

Welland Centennial Secondary
Parent Council Minutes
November 14, 2017
7:00pm
Room 116

1. Welcome – Introductions

14 Attendees : Mr. Nigel Evans (Principal), Ms. Jennifer Reid-George (Vice-Principal), Mary Lou Harry, Amanda Deschenes (Secretary), Meghan Reichheld, Jeff Etling (Chair), Tara Etling, Liz Maltais, Michelle Connelly, Sandra Zacharak, Vani Sharma (Deputy Prime Minister), Bryan Marr (Prime Minister), Amy Datema, Walter Burattini (Student Success Teacher)

2. Review and Adopt Minutes from last meeting

- Carried

3. Student’s Council Report – Bryan Marr, Student Council

- Halloween dance was huge success. Largest attendance in years, almost 500
- Ontario Student Leadership Conference, our Student Council members attended with 2500 students from student councils across Ontario in Niagara Falls
- Spy vs Spy game will be held next week across the school. A way to get to know another
- Under the Lights football game Wednesday at 6:45. \$2 admission
- Winter dance will be held on Dec. 7, 80s and 90s theme
- Grandparents Tea on Dec. 8, photographer and live music
- Niagara Falls MYAC hosting a Mental Wellness Conference at Scotiabank Convention Centre on Nov 23 at 6:30pm

4. Chair’s Report – Jeff Etling

- We have 14 Facebook followers and 4 Twitter followers
- Follow us at www.facebook.com/WCSSPC and www.twitter.com/WCSSPC

5. Administrator’s Report – Mr. Evans

- Watersports are growing in Centennial. We have 46 rowers, 27 on swim team. Last year, the rowing team received \$3500 grant from Playtex
- Bakery club starting in Centennial with Mrs. LeBlanc Fraone
- Centennial is receiving money from DSBN to refurbish 3 science labs
- Open house is on Nov. 30- we will have a table for parent council there
- Chris Vollum speaking on “Social Media Fitness” on Nov. 20 during the school day on how to use social media smartly as a tool to contribute to your future. See: www.cmvsocialmedia.com Parents are invited to attend a 7pm session
- There is interest in working toward Centennial to be a Fair Trade school. More info coming soon
- Girls Basketball team going to SOSSA. Schedule: www.sossa.on.ca/pdf/champ_info/fall_champions.pdf

- After hours math support starting a couple weeks. Over 30 students are signed up for tutoring
- Looking for partnerships for the field. Please send corporate suggestions or interest to Parent Council
- Mr. Braun is organizing a SHSN Concert, a symphony/orchestra. Students can buy in to listen, also open to community members. Dec 1
- Remembrance Day assembly was held on Friday
- Report cards mailed out on Monday

6. Featured presenter:

- Provides a 'Taking Stock' report on any student's who exhibit signs they are at risk or in risk of not graduating
- If a Grade 9 Student does not pass all 8 credits, they are 100% more at risk of not graduating on time than a Grade 9 student who passes all
- In risk students might be dealing with outside issues such as mental health, death, etc. that might affect the child not graduating on time
- Holds transition meetings for Grade 8s with teachers
- Achievement lunches take place 4x a week. Kids who struggle have access to mentor and teachers with help
- Connecting to College program
- Credit recovery
- Speak Up grants
- Close relationship with John Howard
- Summer program with paid co-op, geared toward at risk students

7. Roundtable

- Some parents having issues with volunteer hours submissions. Mr. Evans will look into this
- Interview booking online works great, student volunteers were efficient at parent-teacher interviews and appointment times were kept
- Suggestion to add guest speaker in robocall to pique interest
- Next guest suggestion- Nurse: Ms. Braun

Meeting end at 7:53pm

Next meeting: December 11, 2017 at 7:00pm