

Minutes from WDHS School Council Meeting Tuesday September 24, 2019

In Attendance: Karin Lang(Co-chair); Theresa Sgambato (Principal); Jen McGilchrist (VP); Derek Zuccolo (rep Teacher Rep); Michael Collette (Rotary Rep); Duke Gand (Student Rep); Ginessa Cetra-McColl (Secretary); Brenda Folk; Suzie Laroche; Tracey Hood; Louise Hooper; Lianne Broughton; Vanessa Palmer-Newman; Lynda Newkirk; Mary Said; Tracy Smoke; Kelly Potter; John Lang

Absent/Regrets: Penny Deathe (Trustee); Jen McPherson; 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 May 21, 2019 (Louise Hooper & Suzie Laroche)

3. Elections

- Karin Lang re-elected co-chair
- Lianne Broughton elected co-chair
- Ginessa Cetra re-elected secretary

4. Community Representative – Michael Collette

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
- Have a budget to service 15 students from different elementary schools
- Presently have approached the schools to identify needs and all will be done anonymously
- Lunches provided by the Rotary are delivered to the Main Office and discreetly given to the recipients
- The three schools evaluating their specific needs are: Mary Hopkins, Green Leaf & Flamborough Center

- Anyone able to help out and donate some time please contact Michael Collette - mcollette@cogeco.ca

ROTARY BRUNCHES

- Brunches starting again!
- September 14th and there will be another one in October
- For more info - <https://www.facebook.com/events/2293115150741923/>
- These brunches raise money that help the Rotary fund various needs

LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

- Rotary Youth Leadership Awards – RYLA
- Leadership training for young adults (19-25 years) led by a professional facilitator experienced in youth leadership development and supported by RYLA graduates and Rotarians
- One week residential program on a college/university campus consisting of lectures, simulation games, discussion groups, committee work, public speaking, social activities;
- An opportunity to learn, grow, share ideas, have fun and make new friends.
- <https://rotary7090.org/sitepage/what-is-rotary-youth-leadership-award-ryla>
- <https://rotaryclubhamilton.ca/activities/activities-for-youth/ryla/>

YOUTH EXCHANGE

- There are 2 exchange students – Nikita from the Netherlands and Keegan from Japan
- They will be students at WDHS for the 2019/20 school year while living with local families
- They will participate in Rotary and other community events
- If you have an event you would be willing to share and invite one of the students, please contact Michael Collette.
- <https://www.facebook.com/WaterdownRotary/photos/a.381704218615709/2306365542816224/?type=3&theater>

5. Community Concern – John Lang

- John volunteers coaching for Flamborough Fire Basketball
- The organization has been renting the gym from WDHS for years and this year the rental fee increased 300%
- 2018 Season = \$3,500 to rent -- 2019 Season = \$20,370
- At Guy Brown rental was, \$1,500 now is = \$15,700
- The Hamilton School Board is the ONLY school board with such astronomical increases
- Clubs are closing down due to not being able to meet the rental increases

- This is only happening to the public schools and not the ones part of the catholic school board
- There will be a meeting on, September 30th at the board located on Education Dr.
- The motion was put forth by school trustee(s) – Penny Deathe

6. Student Parliament Report – Duke Gand

HOME GOING WEEK

- Monday** Pepe rally to encourage school spirit
Battle of the Grades
- Tuesday** Mario Cart gaming for ALL grades during a common lunch
- Wednesday** Dance at Michael Angelo's starting at 7:30pm
- Thursday** Football Game on NEW FIELD
- Friday** Spirit & Twin Day

7. Principal's Report – Theresa Sgambato

FOOTBALL FIELD

- Construction has finished!
- Oct 3rd is grand opening before the homecoming football game
- There will be a ceremony at 12:30pm before the game
- Food trucks
- The new field will be locked which is consistent to city wide code
- This is done to minimize the maintenance required on the new artificial turf

E-LEARNING

- E-learning has been announced as a potential for next year
- Rules have not been determined

8. Teacher Report – Derrick Zuccolo

- Jeannine MacIssac is organizing the Terry Fox Run being held on Sept 26th
- Pam North is organizing a new club – The Waterdown Writing Guild. This club was started by 2 students and will run every Tuesday or Thursday

GRAD PICTURES

- Students graduating can book their grad pics from Oct 21st to Nov 1st here at the school

Students are able to book appointments **ONLINE** in 3 simple steps:

1. Visit www.bookmygrad.ca
2. Enter three-letter school code
3. Select sitting type, date and time

Students require a 3 letter code which is printed on pamphlets handed out.

The code assigned to your school is: **WDD**

UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE INFORMATION

- September 14th meeting for those going to college or university

COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY INFORMATION 2019 - 2020 KEY DATES

Date	Purpose	Time	Location
Friday September 14 th	Post-Secondary Overview -College web link www.ontariocolleges.ca -University web link www.ouac.on.ca	College and University bound students at the start of period 3 and 4	Lecture Hall
Thursday October 18 th	Parent Post-Secondary Info Session	7:00 pm	Lecture Hall
Week of November 19 th	College and University - How to apply online Register on Eventbrite (details below)	Period 3 and 4	Room 2107
December 17 th 2018	Target date to submit online application		
January 20 th 2019	OUAC due date for online submission		
February 1 st 2019	OCAS due date for online submission		

COLLEGE PRESENTATIONS

College	Date	Time	Place
Fanshawe College	Wed Oct 2 nd	8:30 am	Lecture Hall
Niagara College	Tues Oct 8 th	12:15 pm	Lecture Hall
Mohawk College	Thurs Oct 10 th	1:30 pm	Lecture Hall
Georgian College	Fri Oct 11 th	9:30 am	Lecture Hall
Humber College	Tues Oct 15 th	11:00 am	Lecture Hall
Fleming College	Fri Oct 25 th	9:30 am	Lecture Hall
Conestoga College	Wed Nov 6 th	12:15 pm	Lecture Hall
Sheridan College	TBD		Lecture Hall
George Brown College	TBD		Lecture Hall

UNIVERSITY PRESENTATIONS

University	Date	Time	Place
McMaster University	Mon Sept 16 th	11:00 am	Lecture Hall
Ryerson University	Wed Sept 18 th	9:30 am	Lecture Hall
University of Waterloo	Thurs Sept 19 th	8:30 am	Lecture Hall
University Of Guelph	Mon Sept 23 rd	1:30 pm	Lecture Hall
Brock University	Tues Sept 24 th	11:00 am	Lecture Hall
Ontario University Fair	Sept 27-29 2019	10:00 am – 5:00 pm	Toronto Metro Convention Centre
Queens University	Fri Oct 18 th	8:30 am	Lecture Hall
Wilfrid Laurier University	Tues Oct 29 th	1:30 pm	Lecture Hall
University of Guelph/Humber	Mon Nov 4 th	1:30pm	Lecture Hall
Western University Main Campus			
Kings University	Mon Nov 11 th	1:30pm	Lecture Hall
Brescia University of Western			

Go to the Hub - click on "Registration Link for e-ticket" for the presentation you are interested in attending. Register using Eventbrite (www.eventbrite.com). Print your e-ticket or download to your device. You must have teacher permission and a ticket to attend College and University presentations.

Key College Dates:

February 1, 2020: Equal Consideration Date
Apply on or before this date in order to receive equal consideration for admission to programs starting the following fall. After this date, colleges consider applicants on a first-come, first-served basis until programs are full.

Note that applications to Highly Competitive Programs must be received by this date in order to be considered. As these programs receive a high volume of applicants, all seats may be filled by February 1.

Applicants are encouraged to complete their applications well before the Equal Consideration Date, as website volumes on the online application are at their highest at this time. Many programs continue to accept applicants after February 1. Use our [Find a Program](#) tool at any time to find programs that are still open.

February 1, 2020: Earliest Offer Date
This is the earliest date that colleges may begin to send offers of admission to programs for the upcoming academic year. Offers will continue to be issued until programs are filled or wait-lists are established.

May 1, 2020: Deadline to Confirm Offers of Admission
Applicants must confirm their acceptance of an offer of admission by this date. Log in to your ontariocolleges.ca account to **confirm your offer**. Colleges may extend offers of admission after this date. Each college will set the deadline to confirm offers made after May 1, and this deadline will be communicated to you with your offer.

Key University Dates:

January 15, 2020
Deadline for Ontario high school students to submit their completed application to the OUAC.
Note: The OUAC still processes applications received after this date and distributes them to the universities; however, specific university deadlines will apply.
The initial application includes all final grades from completed Grade 11 and 12 courses and a list of all current-year courses in progress.

May 27, 2020
The latest date all high school applicants can expect a response from an Ontario university. This includes:
1. an offer of admission;
2. a refusal; or
3. a deferral, once additional information is received.

June 1, 2020
The earliest date an Ontario high school student may be required to respond to an Ontario university offer of admission and give a financial commitment (e.g., registration deposit, residence deposit, etc.). All other admissions-related elements, including scholarships, other forms of student assistance or financial incentives, and offers of residence are considered part of the offer of admission. Therefore, a student may accept these other offers before June 1, 2017, but Ontario universities will not compel a student in any way to make a decision earlier than this date.

9. Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) – Lianne Broughton

HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

- Information session on September 26th 7-8:30pm at HWDSB Education Center
- Reviewing the impact of school cuts and how they are going to affect the landscape of education

BOARD NEWS

- Teacher contracts ended as of August
- Status is still uncertain
- Main concerns are: class sizes and e-learning

MY PATH MY WAY

- Information session happening October 22nd at Liuna Station
- This is a night where families and students grades 7-10 can learn more about the wide range of high school programs and services available in HWDSB and plan their high school years
- <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/secondary/programs/all/>

GENERAL INFO

- Ministry cell phone ban – If teachers decide to enforce it. In most classes cell phones are used as tools
- Teacher cuts in HWDSB were not as severe – from projected 99 cuts to 52 teachers were laid off
- Eventually all HWDSB high schools will get new turf

10. Bake Sale – Ginessa Cetra

- Parent Council Bake sale is on October 17th during Parent Teacher Interviews
- As always, baked goods and volunteers are needed

11. Staff Appreciation BBQ – Karin Lang

- Appreciation BBQ was held on Wednesday June 26th starting at 11:30am on the last day of exams
- It was well attended and much appreciated by all teachers and staff at WDHS

12. Garden Clean-Up – Karin Lang

- Karin will attempt to clean up front gardens on Friday Oct 4th during 2nd period from 10-10:30am

NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY NOVEMBER 26th @ 6:00 pm