

# Minutes: January 27, 2024, 7:00pm

## Westmount Elementary School Advisory Council

Attendance: Eric Thomson, Erik Fraser, Teri Colter, Annie Miller, Runa Seal, Megan Gray, Andrew Hare

Regrets: Suad Meftah, Greg White, Terin DeWolf, Donna Sutton

### Call to order

### Approval of January 27 Agenda

- **Motion: Approval of the agenda for January 27**
  - Request to add traffic related to the church to the agenda
  - **Motion Approved as Adjusted (unanimous)**

### Approval of November 25, 2024 Minutes

- **Motion: Approval of November 25 minutes**
  - **Motion Approved (unanimous)**

### Old Business

#### 1. Crosswalks and crossing guards (311)

- Teri spoke with police, who encouraged SAC to continue following up
- Bus drivers are only leaving lights on when students are getting on or off the bus. Signage does not need to be updated.
- Erik F. to submit a request for a marked crosswalk on behalf of the School Advisory Council.

#### 2. School Improvement in Reading - sharing benchmarks and samples of leveled books

- Annie shared examples of leveled books and expectations. If kids are below level L they should be between 90 and 95, if above level L, should be between 95 and 97.
- Complexity of comprehension questions increases with level.
- Reading assessments are conducted in English.
- Question was asked whether classrooms still take turns reading out loud? Teri said most classes do shared reading time or reading theatre (reading aloud for a purpose). Younger children do reading bingo with squares like “read out loud to....”.

#### 3. Grade 3 Assessment Results

- Teri requested to defer results to February meeting

#### 4. SAC Grant Funding Requests - expenditure updates

- Two requests were made but WSA agreed to cover the items. The \$1000 used for math materials was used to purchase”
  - Visual flash cards

- Counting materials (e.g. popsicle sticks, straws, plastic toys, dice, dominos)

## New Business

### 1. Fire Marshal Procedures

- HRCE has a 5-year fire marshal schedule. It has since moved to a provincial fire marshal, which has become a bit more comprehensive and could be a surprise inspection.
- New requirements include limiting paper coverage on wall (20%).
  - Nothing can be above a coat rack (since it counts as coverage)
  - Bulletin boards cannot have paper
  - Book shelve contents, number charts, books
  - Only certain lamps are approved
  - Flags, cloth (certified) have to spray with a fire retardant
- Emergency management planning trumps the education act

### 2. Church Traffic

- Request to add a note to the Friday memo encouraging parents to be cautious when turning through the church parking lot when trying to turn onto Bayers Road from George Dauphinee.
  - Eric will write for Teri to add.

## Upcoming Events

- WSA Movie Night - January 30th
- Culture Night TBD - April
  - SSP Connections/EAL Mount Event
  - Donations

## Other Business

- Leveled books have been added to classroom libraries.
- Grade 6 Assessment results will be coming early in the new year
- AOB:
  - Grade 5s and 6s - Trips to Africville
  - January Concerts

## Next Meeting

- February 24, 2025, 7:00pm

## Adjournment