

## Welland Centennial School Council meeting, October 21, 2013

### Administration Report

- **Upcoming Events:** Oct. 24, Hallowe'en Dance
- Nov. 6 Take Your Kids to Work (grade 9 students)
- Nov. 6 Holocaust Symposium
- Nov. 14 Dance Day at Centennial
- Nov. 15 PA Day
- Nov. 19 Mid-Semester Reports given out

- **School Focus for 2013-14:** student *engagement* plus specific strategies to support learning of applied, open and college level students

#### - Centennial Staff Professional Learning opportunities in 2013-14:

**Teacher Learning Project Coaching groups** – an opportunity for 4 to 6 teachers to work with Karen Wilding (teacher coach) on a learning focus chosen by the teachers -- the professional learning coaching cycle will be followed several times throughout the semester – secondment provided through central funding

**School Support Initiative (SSI) Team** – an opportunity for 4 to 6 teachers of applied students to focus on a specific instructional strategy to support the learning needs of applied students (target group) – the team will use diagnostic assessments to identify student levels and track progress through a professional learning cycle – secondment provided by the Ministry – for Centennial the focus is on applied English, Geography and History (team for semester 1 is Heather Bowman, Marita Bootsma, David Braun, Dan Speck and Paula MacKinnon)

**Math Team** – an opportunity for grade 9 math teachers to work in a professional learning community (PLC) following a professional learning cycle with supports from School Support Services (Liisa Suurtamm, Jessica Drake) -- secondment provided through School Support Services and superintendent professional learning funds (team for semester 1 is Nick Tomaino, Kelly Spiers, Amanda Sinclair, and Norbert Kuebeck)

**Literacy Team** – the focus of the Literacy Team will be to support students in developing their literacy skills across all subject areas and in preparation for the OSSLT – secondment provided through School Support Services and school budget (team members – Marita Bootsma (Literacy Lead), Wendy Huska, Janine Odreman, Walter Burattini, Darren Jackson, Laurie Mauro, Paula MacKinnon)

**In-School Team** – the focus of the In-School Team will be to support students at-risk across all subject areas – secondment provided through School Support Services and school budget (team members: Walter Burattini, Darren Jackson, Dom Sardella, Dan Speck, Laurie Ianetti, Norbert Kuebeck)

**Blended Learning (D2L) PLC groups** – an opportunity for teachers who wish to use blended learning tools and specific instructional strategies in the classroom to meet diverse student needs – groups will be organized by level of familiarity with D2L and specific interests – support provided through School Support Services (Chris Freure, etc.), our own teachers and secondment through school budget

**Department Learning Teams** -- an opportunity for department (subject specific) teams to focus on specific instructional strategies – supports through PA and Early Release days and School Support Services staff – secondment through school budget

**Safe School Team** – the focus of the Safe School Team will be on school safety and school climate/culture – members to include students, parents and staff

**Demonstration of Learning group (grade teams)** – all grade 9 and 10 applied and open level teachers sharing best practices and strategies with applied and open level learners -- supports provided through School Support Services (culminating activities written this summer) and school budget

**Critical Thinking workshops** – offered again this year through School Support Services (DSBN)

**Other DSBN workshops** (Math workshops, Program Leader meetings, etc.)

**Conferences** (examples: Concussion Summit, Science Teachers Association of Ontario conference, Reading For the Love of It conference, etc.)

**- Centennial Student Achievement Data**

- a summary of credit completion rates, final marks, OSSLT results and EQAO Math results for 2012-13 is attached

**- Math Supports:**

- After Hours Numeracy Program for grade 9 students – every Wednesday after school in room 116 starting Oct. 23

- On-line Homework Help for Grade 11 and 12 Math is beginning this week

**- Safe School Committee update**