

Welland Centennial Secondary
Parent Council Minutes
September 11, 2017
7:00pm
Room 116

1. Welcome – Introductions
Creation of school council contact list

21 Attendees : Mr. Nigel Evans (Principal), Ms. Jennifer Reid-George (Vice-Principal), Mary Lou Harry, Shelley Cutts, Amanda Deschenes (Secretary), Penny Charlebois, Meghan Reichheld, Ifrah Mohamed, Alyson DiDonato-Yioldassis, Amy Datema, Liz, Maltais, Mustapha Badia, Wendy Richards, Jeff Etling (Chair), Tara Etling, Michelle Connelly, Tracy Beach, Sandra Zacharak, Vani Sharma (Deputy Prime Minister), Bryan Marr (Prime Minister), Eric Jin

2. Council Positions for 2017-2018
Chair - Jeff Etling
Secretary – Amanda Deschenes

3. Student Council Report
Prime Minister: Bryan Marr
Deputy Prime Minister: Vani Sharma

- Grade 9 BBQ was a success. It included tours with students and parents, shared info about extra curricular. Big turnout
- Corn roast took place on Sept. 8 and 30 dozen ears of corn were purchased. There was a corn eating contest, candy floss, and kettle corn

Spirit Week is Sept. 25-29

Monday: 'Morning Monday' – PJ Day

Tuesday: 'Twin Tuesday' – Dress like a friend

Wednesday: 'We The North Wednesday' – Canada 150 theme day

Thursday: 'Tacky Tourist Thursday' – Wear plaid, Birkenstocks, binoculars, map, etc.

Friday: Catch a Slice of Cougar Life – Grade 9s will pair off into teams with a Student Council member for team building exercises

- Looking for Grade 9 reps for Student Council. To keep it a fair and open process and to avoid it being a popularity contest, there is no voting. Interested candidates may submit a short essay with their intent and Student a Council will interview candidates.

4. Principal's Report

Projected 2017-2018 population: 900

Grade 9s: 214

- Centennial's new field is nearing completion and is most complete facility of all DSBN high schools that are building – other schools are A.N. Myer, Greater Fort Erie Secondary, Governor Simcoe and Sir Winston Churchill. Cost is \$2.5M

Facility will also have pole vaulting, steeple, shotput, javelin, discus, triple jump and high jump. 600 person capacity in bleachers

There has been recent disruption at the construction site so a fence has been put up.

Mr. Evans and Ms. Reid-George have been visiting feeder schools to talk about the field and are already getting track & field bookings. It should be a Regional centre for these events

Fundraising events to come. Captive audience for corporate sponsor projects

- Budget is comfortable and adequate, no change this year
- School announcements are posted on school website. Follow our Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat for updates and events. Rice Rd Tim Hortons did a special blue and orange donut on the first day of school, picture shared thousands of times!
- Encourage students to join a club! Late bus leaves Centennial at 5:00pm. Central stops all over the Region. Times and route posted in office.
- Achievement lunches starting back up each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in Resource Room. Students can get assistance, do homework, use computers and study with teachers. Students can also sign up at Guidance for tutoring help with a senior student – seniors get volunteer hours for this
- Outstanding EQAO and OSSLT results for Centennial. Centennial had highest scores in the City last year and are on course to have the same result this year. Students in Applied courses scored 9% higher than average! We are sitting above provincial and board average. This year's test will be on paper until kinks in online test are fixed
- New Sr. level photography courses introduced which were strongly recommended by students 2 years ago. Up to date Nikon cameras purchased, course will be blended with Yearbook. Also new Indigenous Culture course
- This year's play is Bring it On – perfect fit, we have championship cheerleading team! Last year's play, Sisters in Spirit, wins number of leading awards and makes Provincial Showcase – Top 12 Plays in Ontario!

5. Discussion Around 2017-2018 PD

- Jeff will create Parent Council Facebook page
- Guest speaker suggestions for parent Council meetings:

- a. Officer (after holidays)
 - b. Max Ingrao - musical
 - c. Youth counsellor
 - d. Social worker
 - e. Public health nurse
 - f. Guidance counsellor/senior and grade 12 advice
 - g. SHSM
6. Other Business/Questions/Roundtable
- Is there a curling club this year?
Mr. Evans to follow up
 - Why are the side doors locked?
Should be closed during breaks but open during lunch. Mr. Evans to follow up
 - When is grad?
June 28
 - Great agenda this year with lots of resources
 - How to buy Spirit Wear?
This year it will be available online as well as a limited stock in house at the school available for purchase.
 - Take Our Kids to Work Day is Wed. Nov. 1. Forms will go out to Grade 9s at beginning of Oct.
 - Students were seen smoking near school.
As long as students are off the property and outside school hours there is nothing school can do. Mr. Evans goes out during breaks to ensure the area is clear as smoking is not permitted during that time. Only a few students smoke out there
 - University Fair at Metro Toronto Convention Centre from Sept. 22-24
 - Centennial hosting university fair on Sept 25 from 1:00-2:30pm. Parents welcome, 21 schools coming
 - Grade 9 Meet the Teacher night is Sept. 27 from 6:30-8:30pm. Parent Council will have table there with two volunteers

Meeting end at 8:16pm

Next meeting: Oct. 16, 2017