

## **Minutes from WDHS School Council Meeting: Tuesday, November 21, 2017**

**In Attendance:** Sophie Boers (Co-chair); Karin Lang (Co-chair); Janice Ramolla (Secretary); Lynda Wigood (Acting Principal); Alison Smoke (Student Rep); Lianne Broughton; Michael Collette (Rotary rep); Marsha Ter Steege; Brenda Folk; Louise Hooper; Penny Deathe (Trustee); Carl Galloway; Jennifer Vince; Darin Ahing; Mark Brewer; Kevin Smoke; Jose Vanderkamp.

**Absent/Regrets:** Wanda Bielak (Principal); Jennifer Clarke-Brophy; GiNESSA Cetra-McColl.

### **Agenda Item**

#### **1. Welcome & Introduction**

- All council members welcomed.

#### **2. Approve Minutes of the prior meeting**

- Motion passed to approve the Minutes of the prior Council Meeting ,of October 17 2017 (Motion by Louise/Michael).

#### **3. Community Representative – Michael Collette**

- Next Trivia night is December 9 (flyer provided to promote)
  - Will promote on Parent Facebook page.
- Food4Kids meal program at Mary Hopkins Elementary
  - Currently 7 kids involved and going very well.
  - In April will be holding a paper shredding program to fundraise.
  - In May will start with the fundraising brunches again.
- Kevin Smoke – Rotary member in charge of youth services
  - Leadership courses through Rotary
    - Adventures in Leadership
      - Travel to Ottawa, attend parliament, participate in “mock parliament”
    - High School Interact Club
      - 12-18 year olds
      - Emphasis on service before self.
    - Youth Exchange Program
      - Exchange for one grade 10 or 11 student.
      - Application deadline is December 4.
    - Slapshot
      - 15-18 year olds
      - Leadership training for 100 students in Ancaster over one weekend next April
    - Other courses for older youth (ages 19-25)

#### 4. Fundraising Initiative – Mark Brewer

- Mark's 16 year old son, Mitchell Brewer went to WDHS until the end of last year and was drafted to the Oshawa Generals so he is in Oshawa playing.
- On Saturday January 27, 2018 the Oshawa Generals will be in Hamilton to play the Bulldogs and this will be Mitchell's first trip back to this area to play hockey since he was drafted.
- Mark has purchased 2000 tickets for that game at \$12 each and he would like WDHS to sell tickets to school families for \$15 each and for each ticket sold, \$2 will go to the school (parent or student council) while \$1 will go to Mitchell's chosen charity, Camp FACES. (flyer with details of fundraiser and flyer with details of charity provided)
- Bulldog tickets normally sell at \$26 each.
- This game in Hamilton is also the Bulldog's "First Responders Tribute Night".
- All tickets are in one section so all WDHS families will be close together.
- Millgrove Elementary School is also selling tickets to families in its local area.
- An article about Mitchell's return to play this game in Hamilton will be in the Flamborough Review this week.
- Parent council discussed the following:
  - Principal, Wanda Bielak, is aware of this proposal and supports.
  - Parent council and student council would split the funds raised.
  - Would likely take 200 tickets to start.
  - Confirmed that we are not committed to selling a set number of tickets.
  - Sophie to put flyer on facebook page.
  - Must have a purpose for the funds prior to selling any tickets.

#### 5. Student Parliament report – Alison Smoke

- Halloween for Hunger – students collected 5000 lbs of food for the Grace Waterdown Food Bank.
- Holiday festivities and activities are being planned.
- WDHS students and Warrior bus will be in this year's Flamborough Santa Claus parade.
  - The parade organizers did not charge the usual \$50 (which parent council had agreed to pay) to enter a float in the parade. Mr. Monkley sent a request to the Council co-chairs requesting that instead council donate that \$50 to the purchase of tea for the Health Action Team doing activities around exam time to help with stress. **Council took a vote and agreed to this request.**
- Warrior wear – had some trouble getting the new logo on the clothing so will not be available until after Christmas.

#### 6. Principal's Report – Lynda Wigood

- Ms. McCulloch (acting principal) is away so Lynda is substituting as principal for 9 days until Ms. McCulloch returns.
- The permanent Teacher Rep on Council will be Ms. Kindree but she was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

- Wednesday November 22 1-2 pm the school is holding a Club Fair to showcase extracurriculars to students.
- Wednesday November 22 6 – 7:30 pm – Grade 7 and 8 Evening for students and parents.
- Friday November 24 – mid semester report cards going home with students.
  - Lynda stressed that parents should focus less on student marks and more on their learning skills.
- Mr. Flossman was the Governor General award for teaching history and his museum.
- Next PA Day is December 1 and focus of staff that day will be improving math skills.
- Friday December 8 – MADD assembly at the school for Grade 11 and 12.
- Wednesday December 13 – WDHS Holiday Concert.
- Week of December 18 – Art Showcase.

## 7. Teachers Report – Kara Kindree

- Ms. Kindree was unable to attend.

## 8. Board/HC-HY update – Penny Deathe

- Board News and Mental Health
  - David Boyd is the new head of mental health at the Board.
  - Board has 1 in 4 kids in need of some kind of mental health support.
  - Looking at working with public health on mental health.
  - Getting needed funding for assessments and getting EA’s is an ongoing issue.
  - Board is committed to
    - all students reading by the end of Grade 1;
    - improving math skills
    - 100% of students graduating from high school in at most 5 years.
- Discussion about math skills
  - Ministry sets the curriculum and they are looking at moving towards the basics
  - Queens Park does recognize that there is a big problem with math skills in the Province as evidenced by the abysmal EQAO scores.
- **HC-HY**
  - Looking at the direction of the organization.
  - Students have high levels of anxiety about futures.
    - 40% drop out rate at university.
    - 80% of university students change their major after 1<sup>st</sup> year.
  - There is interest in the local business community to mentor students.
  - Looking a possibly having a “What’s Your Path” hub – physical location to bring to one place many aspects of choosing a career path
    - To help students figure out what path they should be on (strengths, skills, passion, spark)
    - Connecting kids to related businesses
    - Providing a centralized place where you can find out about exchange opportunities, bursaries, opportunities.
    - Providing help in navigating universities, colleges, trades.

## **9. PIC Update – Lianne Broughton**

- Further to last month's PRO Grant suggestion to consider the idea of showing the movie "Screenagers" to our community through the use of the PRO Grant, Sherwood Secondary School is showing this movie Tuesday November 28 at 7 pm
  - Several council members are going to try to attend.
  - Lianne distributed a flyer with the details of this showing.
- Will discuss at a future meeting.

## **10. Remembrance Day/Parade**

- Students laid a wreath from the Trustee, Penny Deathe, at the Legion on Remembrance Day.
- Students/Warriors bus will be in this year's Flamborough Christmas Parade and students will be walking the parade route collecting socks for a sock drive.
- These initiatives are part of a conscious effort to get WDHS involved more in the community.

## **11. Bake Sale – Recap – Brenda Folk**

- Raised \$400 (vs. target of \$500)
- Sold 5 pizzas @ \$10 profit per pizza
- Provided drinks (delivered) to teachers – greatly appreciated.
- Brenda felt that the new shorter interview times of 5-7 pm (vs. 5-8 pm) took away from the volume of parents in the school as many parents were unable to book interview times.

## **12. Open Forum**

- New fundraising procedure is that Council must submit in the fall a forecast for expected funds to be raised and what those funds will be spent on.
- Need to determine a use for fundraised dollars.
  - Music dept? History Museum? Athletics?
  - Lynda Wigood will ask at the next staff meeting what the staff needs are.
  - Maybe put together a wish list for long term use by Council and by the Rotary Club.
- Michael from Rotary Club relayed that the Rotary wants to do a "Secret Santa" for a family in need. Asked if anyone knows of a family to let him know.
- Council Christmas dinner at the American – Karin will email council with a date once determined.

- **NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY FEBRUARY 20, 2018 AT 6:30 PM**