Welland Centennial Secondary School

School Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 20, 2015

**In attendance:**

Shelly Cutts, Elizabeth Maltais, Jennifer Laroche, Sue Barnett, Christine Brochu, Nigel Evans, Norbert Kuebeck, Pam Swick-Janjac, Student Council Representatives: Vinay Sharma and Lianne Bankert. Youth Counsellor-Yvonne Horton, Social Worker-Isaac Virag,

**Regrets:**

Jeff Etling, Cathy Alakas, Larry Lemelin, Sherill Roberts

**Meeting Start time 7:03pm**

1. Liz opened up meeting looking at minutes of February’s meeting. Sue mentioned her name was not included in last minutes.
2. Vinay Sharma motioned to accept the minutes and Norbert Kuebeck seconded the motion to accept the minutes.

3. Student Council Reps shared- Student Council Representatives: Vinay Sharma and Lianne Bankert.

Spirit week, including assembly last Friday before March break and staff vs. students game.

Easter Egg hunt – a success

Coffee House-first Centennial Coffee House-over 80 people (including parents) and 20 performers.

Student Council potentials are running presently.

Spring Fling-May 24- after elections there will be more promotions

Rob’s Run is being promoted

Cougar Fest-awards assembly in morning and fun day in afternoon with inflatables, etc. (June 3rd)

1. Professional Development- Youth Counsellor-Yvonne Horton and Social Worker-Isaac Virag

-their time is divided between three school (Centennial, Port High, and Eastdale)

-For Isaac, when therapeutic remediation is needed (suicidal with walk-in referrals, other students are often referring. There’s a lot they do independently but together, consultation, triage, when not sure who they want to talk to-often they will be speak with a student, ‘Mindfulness’ group – a trial took place and Isaac said they may continue with this type of group. There are 136 active files between the three schools.

Pam asked about preventative measures and Isaac described the strategies used including involving families into situation as soon as possible.

-For Yvonne-there’s a tier-the caring adult or support staff at the school so when child has a concern, normally it’s the student that notices, brings it to team (group with Yvonne) then the determination would be where student would go from their from what the need is (i.e. anxiety) . Yvonne would decide whether the next level would be necessary (Isaac), which is only with parental .permission. Sue asked as to timeline and Yvonne responded that often same day, but depending on issue. Yvonne answered question from Sue regarding transient students and Yvonne mentioned that they would contact the their respective colleagues at other schools to take on the incoming student.

Discussing the stigma of mental health and introducing to the grade nine students many of the mental health issues has helped students to reach out to Yvonne and Issac as they feel less intimidated.

Norbert talked about the Safe Schools Intiative and how this is to also help kids feel safe. Speaker at tomorrow’s assembly-D’Souza. Isaac mentioned their most recent pd – Suicide prevention.

Parent Council

7:40

Discussion.....questions about the services provided by Yvonne and Isaac

Yvonne always includes the parents in the decision making when being counselled

Signed release of information is strictly followed when information is shared

McMaster is a good example of using consent to information

Discussed how we can better market Yvonne and Isaac's services......ie. newsletter

Chair Report

Parent Involvement Council. May 6th at Glendale public school. Next meeting

Fall Conference is November 4th at Eden

September 30th.....Paul Davis. Social Media....... Night for parents

Liz and Jennifer and Sherril contact parents for the PRO grant

$500..........how to spend the money we have for council. Buying supplies and clothes for needy students........check with Elda

Get Walter to draft the PRO grant

Administrator Report

ESL program coming in 2015........ 2 sections

Health and Wellness............new SHSM coming

Staffing......2 retirements Dan Speck and Marg Tracey

Posting French Science and consolidating programs

Liz asked about offering more French Extended courses in the senior grades

Ministry visit.... Full of praise for our school in promoting healthy, safe and inclusive schools

Mrs. MacKinnon........organizing a float for the Rose Parade

Sue Barnett........no layoffs in the DSBN

Prom Project..... Busses to Thorold, seamstresses on site, donated shoes

Occurred in April EFN sponsored

Centennial well represented in the Arts Showcase at Port

Connect Conference. May 6th or 7th........25th and 26th April. Gaming Challenge

EFN golf tourney.......TBA