

Minutes from WDHS School Council Meeting

Tuesday October 16, 2018

In Attendance: Karin Lang(Co-chair); Sophie Boers(Co-chair); GiNESSa Cetra-McColl (Secretary); Theresa Sgambato (Acting Principal); David Delville (Teacher Rep); Penny Deathe (Trustee); Michael Collette (Rotary Rep); Sarah Brophy & Jessa Boers (Student Rep); Louise Hooper; Brenda Folk; Dee Shea; Jennifer Clarke-Brophy; Lianne & Rob Broughton; Janice Kwasney; Suzie Larochelle; Darin Aching

Absent/Regrets:

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Welcome & Introduction

2. Approve Minutes of the prior meeting

- Motion passed to approve the minutes of the prior council meeting of September 18, 2018 (Jennifer Clark & Louise Hooper).

3. Community Representative – Michael Collette

FOOD FOR KIDS

- Rotary is looking for volunteers to help with upcoming Rotary Brunches scheduled for October 13th.
- The Rotary buys or collects food on a weekly basis that is distributed to schools that participate in this program. (Guy Brown, Mary Hopkins, Flamborough Center)
- This program is funded by the monies raised at the Rotary Brunches
- Next Rotary Brunch to be held on October 13th
- **Volunteers are needed** to transport food to the various schools. If you can help out, please contact Michael Collette at mcollette@cogeco.ca
- The Rotary helped pay for school BBQ during Homecoming week – THANK-YOU!

TRIVIA NIGHT

- Trivia Night on Saturday December 1st.
- 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 \$150 per team of 6-8 members

4. Speaker – Derek Zuccolo – Student Services

PARENT COMMUNICATION

- Always trying to improve communication with parents. First step is to get all parents to subscribe to the WHSD web page -- <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/waterdown/subscribe/>
- Evaluating a Reminder App so as to also be able to text parents with pertinent information.
- New methods of communication with parents will contain information for graduating students such as scholarships.
- Link on current school web page under- Parent Message Service tab: <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/waterdown/student-services/parent-message-service/>
- Also, Gigit information – online volunteer postings and/or small part-time jobs.

5. Student Parliament report – Sarah Brophy & Jessa Boers

HOMEcomings – October 1st to Oct 5th

- Homecoming went very well, “Lots of PEP at the Pep Rally!”
- Dance at Michael Angelo’s was attended by 200 students.
- The food donated by The Rotary for the BBQ was very much appreciated!

HALLOWEEN

- Fortino’s is supplying bags so while kids are trick-or-treating they can also collect food items.

WARRIOR WEAR

- Going to sell during Parent Teacher Interviews on Oct 18th
- <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/waterdown/files/2018/04/2018-Warrior-Wear-Form-Fixed.pdf>

SANTA CLAUS PARADE

- In the planning stages
- November 24th, 2018 - <http://flamboroughsantaclausparade.com/>

6. Principal’s Report – Theresa Sgambato

ARTIFICIAL TURF

- Starting installation May 2019 and hopes to have 90% of it completed by September 2019
- This will entail new field, track and aluminum seating.
- This new artificial turf area will ultimately be fenced in.

AWARDS ASSEMBLY

- Awards Assembly will start at 8:30am with the grade 9's – other grades to follow sequentially
- 500 students on the honor roll spanning three grades – 9, 10, 11.
- This year it was decided to give out medals only to grade 12 students. This was a financial decision saving the school approximately \$5000.

TAKE GR 9 KIDS TO WORK

- Taking place on Wednesday November 14th
- Information and permission forms sent out Oct 12th
- Electronic copy available on line:
http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/waterdown/files/2018/09/TOKW-Family-Guide_WEB.pdf

LATE BUS

- Late bus runs Monday thru Thursday
- Leaves the school at 5pm
- There are signs throughout the school showing bus stops
- Students are able to leave the school property and come back to get the bus

CANNABIS

- Cannabis is now legal but nothing changes at the school – same consequences as before
- School has actively reminded students of the effects of drugs especially on still developing minds.
- Information available on school web site:
<http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/waterdown/2018/10/09/what-to-know-about-cannabis-legalization/>

FRONT GARDENS

- Thank-you to Karin and all those on the parent council that helped clean-up and plant new mums in the front gardens.

7. Teachers Report – David Delville

- Parent/Teacher Interviews taking place October 18th
- All in interviews to last only 5 minutes. If parents require more times they can set it up with the teacher.
- There will be student ambassadors helping to keep parents and teachers on schedule.

8. Board/HC-HY update – Penny Deathe

COMMUNICATION

- Board concentrating on improving communication with parents and students.
- Focusing efforts on bettering Parent Portal

PAINT CHALLENGE

- Paint Challenge raises money to help Flamborough youth make healthy decisions, get involved in the community and be supported by the community as a whole.
- This year's paint challenge will take place on June 26th, 2019
- Last year \$4k was raised
- This year will be putting together a youth team
- For more information: <http://focusontheforty.ca/>

9. Bake Sale – Brenda Folk

- Subcommittee Brenda, Louise, Ginessa
- Next bake sale to be held during parent/teacher night October 18th
- Any/all donations are welcomed.
- If you are able help out during the event starting at 5pm ending after 7pm please join us in the atrium.

10. Crosswalk – Karin Lang

- DONE!
- New set of lights at Cole St.

11. Front Gardens – Karin Lang

- Clean-up to be done before parent/teacher interviews.
- Still have to plant mums.
- Plants have been donated by: [Nina Trevissan](#)

12. Late bus and Medals for Honor Roll

- Addressed by Theresa above under Principal's Report

13. Open Forum

- No items

NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY NOVEMBER 20th, 2018 @ 6:30pm