

# MINUTES

## Welland Centennial Parent Council

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*October 15, 2018, 7:00PM*

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### In Attendance

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Nigel Evans, Principal; Amanda Deschenes, Chair; Sandra Zacharuk; Secretary; Tom Blacquiere; Mary Lou Harry; Alyson Didonato; Shelby Laing (school council); Amé Marais(school council).

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### Board

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Amanda Deschenes Chair for 2018-2019.

Sandra Zacharuk Secretary for 2018-2019.

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### Previous Minutes

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Adopted previous minutes.

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### Students' Council Report

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Student Council: Shelby Laing, Minister; Amé Marais, Deputy Minister

Catch a Slice end of September to help Grade 9 integration went very well. Pep rally after the Catch a Slice was great. Football game watched by the school. Commercial for football game was done very well.

Thursday is parent teacher interviews.

Grade 9 rep election on Friday.

Halloween dance – October 25<sup>th</sup>.

Grandparents tea is going to be on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Having a food drive beginning of December. For each food item brought in students will get a ballot for prizes.

Talent show end of December, last day before the break. Asking all students with any talent to come out and audition.

Starting to advertise for Semi-formal in February. Pre-sales will be in December for semi-formal on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Camp out for a Cause in May. Still working on details, funds raised going to local charity.

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## Announcements

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- Like the Centennial Parent Council Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/WCSSPC/>
- Invite for Parents to the [DSBN Parent Involvement Conference 2018](#) on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

This is the Link to the PIC Conference info and to register.

<https://www.dsbns.org/pic/picconference.html>

- Guest speaker to come to next meeting.

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## Principal's Report

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Asked to put forward any course offering for next year. No additional SHSM programs at this time. Want to work on the new one started this year SHSM energy. Mr. Burattini could not make it tonight but hoping to attend at a later date.

- on PD day staff went over IAPs (Individual Action Plans)
- discussed Literacy testing, last year at the provincial average. On test 17 students were at just under 300 (290 or 295). New style of questions being used. Asked teachers to bring in readings and develop multiple choice questions that may be used on the literacy test. Improve students understanding of the new style of questions being used. If student does not attain grade on Literacy test, can rewrite in Grade 11 or further will need to take Literacy course in Grade 12. The Literacy test for this year is on March 27, 2019.
- Sports are up and running (football, volleyball going well). Discussion on Senior Boys basketball, advised looking for Staff advisor for the team.
- Elementary School visits are coming up. Grade 8 day is November 15<sup>th</sup> and the Open House is on November 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Arts Road Show will be going around to the Elementary Schools soon.
- Max Ingrao advised the casting for the school play is complete. Working on finding props and backdrops that can be used for more than one purpose. Trying to accomplish a minimalist project.
- Technology in the school is moving forward. Have our own communications department now, used to share staff with other schools. WIFI problems in the school have been fixed. Working on capability to broadcast live in the classrooms. Need to purchase approximately 13 projectors and 13 whiteboards to be able to do live announcements to the classrooms. New technology is a great way to engage the students. Applications for additional funding are being prepared.

Took a tour around the school to see the new Science labs, baking room and the revamped communications room. Great to see the investment into the school for the students.

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## Next Meeting

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Monday, November 12, Room 116