

WCSS PARENT COUNCIL MINUTES

May 15th, 2017, By Cheryl P.

REGRETS:

- MaryLou Harry

Previous Meeting Minutes:

- Unanimously accepted

Student Council Report:

- Elections are completed and great candidates were elected!
 - Tomorrow at lunch will be the voting for Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister.
- Watermelon Fest was a huge success and everyone had a great time with very little left over.
- Every four years our school takes a big picture of everyone wearing our school colours and/or spirit wear. Wednesday, May 17th, Period 3 in the big gym.
- Thursday, May 25th is the Spring dance in the Courtyard \$5 admission and there will be a Hawaiian theme and a concession stand.
- Cougar-Fest will be May 31st or June 2nd (TDB).
- There will be an awards assembly in the morning, lunch and then at noon Cougarfest will begin!!
- Grade 12 Prom is June 27th at the Delphi Hall
 - Tickets are \$65 and the theme is "A night to Remember" so if you haven't already....go get your tickets now!

Chairs Report:

- Sisters in Spirit Play, continues to gain recognition wherever it goes and has certainly done what it set out to do, bring an important issue and part of our Canadian history to the forefront.
- Centennial will be offering a course next year on Native English studies, in part thanks to the work put in by the Sisters In Spirit play.
- Centennial has been asked to participate in the "Walking with our Sisters" ceremony at the Six Nations on June 6th, with the Sisters in Spirit play.
- The play has achieved many accolades from the set, lighting and the actors. Congratulations. And thank you to the many students, teachers and parents who have given up so much time to this very inspirational play, especially Mr Ingrao and the actors, stage hands etc.

Administrator's Report:

- Staffing: currently 307 sections, so we still have spaces to fill and are actively recruiting

- Two new courses for next year are Photography and Native Studies, which because it is being offered for the first time can only have one class of 28 and will likely fill up quickly.
- The field is on schedule, they are working on the drainage and the bleachers will be where the fence now has taken over the parking spots. Pavement will be going all the way around.
- Congratulations to our Carpentry team who Won Gold at the Provincial Carpentry competition in Toronto!!
- Upcoming Trips: New York arts trip is coming up and that is typically when the musical for next year will be announced!
- Blue Jays trip, which will be late May or early June
- There was a Leadership Camp that students attended and was very successful
- Staff attended a Concussion Summit, hosted by Wendell Clark and found it very interesting with great information to bring back with them.
- There will be a LGBT Conference at Centennial that will be open to all Welland high schools. This was a student-driven idea, and Ms. Reed-George will take it forward.
- Our Leadership class, lead by Mr Higgins, recently went to help at a track & field event. Mr Evan's received feedback that our students were polite, hard working and got involved as much as possible and even Mr Higgins jumped in to help! Great job!
- Recently we had our Art Showcase, and we had three new to Centennial families comment separately on how great and unique this was to them!!
- We have a \$500 grant. Jeff proposed a motion to split it into 4x\$100 scholarships and 1x\$100 for future field funds. Unanimously approved.

Good luck and all the best to Ian Lucas, our Parent Council Chair as this will be his last meeting. Thank you for doing such a terrific job!!