

## **Minutes from WDHS School Council Meeting: Tuesday, April 17, 2018**

**In Attendance:** Karin Lang (Co-chair); Sophie Boers (Co-chair); Janice Ramolla (Secretary); Gail Cipriani (Acting Principal); Alison Smoke (Student Rep); Michael Collette (Rotary Rep); Carl Galloway; Brenda Folk; Louise Hooper; Marsha TerSteege; Lianne Broughton; Jose Vanderkamp.

**Absent/Regrets:** Dave Delville (Teacher Rep); Jennifer Clarke-Brophy; GiNESSA Cetra-McColl; Penny Deathe.

### **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 March 20, 2018 (Motion by Louise/Michael).

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

- Handout – Restaurant partnership
- Rotary sponsoring CPR and defib training today.
- Rotary donating \$1000 to someone with Prader Willy syndrome.
- Rotary donating \$500 for the autism lunch program.
- Rotary donating \$1000 to the HC-HY Paint Challenge.
- Encouraged Council to let the Rotary Club know if need any financial aid for programs.
  - Rotary's year end is July 1 and currently have a balance of about \$20000 available for donation/sponsorships.
- Rotary sponsors Ribfest and beginning the planning for this main Rotary event.
  - Planning to have 1 or 2 "Escape Rooms" for 5-50 people each as a new attraction this year.
  - Michael will let Council know volunteer needs, if any.
  - Most volunteers sign up online.
  - Already have in place all the volunteer groups needed for parking. Groups/teams volunteer for 5 hour slots and receive \$250.
- Just completed a few fundraisers including a paper shredder fundraiser and ran the BBQ at the Waterdown cleanup event.

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

- Spirit (Warrior) Wear – order forms due back on May 2.
- Dance on April 19 at Michaelangelos – 250 tickets sold.
- Annual May Day celebrations – starting to plan – possibly May 18.

- Prom set up – usually done by volunteer parents. Alison will forward this offer to Mr. Gregoriou and will coordinate volunteer set up needs with council (Sophie).
- Prom theme – Enchanted Night Under the Stars.

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

- Volunteer Hours – In response to question asked at last meeting about recording hours manually on paper or electronically. Ms. Cipriani reported back to council that it is currently done both ways. They are hoping to move to reporting of volunteer hours exclusively online.
- Mini College Fair held on April 5 – successful.
- Literacy test for Grade 10's completed on April 10
  - Thanked parent volunteers.
  - Grade 10's watched a movie (Screenagers) in the afternoon (as well as all grade 9 students).
- WDHS had 3 students win national history awards (of 79 winners in Ontario)
  - Students focused on Canadian identity and submitted diverse and impressive essays.
  - Won \$1000 each.
- Meeting April 18 for parents of students taking school trip to Montreal.
- WDHS sending 8 students to DECA International Competition and Conference in Atlanta
- SOLID group having a foodfest and social justice assembly April 24.
- Online there is a Parent Survey from HWDSB and want feedback.
- Online there is a Student Survey from HWDSB's research department (eBest) on the subject of Positive Culture
  - Link is open to May 14.
  - Voluntary so first period teachers can only encourage students to complete it.
- May 4 – midterm reports go home.
- May 2 – Girls Respect Luncheon
  - Tickets \$10 per adult and \$5 per student.
  - Council has 2 tickets.

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

- Unable to attend so no report this month.

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

- Unable to attend so no report this month.

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

- Lianne officially taking over as PIC representative.

- Presented a map showing the new boundaries for school districts/trustees.
- Sir John A. MacDonald Secondary is being established by HWDSB as a HUB combining school, medical facilities and recreation centre.
- Primary activity at the meeting was a workshop looking at the Board's emphasis on math learning and encouraging parents to help their students more using online resources. Planning to pilot this workshop at 3 inner city schools.

#### **9. Bake Sale Fundraising – Donation to school**

- Brenda thanked Louise and GiNESSA for their help organizing.
- Target was to raise \$500 and raised \$500.
- This year, got less baked goods donated and received more \$ donations.
- Supplies were all adequate.
- Had some extra pizza which was sold at the end of the night.
  
- So, Council has \$450 to help out with student initiatives.
  - 3 possibilities
    1. Spark program – activity belts.
    2. History museum – Mr. Flosman spends about \$2000 annually for upkeep, updating, expansion.
    3. Music department – wants vests for band to wear when performing.
  - Council voted (passed 7 of 10) to donate funds to the Music department for vests.
  - Sophie to contact Music department to let her know.

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

- Movie shown to Grade 9 and 10 during the day (Apr 10) and teachers encouraged to lead a discussion about the movie afterwards.
- Movie shown to parents at 7 pm April 10 in the Lecture Hall.
  - Attendance was excellent at 88 people.
  - Because of unexpectedly high attendance, not enough popcorn and barely enough coffee and water bottles.
  - Parents seemed to enjoy the event and the majority stayed afterwards for the discussion with Cheryl Bradshaw, Gail Cipriani, and Penny Deathe.
  - Collected 22 feedback forms
    1. 16 parents were from WDHS but also parents from Osler, Balaclava, St. Thomas, Flamborouogh Centre, and Lee Academy.
    2. Parents mainly heard about the event from the facebook page, the flyers at the school and the synervoice.
    3. All parents responded very positively to questions about the movie itself (relevance, interest, new info learned, useful strategies, likely to recommend)
    4. All parents found discussion after the movie very valuable.
    5. All parents found the organization of the evening very good.
    6. Topics put forward by parents for future information evenings included anxiety, mean girls, bullying, drugs, engaging teens in more activities, and mental health.

7. When asked parents if they would be interested in monthly group discussions on mental health topics with Cheryl Bradshaw, 13 parents responded YES and 8 parents responded NO.

- Suggestions for future information evenings
  - Pens to hand out for filling out feedback forms.
  - Adequate photocopies of handouts.
  - More coffee, water and popcorn.
  - Have signs to direct parents to Lecture Hall.
- Council thanked Lianne for bringing the idea to council from the PIC meeting.

#### **11. Staff Appreciation BBQ – June 27 – Brenda Folk**

- Subcommittee to organize - Brenda, Louise, Ginessa.
- Will be looking into getting a few sponsors – Culligan? Cobbs? Etc.
- Subcommittee will meet and report back at next meeting.

#### **12. Waterdown Museum of History – Evening, Tuesday, May 15, 4 pm to 8 pm.**

- Museum will be open the evening of our next council meeting so encouraging all council members to come early and tour the museum prior to our meeting.
- Council members encouraged to invite family and friends to go to museum as well.

#### **13. Lockers in Gym Change Rooms**

- Jose brought forward the issue of theft in the changerooms of money, ipods, phones, and even clothing and shoes and is wondering what the school can do.
- Jose has spoken to Gail, Derek and Wanda about this issue in the past.
- Gail responded
  - In order to install cameras, would have to consider privacy issues.
  - In order to install locking doors or build lockers into the changerooms, would have to comply with building codes and would be very costly.
  - There are no available unused lockers that could be moved into the changerooms to secure valuables.
  - Part of the problem is the fact that the changerooms have no doors at all and are across the hall from the gym.
  - Onus must be put on students to lock their valuables into their lockers and don't leave in the changeroom.

#### **14. Front gardens – volunteers needed**

- Time to clean up front gardens for spring.
  - Karin will email request for volunteers to help.

#### **15. Open Forum**

- No issues brought forward.
- **NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY MAY 15, 2018 AT 6:30 PM but come early to tour the History Museum**