## Welland Centennial School Council meeting, September 23, 2013

## **Administration Report**

- **New staff members**: Marita Bootsma (English Program Leader), Jason Higgins (Math), Adam Sarvis (Math and Science), Kim Wylde (Dance, English, Business, Civics/Careers), Stephanie Berger (English and Science), Kristin Fortushnick (Civics/Careers), Lisa Ciofli (Science), Skye Butters (English)
- Enrolment total 796, 166 grade 9, 178 grade 10, 182 grade 11, 270 grade 12

- Upcoming Events: Sept. 27, Catch a Slice of Cougar Life

Oct. 10, Progress Reports sent home

Oct. 11, PA Day

Oct. 17, Parent-Teacher Interviews

Oct. 24, Hallowe'en Dance

- **Renovations update**: electrical work is now complete and painting has begun; the main playing field will be reseeded this fall and fenced off for rejuvenation; the art room has now been moved into room 144; the dance/vocal music studio is almost ready (painted, white boards, mirrors, new subfloor); we are installing more cork boards in the hallways and looking at murals and other beautification ideas
- "Demonstration of Learning" pilot project
  - results continue to be positive
  - pilot has now expanded to all secondary schools for this year
- **School Focus for 2013-14**: *engagement* plus <u>specific</u> strategies to support learning of applied, open and college level students
- School Budget for 2013-14
- Safe School Committee for 2013-14
- Mentor Program for Grade 9 Transition

all grade 9 students have a senior student as a mentor in mentor groups that will meet throughout the year