

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board
ORCHARD PARK SECONDARY SCHOOL
SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

September 21, 2016

In attendance –

Cathy Craig - Chair
Chris Harron – Vice-Chair
Dawn Merlino – Principal
Mike Murray – Student Council Advisor
Kathleen Barlow
Bobbie Chaggar
Dawn-Marie Clarke
Jody Declercq-Jovanovic

Gayle Hyatt
Cynthia Mech
Margaret Morse
Fatima Omer
Erin Shields
Jo-Anne Verreau
Liz Wilson

1. **Approval of Agenda** – Dawn Marie-Clarke moved to approve the agenda and Cynthia Mech seconded the motion. The Agenda was approved on consensus.
2. **Approval of Minutes** – The Minutes of the meeting from June 8, 2016 were presented for review. Dawn-Marie Clarke moved to approve the Minutes and Margaret Morse seconded the motion. The Minutes for June were approved on consent.
3. **Student Council Report** – Michael Murray
 - Student Council and Echo are merging into one group called Student Leadership Group.
4. **Community Representative Report**
 - No representative
5. **Chair Report** – Cathy Craig
 - \$500 from Board was spent on magnets – these were sent home with students at the beginning of September – if you do not have one, please send your child to the office to pick one up
6. **Principal Report** – Dawn Merlino
 - Board’s Reimagined Direction presentation
 - OP’s focus is student learning and achievement – two ideas to reach that focus are –
 - Effective Assessment and Evaluation
 - Blended teaching and learning in the classroom
 - Reviewed school’s EQAO data
 - Numeracy a) 56% of Applied achieved level 3 or higher
b) 88% of Academic achieved level 3 or higher
 - Literacy – 84% of students passed the test

- iPad Roll-out – Grade Nines getting iPads during last week of September
- School Renewal
 - All Science labs are being renovated from April to October
 - Gym floors and bleachers will be replaced during the summer
 - the Learning Commons will be renewed
 - all windows are being brought up to date
- parents are happy about the new missed test and due date procedures
- parents would like school announcements on website where they can access them to learn important school information
- parents wondering what is happening with Parent Assist
- Elections
 - Chair – Cathy Craig
 - Vice-Chair – Margaret Morse

7. **Correspondence** – There was no correspondence to review.

8. **AOB** – none

9. **Adjournment** – 8:20pm