

## Minutes from WDHS School Council Meeting: Tuesday, March 20, 2018

**In Attendance:** Karin Lang (Co-chair); Janice Ramolla (Secretary); Gail Cipriani (Acting Principal); Alison Smoke (Student Rep); Dave Delville (Teacher Rep); Jennifer Clarke-Brophy; Carl Galloway; Ginessa Cetra-McColl; Brenda Folk; Louise Hooper; Jennifer McPherson; Kim Hoefs.

**Absent/Regrets:** Wanda Bielak (Principal); Sophie Boers; Penny Deathe; Lianne Broughton; Jose Vanderkamp.

### 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 February 20, 2018 (Motion by Louise/Ginessa).

#### **2a. WDHS Band**

- Ms. Cathy Hills (Music Teacher) brought the school band to perform for Council.
- Ms. Hills provided some information about the school's band program.
  - WDHS has a Junior Band and a Senior Band for a school credit.
  - Recently started a Jazz Band.
  - Band "Year at a Glance".
    - Fall Retreat – Circle Square Ranch
      - Team building, karaoke, dance
    - Hamilton All-Star Jazz Band.
    - Performed at Remembrance Day ceremony in Waterdown and assemblies.
    - Feeder schools came to learn, listen, and play together.
    - Winter Concert
    - Music Fest Canada – Golden Horseshoe competition and workshops
    - HWDSB Bandfest – play and listen
    - April – 18 band students go to Montreal
      - Partnered with Saltfleet's 20 students
      - Clinic at McGill University
      - Will see the Montreal Symphony Orchestra and some jazz bands.
    - Family of Schools Concert (planning)
      - Hoping to host at WDHS
      - Hoping to invite choirs and bands from feeder schools to come and play and listen.
- Band played their hardest number – "Echos in the Woods" – excellent!!

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

- Was not in attendance so deferred until next month.

### **4. Student Parliament report – Alison Smoke**

- Continuing to plan for dance at the end of April.
  - Recognize that it is near to prom but focus is on grades 9-11.
- Spirit (Warrior) Wear is done – order forms will be out next week.
- Prom Project will be done again this year.
  - Information on Waterdown parent facebook page.

### **5. Principal's Report – Gail Cipriani**

- Music – 3 students made the Honour Band and the Junior Band was invited to larger competition.
- Boys Sr. Hockey – won SOSSA and left today for OFSAA in St. Catherines.
- Girls Sr. Hockey – won city championship.
- Girls Sr. Volleyball – won city championship.
- DECA – contingent of students going to Atlanta for international competition.
- Parent/Teacher Interviews
  - As of time of council meeting, 280 parents signed up.
  - Using “Student Ambassadors” this time – working with Derek Zuccolo with purpose of moving things along during the evening and helping to keep everything on schedule.
- Parent Portal – up and running. Parent must register at the school with a picture ID. Will have a table set up in Atrium at Interview Night.
- Volunteer Hours – question asked about recording hours manually on paper or electronically. Ms. Cipriani will check and report back to council.
- April 5 - Mini College Fair period 2 for grade 11's
  - 5-6 community colleges will be at WDHS
  - Question about whether OYAP (Ont. Youth Apprenticeship Program) will be present. – Gail to check and report back.
- April 10 – Literacy Testing Day
  - Parent volunteers needed as hall monitors, scribes, general help (7:30 – noon)
  - Janice, Karin, Kim, Louise, Brenda, GiNESSA have all volunteered to help for part or all of the time.

### **6. Teachers Report – David Delville**

- Parent Interviews – if any parent feels they need more than the 5 minutes allotted for each interview, they should contact the teacher to arrange an alternate time to meet.

### **7. Board/HC-HY update – Penny Deathe**

- Health Action Team
  - 20 students at WDHS met to be part of creating questions that will be used to create focus groups around the 40 Developmental Assets
    - Communicating with, engaging with, supporting students.
    - These questions will be submitted to eBest for refinement.
- Ward Boundaries
  - Reorganizing into 15 Wards with 11 Trustees so need to pair up some of the Wards under one Trustee.
  - Survey is on HWDSB website until March 31 to get parent/community input.
- May 2 8:05 am – Girls Respect Group Breakfast
  - Flyer coming out – will be on parent facebook page.
  - Poesy – young performer from the TV show “The Launch” will perform.

### **8. PIC Update – Lianne Broughton/Jose Vanderkamp**

- PIC Meeting was tonight so they are at that meeting.
- Agenda item deferred to next council meeting.

### **9. Bake Sale Update – Brenda Folk**

- Thanked sponsors for donations so can purchase many items to help with the evening.
- Synervoice advertising the bake sale went out today.
- Bake sale put on electronic sign out front of school.
- Doing teacher beverage delivery again – 4 volunteer students to do deliveries.
  - List of beverage orders is with Karen Chernets.
- Donation box on bake table again.
- Going to have a tray with assorted desserts for a volunteer to move around the area selling.
- Every bake sale item will be \$1 except the pizza which will be \$2.
- Will set up tables after the buses leave.

### **10. PRO Grant – Janice Ramolla**

- Subcommittee met on February 27
  - Decided to look into showing a movie recommended by PIC group called Screenagers which looks at “how tech time impacts kids’ development and offers solutions on how adults can empower kids to best navigate the digital world and find balance”.
- Ministry of Education was contacted and an amended PRO Grant budget was approved to accommodate this showing.
- Subcommittee met on March 19 with Gail Cipriani (Principal), Dan Stepaniuk (VP) and Derek Zuccolo (Student Services)
  - Proposed movie be shown to students during daytime and to parent community in evening.
  - Chose April 10 for date of showing.

- Will attempt to get a speaker (Cheryl Bradshaw) to come to the parent viewing to lead a discussion after the movie.
- Gail and Derek will be at the parent showing and will be available to discuss digital citizenship as it impacts WDHS.
- DVD will be mailed to us 1 week prior to showing.
- Promotion
  - Sophie has created a flyer/postcard to advertise the event and will distribute to parents at Parent/Teacher Interviews.
  - Flyer will be put on Parent facebook page.
  - Will advertise in Flamborough Review.
- Website screenagersmovie.com is excellent resource for information and strategies for dealing with technology and our kids.
- Outstanding items
  - Firming up speaker after movie
  - Logistics of showing movie to students and to which grades.
  - Refreshments or popcorn?
  - Further promotion.

## **11. Staff Appreciation BBQ**

- June 27
- Same day as Paint Challenge.
- Brenda/Ginessa/Louise to head up.
- Sophie has all information sheets/shopping lists.

## **12. Open Forum**

- Council member reported that bus drivers are smoking in side parking lot at the end of the day.
  - Gail will deal with.
- **NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY APRIL 17, 2018 AT 6:30 PM**