

WATERDOWN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, October 25th, 2022, 6:30pm

1. **Welcome and Introduction:**

* In Attendance – Alison Morris (co-chair), Lianne Broughton (co-chair), Greg Clark (Principal), Bill McEwen (Guest Speaker, Head of Tech), Michael Collette (Community Representative), MaryAnn Slagter (recorded minutes), Jamie Slagter, Jennifer Vince, Lindsay Jack, Tim Louks, Cheryl Pretty, Rebecca Hessels, Tracy Segal, Gina Allen, Jackie Parry (15)

* Regrets – Suzie Larochelle, David Delville, Penny Deathe

2. **Old/ New Business**

* Minutes approved (MaryAnn and Tim Louks)

3. & 4. **Council elections held; voting members and quorum**

- Co-Secretaries Suzie Larochelle and MaryAnn Slagter
- Co-Chairs (Alison Morris and Lianne Broughton)
- 13 Voting Members = Quorum of 7

5. **Student Report**

* Halloween

- Students will be wearing Orange and Black on Friday
- Hide the Mascot (Friday)
- Give out Candy, Karaoke @ lunch, Kidnap a teacher (Monday)

* Spirit Wear

* Pep Rally

- School Spirit Day and other days celebrating Homecoming Week

* Christmas

-24 Days of Spirit

* Rotary Representative Michael Collette mentioned to Maha that the Rotary Clubs supports things that students otherwise might not be able to afford. Student Parliament would need to let the Rotary Club know in advance as it takes a few weeks to approve.

*Winter Formal is being planned.

-still looking for a venue

6. **Rotary Club (Michael Collette)**

- November 11-13th Memorial Hall 100th Anniversary Celebration
- Mr. Tidridge and 2 kids came to present to the Rotary Club
- Food for Kids Program ongoing (52 Weeks of the Year)

- Battle of the Bands idea – Michael to discuss with Dave Delville and music department to gauge interest. Idea is that winners could play at RibFest.

7. Head of Tech (Bill McEwan)

- Students learn by doing
- Safety is Priority
- Learn Skills
- Integrated Tech (Grade 9) Have their own shop
 - Computer and Hands on
 - Advertising Campaign
- Transportation (Grades 10, 11, 12)
- Construction Tech (Grades 10, 11, 12)
 - Build Chairs, Cabinet Making
- Communication Tech (Grade 10, 11, 12)
 - Broadcasting once a week (WINTV)
- Computer Technology (Grades 10, 11, 12)
 - Needs Money and a Teacher
- Cosmetology (Grades 9, 10, 11, 12)
- Computer Technology (Grades 10, 11, 12)
- Technological Design (Grades 10, 11, 12)
 - Warriors Information Network (WINTV) www.wintv.ca
- Specialist High Skills Majors (SHSM) - for grade 11 and up
- Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (www.Ontario.ca/SHSM)
- Trades Day
- Possibly tour of Tech Area at a future meeting.

8. Principal's Report (Greg Clark)

- Terry Fox Run
 - Over \$3,000 raised
- Country Club vs. Country was a success: Students showed school spirit by dressing up
- October 18th Supporting Grade 8's Transitioning
- Next PA Day Talk about transitioning of 8th graders to becoming a 9th grader
- October 24th PA Day: Staff learned about how to promote Learning Skills and Foster Resilience among students; staff had choice to engage in a variety of activities related to wellness: One option involved learning about the CNC Router as a possible cross-curricular engagement strategy
- Music Students
 - Went to Circle Square Ranch in Brantford
- Food Drive and Coat Drive coming up

9. **Teacher's Report** – unfortunately Mr. Delville was unable to attend.

10. Discuss/plan for Parent-Teacher Interview Evening

- Pizza by Johnny
- Need tables, coffee, float with money, pizza
- Set up at 4pm
- Students from GLOW helping
- Slices of pizza 1/\$3, 2/\$5, \$1 for bottle of water, \$2 for Bubby

11. PIC

- Meeting (Virtually)
- Topic Selection (What parents want to hear about)
- This is for any parents who want to hear information at the Board level
 - Graduation vs. Commencement
 - Exams vs. Grading
 - Parent Involvement Activities
- Speaker Paul Davis on December 6th at Ancaster High School will be talking about Online Safety – this session is open to everyone at the invitation of Ancaster High
- PIC discussed \$500 Parent Engagement Grant options for schools – WDHS should have received money, so will brainstorm and discuss during Nov. meeting.
- Tim expressed interest about PIC

12. Healthy Youth Network

- unfortunately no representative at this meeting, but will attend November's meeting to discuss What's Your Path initiative.
- more information on HYN's HEART program (formerly the Ally Program) is available on their website: <http://healthyouthnetwork.ca/heart-program/>

13. Open forum

- Penny Deathe and Derek Zuccolo hope to present at November's meeting, including discussing What's Your Path
- Programs for Mental Health at the High School
 - What kind of supports can be brought into the school?
- SASHA

Meeting Adjourned

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 6:30pm
No Parent Council Meeting in December (Christmas Break)
No Parent Council Meeting in January (EXAMS)