Welland Centennial Secondary School

School Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 24, 2014

**In attendance:**

Nigel Evans, Vinay Sharma, Lianne Bankert, Laurie Frandsen, Sherill Roberts, Cathy Alakas, Elizabeth Maltais, Amy Datema, Norbert Kuebeck, Jeff Etling, Laura Yablo, Anita Thompson, Pam Swick-Janjac, and Christine Brochu

**Regrets:**

Shelly Cutts, Sue Barnett, and Jennifer LaRoche

**Meeting Start time 7:14pm**

Minutes from last month -

Vinay motioned to accept the minutes and Jeff seconded the motion to accept the minutes.

Discussed Open House this Wednesday, November 26 (was postponed from last Wednesday) Sherill and Liz will be there to represent parent council.

Discussed success of Remembrance Day ceremony. Vinay mentioned how the student council sent in their official opposition to government to making Remembrance Day a statutory holiday because it is so meaningful to gather and have a school Remembrance Day ceremony.

**Student Council Report (Lianne Bankert & Vinay Sharma)**

-Holiday Dance-$2,000 raised altogether. Children’s Miracle Network received $500 of that.

Other initiatives include boys growing moustaches & earning prizes for the best ones.

Student Council went to Sheraton in the Falls for conference to share ideas, see what’s going on at other schools, listen to motivational speakers, planning on getting one of the speakers to come to Centennial-costs could be up to $5,000.

Spy vs. Spy-students wrote names on nametags & students had to figure it out and those not tagged get entered into draw. Atmosphere in hall is changing and students excited about.

Upcoming events:

Grandparents Tea-Dec. 5, between 1 & 2pm, Vinay running event.

Grade 9 reps are doing ’12 Days of Christmas’ – student council budgeted and with leftover funds ($100) they purchased prizes . In order to get in draw, students bring in non-perishables and then they get coupon to put them in draw….starts Dec. 4. Drive runs from 4th – 12th. Money raised to Julia Turner Foundation and Hope Centre.

-Christmas Dance, Dec 11 from 7-10pm. With photobooth.. To get into dance, 4 non-perishable food items or $5.00.

-Dec 19-Talent Show- Auditions first and student council will be doing skits. Between Dec. 3rd and 5th are auditions.

-Lianne ordered bracelets ‘Centennial Cougar Pride’ to sell in café for $2.00. Student Council will make $1.00 profit off each sale.

Pam Swick Janjac brought up issue that there are three food banks in Welland not just Hope Centre. Open Arms Mission is a larger provider and there is also Salvation Army.

Discussion of Centennial Spirit Wear followed. Not found on website but sold at parent nights.

Pam reminded us all of Fruit Orders

Inquiry as to whether school attendance notifications could be phoned to parents earlier-in case there was an actual emergency.

**Principal Report by Mr. Evans:**

Congrats to Senior Girls Basketball team!

Mrs. McKinnon – photograph going up on wall of fame.

Open House- this Wednesday.

Sign near gymnasium wall will be up soon as entrance door banner.

Newsletters- a few more were printed than regularly were so they could be sent out to some people in public, mayor and city council.

Building Updates: Labs are coming along. There were some flooding issues. Will all be ready for start of second semester. Radiators will also be changed. Also with laboratories, AP’s (wifi)-in construction of school, there is metal so there will be 2 new ones in ground floor, in upstairs and in drama/tech areas. There will be significantly improved wifi in school.

200 intention sheets are expected for next year!

Nigel just reviewed the ‘To-do’ list from list of suggestions.

**Safe Schools Committee-presented by Mr. Kuebeck:**

Changes to firedrills-taking attendance outside in designated areas so they know that everyone in room is outside and accounted for. Diabetic provisions should be provided ‘Dex4-fast acting glucose’ was proposed to go out with teachers to be prepared.

Lockdown- considering using First Class folders to monitor student whereabouts during Lockdown. Surveillance being done from office at the same time.

Vice Principal Kuebeck**-**brought up Christmas packages for students who live on their own or could use the financial assistance. Nancy Fitzgerald is the person in charge of that.

**Round the Table:**

Amy Datema-suggested some type of portable Spirit Wear cart that could be used to just bring out the spiritwear to share and sell easily.

Pam Swick Janjac-$1200 raised for annual Alumni event-pasta night. Weekend of Thanksgiving in 2016 will be ‘Homecoming Weekend.’ They are giving $200 scholarship to student of an alumni, based strictly on marks. They’re also looking at events they can do to put back into the school-e.g. bleachers! Ms. Wilde, a staff liason for the committee.

Cathy Alakas mentioned it would be nice if Centennial was represented in the Santa Clause parade.

Meeting adjouned at 8:19pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 19 with 7pm start.