

Centennial Secondary School Council  
Monday November 17, 2011 7pm  
Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Deb Braun, Alison Peloquin, John McDowell, Terry Gilbert, Paula Martin, Elizabeth Maltais, Sherrill Roberts, Ann Lalonde, Cathy Alakas, Shelley Cutts, Charles Voth, Daniel Saint-Laurent, Dave Braun (staff), Wendy Huska (staff), Rob Motola (staff rep), Larry Lemelin (Communittee Rep), Paula MacKinnon (principal), Jane Kopp (vice-principal), Nyle Collins (student council), Sophie Helpard (student council)

Regrets: Pam Swick Janjak, Jennifer Tanouye, Lorie Brown, Susan Davies

Meeting Start: 7:05PM

**Welcome :** Deb Braun

**Approval of Minutes**

**Student council report:**

Nyle and Sophie- The Leadership conference in Niagara Falls had just taken place. It was a great 3 day event with lots of motivational speakers and presentations.

Spy vs Spy also took place this past week. How this works is all students write their names on a nametag...they shuffle tags, re-distribute them back to the student body. The task is to track down the student whose name they received and tag them, that student then gets eliminated...this carries on until only a few students are left. The students really enjoy the game and it has the entire student body interacting with each other

Future events:

Grandparents Tea on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>

Christmas Dance is Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be no entry fee but they are asking for food donations for community cares.

**Chair's Report:**

No items to report on at this time

**Administrator Report:**

Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> the gr. 10's went to the warplane museum and the 24<sup>th</sup> was Gr. 8 day

Dec. 1 OSSLT gr. 10 practice test will take place in periods 1 and 2

Mid term reports were just sent home. Jane and Paula shared some mid-term results. In Gr. 9, 94% of the students are passing all their credits. They also shared some information and handouts on student success by grade as well as the school improvement plan.

The after hours math help is up and running and there is always a Math Teacher available in the homework club as well as the online tutoring that is available to the students.

Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> is the Christmas concert and there is a trip upcoming to Macbeth  
The Jr and Sr girls basketball teams are in playoffs and doing quite well

### **Professional Development:**

Dave Braun presented a presentation on the Arts Dept citrus and Cookie Dough fundraiser. Order forms were made available and all info is also on the website. Dave also talked about the use of teacher website for classroom learning. He has a student create a daily blog which outlines the lesson material of the day. PDF files of handouts and unit work are all also available online. The student marks are also available to the students which they can access by codename so that both parents and students can track their progress.

Many staff at Centennial are working on or already have their websites up and running.

Wendy Huska is one of the instructional coaches for staff technology. Basically she is a hand on coach for the staff in technology and small group development. She had a great presentation and also demonstrated to the council how the classroom “clickers” work with an interactive workshop.

### **Round Table:**

Rockin’ For Ross, a musical fundraiser was not overly successful. Some ideas were shared about maybe how to market it differently to not only hit the target market but also increase attendance.

There was some concern about some of the glitches with Parent Teacher interviews and the new system, somewhat due to confusing communication They will be looked at. Overall however, more parents were able to speak to the teachers than in years past. It was suggested that maybe school newsletter could be made available as a PDF file on the school website as well as a link for Parent council being created. The phone notifications have been well received.

Gr. 8 days for Crossley and Centennial were held on the same day.....will try to avoid that next year.

Larry Lemlin shared some information on provincial funding for jobs for teens and discussed some of the City’s co-ops for students.

Redeem, a company that helps students in need with computer equipment will be in touch with the admin.

Next Meeting Mon January 16, 7:00PM

Meeting adjourned 8:40pm.