

Welland Centennial Secondary School

School Council meeting minutes

October 24, 2016

Chair-Ian Lucas

Vice Chair-Cheryl Podetz

Recorder-Kelly Chuckry

1. Introductions of guest presenters took place. Isaac Virag, Clinical Social Worker and Yvonne Horton, Youth Counsellor with the school.
2. September 2016 minutes accepted by Mary Lou and seconded by Jeff
3. Presentation took place.
 - Yvonne's role in the school is to support students with mental and emotional concerns that may be impacting their success at school.
 - Yvonne works with students to provide strategies to help them be successful with their educational goals.
 - If needed, Yvonne will make a referral to Isaac.
 - Isaac works with the students and their families with clinical health concerns. He also works with community partners such as Pathstone and Community Care Access Centres (ccac).
 - Isaac provides assessments, interventions, and crisis support.
 - The school also has an In School Team that is comprised of the Principal, Vice-Principal, Guidance Staff-They work together to provide support to students in the absence of Isaac and Yvonne and they also work together to provide support for students.
 - Referrals to Isaac and Yvonne can be done by parents calling into the school, through teachers, other students or self referrals.
 - A key message for parents is to trust their instincts when it comes to their children and reach out to the school in a proactive manner to ensure student success
4. Chairs Report-
 - Request made to have minutes posted on the website along with subsequent meeting dates. Reviewed email distribution lists, and no issues with confidentiality, email address are approved to be circulated to all members.
 - Request made for Voice Gate to remind parents of future meetings.
 - Nov 2, 2016 Parent Involvement Committee evening at Eden High School.
 - \$500 grant available for Parent Council-council to think of ideas on how to best spend the money
5. 50th Anniversary Celebration Review.
 - Gala took place in the school cafeteria and was well attended.
 - Event was a success.
 - Alumni from Australia, California, Vancouver and Washington were in attendance
6. Administrator's Report.
 - School will be getting a new all weather track and field next year. Thank you DSBN.

- EQAO literacy test took place and online process was promoted throughout the province. 250 children from Centennial wrote the test. There was a server overload/cyber attack and tests were dropped. The school received direction to stop the testing. At this time, a decision has not yet been made on the status of those tests that were actually fully completed online. More information to follow.
 - Expecting over 200 grade 9 students for the 2017-2018 school year.
 - Congratulations to Karling! Citizen of the year!
 - Drama students asked to participate in a mock evacuation for a local Long Term Care home
7. Student Council Report.
- Grade 9 council reps chosen and they are Keeley S and Cooper M.
 - Halloween Dance to take place on Oct 27 from 7-10, no masks allowed.
 - Oct 31st, students are encouraged to wear costumes to school
 - Nov 1 will be the start of a wounded warrior 22 push up challenge. This will take place every day at lunch until Nov 11, 2016. This is to raise awareness of the rate of suicide for veterans and first responders. Teams are encouraged to sign up in Guidance
8. Round Table.
- Wednesdays will be an additional day provided for math support for grade 9 and 10 students at lunch.
 - Take your Kids to work Day discussion
 - Nov 3 is Grade 8 day at the school.
 - Dec 1 is the open house for current grade 8 students. Parent Council will have a table set up at this event.

NEXT MEETING MONDAY NOVEMBER 21,2016