

Welland Centennial Secondary School

Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Monday January 20, 2014

In Attendance;

Sherill Roberts, Elizabeth Maltais, Pam Swick Janjac, Laurie Iannetti, Ann Lalonde, Mary Ann Feagan, Darcy Feagan (Prime Minister), Cathy Alakas, Larry Lemelin, Dan Saint Laurent, Deb Braun (chair), Paula MacKinnon (principal), Rob Motola (Staff Advisor)

Regrets: Norbert Kuebeck, Sarah Vloet, Tara Lundy

Meeting Start 7:07 pm

Welcome and Introductions

Deb welcomed every one and wished a Happy New Year!

Approval of Minutes

All in attendance approved meeting minutes from November 25, 2013.

Student Council Report: Darcy Feagan

The Christmas Dance (the first ever Glow Dance) was very successful and resulted in a \$600 cash donation and 1300 canned food items to the Hope Centre

The December Talent Show was also very successful.

The semi-formal dance is being held on Feb. 13 at Club Castropignano. Tickets are \$45 and will have an "under the sea" theme

Student Council will do some form of "welcome back" on the first day of Semester 2 They will likely have timbits or hot chocolate.

Chair Report: Deb Braun

Education Foundation will be holding their Make Change for Children fundraiser from Feb. 24-28. It was suggested that maybe Parent Council or Student Council could do something to help collect change.

Deb will remind parent council members to bring some spare change to the meeting on Mon. Feb. 24th to help kick it off.

Professional Development:

Laurie Iannetti ~ Student Mental Health and Wellness

Handout is posted on the website.

There are many initiatives and workshops within the school to help identify and address stress and mental health issues within the student body.

The small group (TAMI) workshops were held with the Gr. 11 and 12 classes before Christmas, the 9's and 10's had them after the Christmas break.

Please refer to the handout that was shared (posted on the website) for a list of great website references.

SafeTalk (mental health mentorship) will be coming in Semester 2. There will be some in school training taking place on Feb. 12

Administrator's Report: (Paula)

Printed Admin Report is on the website.

There has been some sprucing up going on in the school with new signage, tv monitors etc. The sprucing up will continue throughout the year.

The Gr. 8 Open House was a huge success, it was well attended and lots of positive feedback was shared. See handout on the website for the full report.

Feb. 20 from 6-9pm will be the pasta dinner fundraiser for the cheerleading team.

May 30-31 is the Relay for Life event

Paula brought up wanting to raise money for a New Electronic Sign for the school.

The Concert Association is donating \$5,000 and there is a goal to raise an additional \$10,000. Some ideas were shared as to how to attain this. (fundraising concert, car wash, bbq, bottle drive)

Round Table

As a result of Laurie Iannetti's Professional Development presentation there was discussion regarding students in need (ie living on their own) and things we as a parent council can do. This also led to possibly having the alumni group assist as well.

Dance Day is March 5th

Cougars for Christ will be doing a food drive which will culminate on Dance Day.
The food will be donated to the Open Arms Mission.

Meeting Adjourned at 8.44pm

Next Meeting Monday February 24, 2014 7:00pm.