

# **Minutes from WDHS School Council Meeting**

## **Tuesday November 20, 2018**

**In Attendance:** Karin Lang(Co-chair); Sophie Boers(Co-chair); Ginessa Cetra-McColl (Secretary); Theresa Sgambato (Acting Principal); Mike McClymont (Math Teacher); Penny Deathe (Trustee); Michael Collette (Rotary Rep); Sarah Brophy & Jessa Boers (Student Rep); Brenda Folk; Jennifer Clarke-Brophy; Suzie Larochelle; Lynda Newkirk

**Absent/Regrets:** David Delville (Teacher Rep), Louise Hooper

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

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

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

- Motion passed to approve the minutes of the prior council meeting of October 16, 2018 (Jennifer Clark & Michael Collette).

#### **3. Math EQAO – Mike McClymont**

- Fantastic results for 2017!
- 63% of students above board standard in applied math
- 87% of students above board standard in academic math. Making Waterdown top 3<sup>rd</sup> school in the Hamilton board.
- For 2 years Waterdown has offered a ‘gap closing’ elective class for grade 9’s in applied math.
- There have been approx. 14/15 students in each class.
- In this class they do prep all semester for EQAO.
- **‘Reach Ahead’ program** offered for grade 8’s has been approved by the board.
- Will be held at Waterdown
- Approximately 20 students
- It will be held during period 1 in during the second semester.
- **Extra help for math** is offered in the Resource Room and many are taking advantage of this.
- **Math Contest** – Is run by University of Waterloo for both senior and junior students
- For grades 9, 10 and 11 contest is on February 26.
- For grade 12 it is in April.
- There is a practice text on line on University of Waterloo website

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

##### **FOOD FOR KIDS**

- Food for Kids is a hot lunch program run by the Waterdown Rotary.
- Currently supplying lunches to Mary Hopkins and Flamborough Center schools.
- Rotary is looking for volunteers to help Wednesdays at 10am.
- The volunteer will pick-up the food at Fortino's and take it to Grace Anglican Church.
- Lunches then delivered to the main office of the schools.
- This program is funded by the monies raised at the Rotary Brunches
- **Volunteers are needed** to transport food to the various schools. If you can help out, please contact Michael Collette at [mcollette@cogeco.ca](mailto:mcollette@cogeco.ca)

##### **TRIVIA NIGHT**

- Trivia Night on Saturday December 1<sup>st</sup>.
- At the Royal Canadian Legion in Waterdown
- Doors open at 7:15 pm and trivia starts at 8pm
- 3 rounds of 20 questions
- Entry fee is \$160 per team of 6-8 members

##### **VARIOUS EVENTS**

- Approved fencing for Bingaman Bunny Day Care
- Fencing to be completed in the spring.
- Rotary sponsored 2 families to play hockey in the FHA. Both families are very happy.
- Rotary will be participating in Secret Santa through Drummond House.
- **Fundraiser – Robby Burns** on January 24/25 at Royal Botanical Gardens.
- Will serve haggis, there will be a piper and the group Scantily Plaid will be playing.

##### **INTERACT CLUB**

- Youth Exchange is going well. Victoria is here and the second exchange student is reapplying.
- Already looking for next year's students
- There will also be a short term exchange for students between the ages of 15-18 years old.
- It will only be 6-8 weeks for the 2019 summer.
- Looking for host families.

#### **5. Student Parliament report – Sarah Brophy & Jessa Boers**

##### **HALLOWEEN FOR HUNGER**

- Went very well!
- Able to get a lot of food for Carlisle Food Bank.
- During the, **12 Day of Holidays** – Will open parliament for all clubs to come and present.

## **6. Principal's Report – Theresa Sgambato**

- **Waterdown is a top 3 school in HWDSB!**
- Still looking to improve and target students that require extra help.
- Literacy scores in 2018 for Waterdown were = 80% (Board = 74% & Province 79%)
- Even though many students are achieving great academic success, teachers are eager to help on a 1 to 1 level.

### **OSSLT – Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test**

- Grade 10 OSSLT will happen in the spring.
- Will also test grade 9's.
- After school literacy course will start Thursday February 21<sup>st</sup>
- 3pm to 4pm twice a week until the test begins.
- Contact is Beth Morrison in Student Services.
- All students are required to pass the OSSLT in order to graduate.

### **GOOD NEWS**

- 16 new computers purchased with money saved from awards assembly.
- Engineering Club starting (November 21<sup>st</sup>)
- It will run after school for grades 9 to 12
- Starting with robotics
- Teachers involved are: Mr. Dimitriadis, Mr. Kotsopoulos and Mr. Prangle

### **SIDEWALKS**

- Have shifted and are being shaved down
- All areas have been identified and will be done soon.

### **VAPING**

- Vaping is very present in the school
- School is on top of it
- Moving forward students will NOT be given a warning but will be suspended immediately if caught vaping.

## **7. Teachers Report – N/A**

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

- 5 new trustees out of 11 starting in December.

## **BULLYING**

- Bullying has not diminished
- Need to figure out how to tackle this issue
- Superintendent looking into various strategies

## **CAREER FAIR**

- To be hosted at Hamilton Technology Center (Innovation Drive)
- This is organized by Rob McCann
- Various industries will be represented
- First class to attend is Gr.10 Careers Class on Nov 15<sup>th</sup>

## **GIGIT**

- Launched, 'GIGIT to Give it'
- Have partnered with school for volunteer hours

## **WHAT'S YOUR PATH?**

- Have met with kids that graduated for feed back
- Wanting to learn what we can do to improve
- Working with young adults to mentor kids
- Have met with Mohawk to develop mentors

## **9. Bake Sale – Brenda & Ginessa**

- Subcommittee Brenda, Louise, Ginessa
- Well received by both teachers and parents
- Had quite a few non-parent council members donate bake goods
- Approximately 6 outside parents and 2 teachers donated
- Two local businesses donated goods – Little Gourmet and Cobbs
- Good treats and fun was had by all!

## **10. TRIVIA NIGHT / OPEN MIC – Mr. Smith**

- Held here at the school on November 29<sup>th</sup> in the cafeteria
- All money raised will go to Save The Children

## **11. Crosswalk – Karin Lang**

- DONE!
- New set of lights at Cole St. however wanting either flashing lights or visible lines on the road like the new cross walk installed in Carlisle
- Students are definitely using it!

## **12. Open Forum**

- Christmas social to be planned by Sophie and Karin.

**NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY FEBRUARY 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @ 6:30pm**