

Welland Centennial Secondary School
School Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 19, 2015

In attendance:

Shelly Cutts, Larry Lemelin, Wendy Richards, Amy Datema, Elizabeth Maltais (temporarily), Sherill Roberts, Christine Brochu, Jenn Dube, Ian Lucas, Jennifer Laroche, Nigel Evans (Principal), Jennifer Reid-George (Vice-Principal) Roberta Deba (adult ed teacher).

Regrets: none

Meeting Start time 7:05pm

1. Chair Report: First, thanks to Roberta and Elda-for reacting so promptly to update website. Also, Ian asked if links could be set up under school council page for easier access. We're on school calendar now for meetings as well (except for December's meeting which hasn't been updated yet). Ian is sending out one final email list to check everyone is on list.
2. Roberta Deba – teaches full-time in the adult program. She came to our meeting to go through our Centennial website with us. She took on the conversion from old website to the new one. DSBN has control of certain things on website such as the banner up right now. Parent Council link has been updated with archives on a tab if anyone wants to look back at previous years' minutes. D2L is linked to main page. Announcements-general announcements are in the blue heading and sports announcements are the ones with the orange heading. Jennifer Reid-George suggested we get on board and follow the Centennial tweets.
3. Students' Council Report (Justin Dube) – Pep Rally went great-had concession stand this year which was a success. Last week grade nine reps were chosen & there are 3 (chosen through essay process and interview by council). Coming up OSLC-Ontario Student Leadership Conference. Spy vs. Spy coming up (full week of activities). Catch a slice was at beginning of month-grade 9's got to participate in a variety of activities and were guided by mentors so 9's could get to meet others as well. Very cold day but lots of fun!
4. Administrator's Report- Nigel Evans-
 - touched on Paul Davis' talk held at Centennial for students in daytime and parents in evening last month.
 - At Centennial PD day, (Professional Development), Jen Reid-George assisted staff as they learned to set up twitter accounts and how to 'tweet.' Second half of day on assessment and evaluation, being current with 'Growing Success' Document.

-John Woods received the Director's Recognition Award this past month and about a dozen staff went along to presentation and helped celebrate. Many students who have been influenced by him have gone on to do great things.
-'Guys and Dolls' performers going around to feeder schools to perform and encourage students to come to Centennial!!! There are between 190 -200 coming so far.
-EQAO Literacy test results-school has a solid and consistent passing rate...It's climbed from 78% in 2012 to 89% in 2014.
-Credit accumulation here at Centennial-higher rate gr 9, lower in 10 & 11. The overtime statistics shows that the grade 9,10, and 11 stats are very similar now. There are 3 elements to the school improvement plan. Nigel brought 2 elements tonight to share: Literacy and Numeracy.

Centennial's smart goal in Literacy is to maintain an 89% success rate for fully participating first-time eligible writers of the OSSLT in March 2016. Of the students that write in the applied program it is the goal to maintain a 61% success rate in March 2016. Of the students previously eligible, it is a goal to maintain a 63% success rate on the assessment.

In Math, the SMART goal, is to consistently maintain the standards we achieved the previous year by having the academic students achieve 80% or higher at the provincial standard (level 3 or 4) on the 2015-16 EQAO Assessment of Grade 9 Mathematics. For the applied students, the goal is that above 50% achieve the level 3 or 4 standard on this assessment. The provincial average (not given this year) is usually in the mid 40's.

5. Round the Table-

-After Hours Math Workshops-for grade 9's & 10's
-Tutoring available for all students is available as well
-Parent-Teacher interviews Thursday, October 22nd- at 6:30pm

Next meeting November 23, 2015