

WCSS Parent Council Meeting Minutes Apr 24th 2017

Location: Room 116

Start: 7:10pm

Minutes Approval from Meeting of Mar 20th.

Unanimous consent.

Student Council Report.

Karling Luciani and Bryan Marr

Coming Events:

1. Student Council voting Thursday/Friday this week.
2. May 12th. WM Fest.
3. May 25th Courtyard Dance.
 - a. Coordinated by Bryan, involving Grade 9 students to prepare them for Student Council participation.
4. May 31st. Cougarfest, complete with an Ice Cream Truck!
5. June 27th. Prom at Delphi Hall in NF.
 - a. Tickets on sale May 8th to 18th for Centennial Students only. Then opened to others as available.

Recent Successful Events:

1. Easter Egg Hunt with innovation evident!
2. Coffee House with informal artistic performances.

Watermelon Discounts:

Cheryl P. kindly agreed to investigate donations by local grocery stores to keep costs down:

Results: *"confirmed that if they write a letter to Food Basic they will get a gift certificate, usually \$20 - \$25 to use in the store. The letter basically states what they will be using the money for, school activity."*

Thank you Cheryl.

Administrator's Report:

Mr. Nigel Evans

1. Congratulations to Karling for earning a major scholarship to study Neuroscience at Guelph University.
2. Growth data.
 - a. WCSS will be managing 304 "Sections" next school year, up from about 290.
 - b. More Teachers are being hired.

- c. There is no “Junior” list at DSBN this year, which means existing Teachers don’t have to worry about being displaced over seniority.
- d. New Photography program expansion with new sections, taking advantage of close cooperation with Niagara College program.
- e. The sports field is now “marked” for construction of the artificial turf field.
- 3. Vimy Ridge trip. Extremely successful. Special accolades for the involved students, whose deportment and respect were frequently noted.
- 4. Congratulations to the cheerleading team who won the National Championships.
- 5. Congratulations to Taylor Allen for being selected to Canada’s 10 pin bowling team.

PD - Drama Update:

Mr. Max Ingrao

Sisters In Spirit:

- 1. Presented at Hamilton Regional (Sears) Drama Festival. Moving forward to Provincial finals in Chatham.
- 2. May 9th performing at Brantford’s Sanderson Centre theatre.
 - a. Can we get a bus for students and families? Parent Council agreed to donate \$500 discretionary annual funding to this trip.
- 3. Troupe invited to perform at Six Nations Reserve on the first weekend of June.
- 4. Seven families directly affected by the MMIWG epidemic have attended one or more performances.
- 5. In Niagara Region, over two thousand students have seen the play.
- 6. Sisters In Spirit has become its own important “Messenger”.
- 7. Facebook page is “Welland Centennial’s Sisters In Spirit”. Please visit, share and like.
- 8. Filming a performance is intended, particularly for the cast and crew to have permanent reminders of their achievement. Possible collaboration with Niagara College is being considered.
- 9. Council members had concerns around emotional support for the student cast and crew.
 - a. Mr. Ingrao has been acutely aware of this challenge at every stage, particularly as the play performances “wind down”, and has lined up possible indigenous peoples’ inputs including:
 - i. A dreamcatcher creation group.
 - ii. Pow Wow.
- 10. Discussion around “what’s next” for the Drama program:
 - a. Next year will likely tackle a non-traditional musical.

The Parent Council wishes to thank and endorse Mr. Ingrao for all his efforts this year, with support for the future where possible.

Round Table Discussion:

- 1. A member presented school area “noise” decibel levels as measured by her son, with a request for the school to consider mitigating unnecessary noise levels to help students whose concentration requires minimal ambient levels.
- 2. Two students are attending Student Leadership Camp in two weeks time, in the Muskoka District.
- 3. A member asked if, for the Prom, there could be an opportunity for parents to see their offspring as they go in.
- 4. Discussion and very positive feedback about the Parent-Teacher interview online pre-booking system.

- a. This was the first experience (free the first time) and will likely be adopted permanently, subject to a few adjustments to allow for real-world experience, to reduce time slot “slippage”.