

Minutes from WDHS School Council Meeting Tuesday October 15, 2019

In Attendance: Karin Lang(Co-chair); Lianne Broughton (Co-chair); Theresa Sgambato (Principal); Brent Monkley (VP); Michael Collette (Rotary Rep); Penny Death (Trustee); Ginessa Cetra-McColl (Secretary); Brenda Folk; Suzie Larochelle; Tracey Hood; Louise Hooper; Lynda Newkirk; Kelly Potter; Kelly Taylor; Dee Shea; Michael McClymont (Math Head)

Absent/Regrets: David Delville (Teacher Rep)

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 15, 2019 (Louise Hooper & Lianne Broughton)

3. Speaker – Michael McClymont – Head of Math

MATH UPDATE

- Offering focus classes for students that struggled in grade 8 math.
- During 2nd semester there will be 2 classes for those that need help in math
- There will be 15 students in each class
- Semester 1 class is going very well

EQAO SCORES

- 81% of grade 9's reaching board standard
- Last year 85%
- 44% of applied students reached board standard - 81% academic met standard

TVO MATHIFY

- Offering math help in the evenings
- Mathify is a live, one on one, online afterschool math tutoring service
- For grade 7 to 10 students
- Students register at: www.tvo.org/mathify.com
- Students need to use their OEN number and email to log on

MATH HELP AVAILABLE AT SCHOOL

- Mr. McClymont offers resource help during period 2
- There is resource help available EVERY school period
- Peer tutoring is available however the tutor must have done a peer tutoring course

- Names can be made available through Student Services

MATH CONTEST

- University of Waterloo Math Contest will take place in February for grades 9, 10 &11
- In April for grade 12
- The contest is written on site
- Usually 8 to 10 students write the contest
- Refreshments are served
- <https://www.cemc.uwaterloo.ca/contests/contests.html>

4. Community Representative – Michael Collette

ROTARY BRUNCHES

- September 14th went very well!
- 160 people attended – largest crowd ever!
- Raised over \$2000.00
- These brunches help fund the Food for Kids program that the Rotary supports throughout the school year

RIB FEST

- Was on July 1st and lots of students took the opportunity to get volunteer hours
- Another community event that was very well received and successful

FOOD FOR KIDS

- Is a program run and supported by the Rotary Club that identifies students requiring a healthy lunch
- This will begin next week
- There are 8 students at Mary Hopkins and 1 student at Green Leaf
- Lunches provided by the Rotary are delivered to the Main Office and discreetly given to the recipients
- Neither the Rotary nor any of the volunteers know who the recipients of the lunches are – only the school principal
- Anyone able to help out and donate some time please contact Michael Collette - mcollette@cogeco.ca

INTERACT CLUB

- The Interact Club is sponsored by the Rotary Club and headed by Mr. McEwan

- The student Interact Club does what the Rotary Club does at the school
- They raise money to support various events
- Need new volunteer since most have graduated
- Interact meets on Tuesdays and someone from the Rotary comes to provide guidance.

5. Principal's Report – Theresa Sgambato

RESPONSE TO ATTACK AT SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL

- All school have to follow a strict code of conduct when situations like this happen
- After the unfortunate attack, a syner voice message was disseminated to all parents
- Waterdown did not take this lightly
- A social worker and all teachers in Student Services were on high alert
- Definite support was present at the school
- On Waterdown web site there are tips for parents on how to cope with this type of situation
- An announcement was made addressing the situation
- The priority of the Hamilton District School Board was Sir W. Churchill high school
- Something will be posted on Parent Council Facebook page
- Bullying is always discussed and will be more so at Waterdown
- Students will be made aware of all safety procedures
- December 10th will be a 'lock down drill'
- Safe School Policies and Procedures are being revised at board level

6. Board / Healthy Community Healthy Youth – Penny Deathe

- CUPE settled – but still to be ratified
- 6 other union groups not settled
- This includes high school teachers
- Negotiations all being done through central booking OSSTF

PAINT CHALLENGE

- Was held June 26 2019 at Sam's in Flamborough
- 350 participants registered
- Raised \$5k!!! An increase of \$1k from 2018
- The most expensive part of the event is the paint used
- All money goes towards funding, 'What's Your Path'

HEALTHY COMMUNITY HEALTHY YOUTH

- Organization undergoing an updated structure than 2009
- Firstly, changing name to – Healthy Youth Hamilton

- Will be working with the YMCA
- This will facilitate more of a team with senior leadership
- Testing different assessment tools with a youth impact team ages 20-27 yr. olds

BOARD PROTOCOL – Injuries or Deaths at School

- Covered by Theresa in Principal's Report
- Schools' responses and procedures are ALL clearly detailed by the board
- WDHS followed ALL procedures and ensured that anyone requiring additional assistance was acknowledged and helped

BAKE SALE – Ginessa Cetra

- Bake Sale to take place during Parent Teacher Interviews October 19th
- All help or donations are welcomed
- Start time will be 5pm and will start closing down 7pm

7. Open Forum

- Parent Council Meetings will change from the 3rd Tuesday to the 4th of every month.

NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY FEBRUARY 25th @ 6:00 pm