

**WATERDOWN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL
PARENT COUNCIL**

Meeting Minutes – March 22, 2022, 6:00 pm

1. Welcome and Introduction

In attendance: Alison Morris (co-chair), Lianne Broughton (co-chair), Jonathan Schinkel, Penny Deathe (Trustee), David Delville (Teacher Representative), Jennifer Vince, Suzie Larochelle, Michael Collette, Tracey Hood, Sudan Cashin

Regrets: Theresa Sgambato

2. Approve minutes of prior meeting

Minutes were approved by Suzie Larochelle (first) and Tracey Hood.

3. Elections – secretary

Still looking for volunteers for April and May. Please email Lianne or Alison if you are interested.

4. Community Representative – Michael Collette

Food for Kids program is doing well and now supporting 19 kids, with 3 at the WDHS. Dropped off gift cards at the high school for the 3 kids to use.

May 7 – paper shredding \$10/box and scrap metal drive at Joe Sams Park

July 1-3 Ribfest – groups looking to earn money can book a 4-hour shift to work the parking lot for \$250 – sign up on website

- Still looking for a sponsor for the fireworks. It costs \$1000/min

If students are in need, please reach out to Rotary. Always happy to help students.

5. Guest Speaker – none

6. Student Report - none

7. Principal's Report - Jonathan Schinkel, VP

COVID Update

- Mask mandate have been extended to April 1st by the board
- 10 mask exemptions before the Christmas break, now there are 98
- On April 1st masks will be encouraged but not required
- Cohorts are gone

- Music can resume inside
- Atrium is open – nice to see children gathering and using the space again
- Look to the website for details of what is all going on at WDHS

Commencement

- June 27th at WDHS, there will be two ceremonies
- Changed name from Graduation to be inclusive of all

Prom

- May 13th at LIUNA Station
- Looking for staff to help out

Ongoing Staff Learning Focus

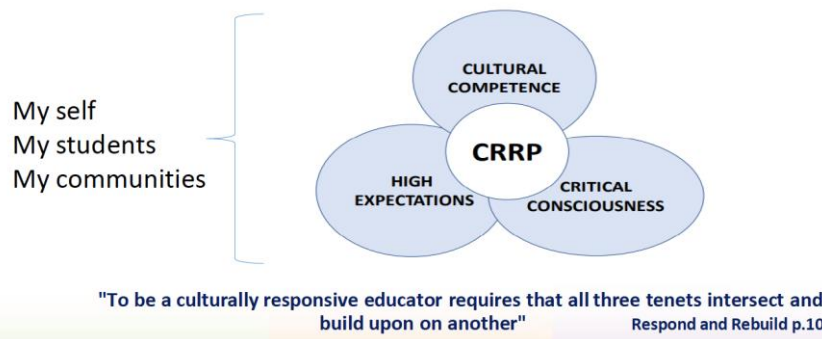
CRRP

CRRP examines issues of power and privilege, calls participants to challenge the beliefs and assumptions about the students in their class and explores on a very deep level what is necessary to enable all students to be successful in school. It intentionally centres the cultural assets that students bring with them to the classroom and uses those assets as a way to get to know the students and their way of knowing the world, and as a way of engaging all students. But it also forces educators to consider how those assets are put to work to allow students to see themselves reflected in the curriculum and in the life of the school. (edcan.ca)

- Using assets of students and culture of the classroom to help all students achieve
- Change from teacher driven learning to student driven learning
- Critical conscious of what we do in the classroom

HWDSB

CRRP THREE CENTRAL TENETS



Waterline of Visibility



ICEBERG IDENTITY

Destreaming - all grade 9 classes by Sept 2022

- Helping teachers plan so that all students can achieve

OSSLT Update

- Grade 11 students that wrote in the Fall will receive results in the next few days
- Digital for the 1st time
- Grade 10's will write May 4/5
- Unsuccessful grade 11's can write again on the same dates as the Grade 10's or can take a literacy course in Grade 12 to earn their credit

8. Teacher's Report

Teachers are concerned about the mask exemptions for students. 70 exemptions in school, hard to manage the exemptions in the hallways.

Art show – week of June 13 from 5-7pm, students work will be displayed

Spring concert is back and will be live and in person - TBA

9. Parent engagement grant

SACHA (Miranda) has offered to participate in a virtual evening for parents, similar focus to presentations that students have been given. Aiming for May 10 from 6pm – 7:30pm, presentation followed by Q&A. SACHA does not charge a fee, so will need to send out an email to vote on how to use the rest of the money.

10. Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) update

Applications for pro grant are still being accepted by the board since funding is still left. Application was made with a few other schools and it was confirmed, if approved, the talk would be at the secondary level. No date has been set, waiting for approval from board as cost of the desired speaker is higher than allowed amount. (They are considering doing the talk at a board level instead of just for a few schools if our joint request is denied). We are not putting forward a request for just our school at this time.

English as second language – resources are available for students/families

11. Board and Healthy Youth Network update

Board – Masking issue - did seek legal counsel in support of union and other organizations, it was a tough decision to keep masks for 2 weeks but want to do that so they didn't have to go back to virtual learning. No mask exemption from a student or teacher have been turned down.

- Focus on mental health and to catching up kids academically due to covid.

What's your Path – Speaker/Businesses list is being created, by Penny as well as Derek Zuccolo (WDHS Guidance). This list will be for students and teacher to use to ask about different career paths. Objective is for these people to share their expertise with students to help with choosing their career path.

Paint Challenge is back – June 29 – student led by Gary Keith Holmes

Mary Hopkins turned 100 last year – celebration hoping to be planned in Sept with all of the community.

Ally program – youth-led initiative. Had boys joined, interesting conversations were had. See boys as male allies. Keep groups small and separate, will bring the two groups together for general conversations. More for elementary students.

May – Sexual Assault Month – will be a breakfast

12. Open Forum – none

Meeting adjourned at 7pm.

Next meeting Tuesday, April 26, 2022 6pm via MS Teams

Future meeting dates: May 24