

# MEETING MINUTES

## WILBERFORCE SCHOOL COUNCIL

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Date: February 2, 2025

Time: 6:00 pm

Meeting called to order by: Adam Sachs

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### IN ATTENDANCE

Beth, Kristi, Adam, Christian, Colin, Terri

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved as written.

### REPORTS

Maddison

- Volleyball is underway
- Spirit Council running various events; holiday train, candygrams, pink shirt day
- Clubs running include; sketchbook club (5-8), doodle and art (3-4), library helpers, video announcements, lunch helpers, champions club, force of reading, dance club (4-6), choir (4-8)

Safe and Inclusive Schools Plan

- Winter Plan is to Communicate, Implement, Reflect and Refine
- Video Announcements, Buddy Lessons, HOWL
- Dec – Be Bold about Kindness, Jan – Conflict Resolution (Student led, Intent vs Impact), Feb – Be a Good Friend, Mar – Being Respectful, Apr and May – Positive Motivation, June - Empathy
- Driven by School Mental Health Ontario and School Climate Survey

EQAO Results

- Report indicates growth in all areas except for primary writing which was low across the province
- Above provincial average in most categories for both age groups
- Noted a significant improvement in the junior category from the previously reported primary category of those same students from 3 years ago
- Focus will be on improving math scores over all in particular the thinking type problems and focus on writing improvement
- Improvement goals have been set for all grades with a heavy focus on small group instruction that has been verified by Kristi and Beth in all grades during their check ins

- Anchor charts will be used to help students to complete thinking questions

#### Budget

- \$68,000 total budget
- Major expenditures include classroom supplies, paper, special education resources (Strong Start), Licensing, Smart Boards for classrooms, musical instrument repair, teacher resources, technology (Ipads and Chromebooks)

#### **DISCUSSION**

- Beth will follow up on the status of the VIP program and look into a speaker to teach students about the real world consequences of bullying, cyber bullying, hate speech, etc.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting is April 27<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm