

**WATERDOWN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL  
PARENT COUNCIL**

Meeting Minutes – September 28, 2021, 6:00 pm

**1. Welcome and Introduction:**

- In attendance Alison Morris (co-chair), Lianne Broughton (co-chair), Theresa Sgambato (Principal), Jonathan Schinkel (Vice-Principal), David Delville (Teacher Representative), Michael Colette (Community Representative), Jennifer Vince, Kelly Taylor, Chris and Cheryl Gaspar, Suzie Laroche (recorded minutes)
- Regrets: Tracey Hood, Sudan Cashin, Penny Deathe

**2. Elections – Chairs/Secretary:**

- Alison Morris and Lianne Broughton elected as co-chairs
- No secretary elected yet

**3. Members voting/non-voting and set quorum:**

- Not enough members present to set quorum; will move item to October meeting.

**4. New Vice-Principal:**

- Mr. Schinkel was at Dundas Valley for 2 years before
- Great first few weeks
- Looking forward to helping and happy to be back in the community
- Ms. Jennifer McGilchrist in charge of A-L students and Mr. Schinkel of M-Z students

**5. Land Acknowledgement by Lianne Broughton**

**6. Community Representative report:**

- Michael, along with the Waterdown Rotary Club, is trying to be as active as possible despite Covid.

**Food4Kids:**

- Joint effort of Waterdown Rotary Club and Flamborough Rotary Club
- 5 students at Waterdown High, 9 at Mary Hopkins
- No food delivery, instead food gift cards are given
- \$13000 commitment to sponsor about 20 students
- Program at a deficit right now

**50/50 draw:**

- Selling tickets now at the Farm Market (Memorial Park) or online at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfPcfdTQm0CM2qiMYyTDBOaQHLjkV9t6qWwtNqQG4SPAttr5Q/viewform>

- Maximum 2000 tickets at \$10 each
- Win up to \$10k
- Draw on October 11

Participate for Polio:

- Walk at Memorial Park (8:30-9:30) on October 2 to raise awareness of the work Rotary has been doing to help eradicate polio from the few remaining countries where it still exists.

### **7.Student Parliament report:**

- No report. Atticus Brown elected as Prime Minister. Parliament will get together and should be able to report at the October meeting.

### **8.Principal's report:**

- Welcome from Theresa
- Congratulations to chairs
- The Quadmester Model and Enhanced Public Measures
  - Cohorting
    - Students are in two cohorts for full day (300 instructional minutes – 2x150 minute periods)
    - Students may be in small groups with students from other cohorts (ELL, spec ed support)
    - Different cohorts may interact outside (distancing) and indoors (masking and distancing)
    - Students must cohort with their class at lunch or leave the school for lunch
    - New Bell Times: 8:00am – 2:30pm
  - Safety Measures
    - Hand hygiene (entry/exit, eating food, washroom use, shared materials)
    - Respiratory etiquette
    - Distancing
    - Masking indoors (masks not required outdoors)
    - Controlled movement in hallways (staff supervision, distancing, masking, one way traffic)
    - Desks distanced as much as possible and forward facing
    - Regular disinfecting of high frequency touch points and shared materials
  - Quadmester 1: September 8- November 12

Period 1	8:00am-10:30am
Lunch	10:30am-12:00pm
Period 2	12:00pm-2:30pm

- Quadmester 2: November 15 – February 1

Period 3	8:00am-10:30am
Lunch	10:30am-12:00pm
Period 4	12:00pm-2:30pm

- Reimagining Wellness
  - The transition back to school for the 2021-22 year is challenging for students, staff and families.  
The Reimagining Wellness Choice Board is designed to ease students and staff into the school year with an intentional focus on **three areas of wellness**: community and team-building, physical activation, and social-emotional skill development.
  - Staff need to consider all pieces of the puzzle in the process of reimagining wellness:
    - Indigenous Cultural Safety
    - Equity Action Plan
    - Safe Schools Action Plan
    - Human Rights
    - We Help
    - Program
    - Specialized Services
  - Overall Goal: students and staff feeling safe and supported to begin the 2021/2022 school year with a successful start
  - Approach: Educators and students in each division will engage in daily activities; three times a day for thirty days. (Elementary 3 x 30 minutes; Secondary 3 x 10 minutes)
  - Activities selected within the categories of Community & Team Building, Physical Activation and Social Emotional Skill Development.
- HWDSB Goals & Targets, WDHS School Direction Continuous Learning and Improvement
  - The Continuous Learning & Improvement Process is an iterative/cyclical process that allows educators and leaders to:
    - review student progress over time

- reflect on impact of purposeful instruction
  - refine instructional practice
  - plan for next steps
- Building the Foundation (Sept-Oct)
  - Know our students
  - Focus on Mental Health-Well Being
  - Ensure equity, human rights, anti-racism and anti-oppression is embedded (system, school, classroom)
  - Engage students in the curriculum in safe, meaningful ways
  - Adapt practices to support students
  - View students with an asset lens
- Important Dates:
  - Preliminary Reports – Distributed this week by Period 1 teachers
  - Flex Day\* – Friday October 1, 2021
  - Midterm reports – Will be sent electronically on October 19.

\*Flex days are scheduled just after preliminary reports to provide support for students in managing the pace of the quadmester learning model. On Flex Days students can complete incomplete tasks, work on assignments due in the future, and complete assessments or other tasks. There will be no whole class instruction on these days, but teachers can provide small group or individual instruction, assessment, and support as needed. These days will be run as a normal school day, with cohorts maintained. Students are required to attend both their morning and afternoon classes. Attendance will be taken.

- Beyond the Classroom:
  - Gr. 9 Touch Football (Our first Championship of the Year! Go Warriors!!!!)
  - Gr. 9 Boys Soccer
  - JR. Boys Volleyball
  - SR. Boys Volleyball
  - Boys Baseball
  - Varsity Football
  - Student Parliament
  - Dance
  - Golf
  - Cross Country
  - Sr Girls Basketball
  - SOLID
  - Jr Girls Basketball
  - Gr. 9 Girls Soccer
  - Girls Touch Football
  - Field Hockey

### **9. Teacher's report:**

- Touch football Girls are playing on September 29 in a tournament
- Parents . . . make sure your emails are up to date
- Live streaming of sporting events?? Thoughts?? Proposed and waiting to hear back from board
- Touch football . . . some had to be cut because there were too many students; very high participation.

### **10. PIC (Parent Involvement Committee) report (Lianne Broughton):**

- Safety measures
- Return to sports
- Looking for someone to take over. Reach out to Lianne if interested.

### **11. Board / HC-HY update (Penny Deathe)**

- Could not attend
- Report at next meeting

### **12. Awards/Grad/Parent Teacher interviews (Theresa Sgambato):**

- No award assembly this year
- Looking at options to recognize students
- No grad discussion yet
- No parent-teacher interviews in any traditional way, but parents can reach out anytime
- To reach teachers, email and wait a day or 2, if no answer email again

### **13. Open Forum:**

- Chris would like to know how the return of sports is being broadcast: announcements every morning, website announcements, Physical Education department Instagram account
- Form needed to be filled out if you want to be a voting member
- No bake sale this quadmester
- E-learning students will get report from library teacher

**Next meeting Tuesday, October 26, 2021  
At 6pm via MS Teams**