unfortunate because we aren't meeting again until November.</p> <p>A parent online felt that fundraising efforts at this point are too frequent and might be cost-prohibitive for some families. This will need to be discussed further by the group in order to find a balance between adequate funds coming in and not overwhelming families.</p>	<p>All</p>



Snack Program	<p>Richelle informed the Council that the Board has mandated that every school implement a school-wide Snack Program this year. She needed a parent member to head this up. Breanna has volunteered to take this on. It requires meeting with Richelle and Louise for more information and to better understand the ordering process and dollars required to make this work. She will report back on this and the next meeting.</p>	Richelle
Fuel For Kids	<p>This event is scheduled for Oct 15 at Fortinos on Main West from 4-7. It is a charity event put on by Fortinos for SWO and members of the public to come to a BBQ, with all food and setup items provided by Fortinos. SWO needs 8 parent and/or teacher volunteers to make it work. Tamara and Richelle are gathering a list of those people.</p> <p>We have the opportunity to sell doughnuts or cookies at the event and raise money. Richelle is confirming with Brenda from Fuel for Kids Tuesday Sept 30 on more details and will report back to Tamara.</p>	Tamara and Richelle
Anti-Bullying Project	<p>This year Louise would like to suggest we use Grant money to hire a speaker for an Anti-Bullying seminar co-hosted with Dundana Elementary School (which feeds into SWO). The Grant forms are due Nov 21st, and Ross and Leora will be working collaboratively to complete this, with input from Richelle.</p>	Richelle
Meeting Dates	<p>The Council has agreed upon the following meeting dates for the 2025-26 school year Parent Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wednesday November 5th at 6pm - Wednesday December 10th at 6pm - Wednesday January 14th at 6pm - Wednesday February 18th at 6pm - Wednesday March 25th at 6pm - Wednesday April 29th at 6pm - Wednesday June 3 at 6pm <p>It is important to note that committees will need to convene in between these dates in order to support their initiatives instead of waiting until the next Council date. Committees will need to organize themselves and any information they require from admin effectively.</p> <p>Breanna will be creating a Teams chat for Council members.</p>	Tamara
Parent Involvement Committee	<p>Leora made everyone aware that there is a Parent Involvement Committee in our Board that is meeting October 14th from 6-8 if anyone is interested. She is attending and will report back on any relevant details.</p>	Leora



Pizza Day	<p>The question was raised about Pizza Days and when they will be starting. Richelle informed the Council that volunteers have been arranged and that it is with office staff to finalize the process with the start date to be Oct 22.</p> <p>Lauren noted that this is 8 weeks after the start of school and was there anything we could do next time to get things started faster as we make roughly \$600 per pizza day. Richelle is happy to look into it but is conscious of the demands on the office staff and the amount of communications that are going out to parents.</p> <p>Breanna will be reporting back on Rice and Rolls prices.</p>	All
Meeting Adjournment	Motion to adjourn the meeting by Lauren Beckett and seconded by Louise Van der Put.	Lauren