

WATERDOWN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes – February 29th, 2023

1. Welcome and Introduction
2. In Attendance - MaryAnn Slagter, Suzie Larochelle, Lianne Broughton, Michael C, Penny Deathe, Gina A, Jackie Parry, Lindsay Jack, Tracy Segal, Rebecca Hessels, Tim L, Jamie Slagter, Greg Clark, Evan Smith
Regrets: Alison Morris
3. Last Meeting Minutes Approved by MaryAnn and Tim
4. No Student Report as there was no student rep at the meeting
5. ROTARY CLUB REPORT
 - * Trivia Night at the Legion will be happening
6-8 people on a Team
\$200 cost for a table or \$25 a ticket
Prizes
 - * Food for Kids is happening
Walmart Secret Santa Gift Cards given out
Staples donated items kids could use (Pencil Cases, Binders, Locker Organizer
 - * Talent Show
Ask Music Teacher at High School and Music Schools
 - * Ribfest
Looking for groups of 4 with 2 adults about helping with the parking, can earn \$250
 - * 25 kids are being helped at different schools by Food for Kids
 - * Money is being raised for Food for Kids
6. Mr. Smith (Head of English Department)
 - * SOLID (2004) - is a social justice club, members have international differences. They are also doing a coat drive
 - * Solid is partnered with the Muslim Student Association. They attended the YMCA peace breakfast that was subsidised by the school, allowing 12 students to attend
 - * Looking into establishing a Multifaith and Wellness room
 - * Prayer Room on Friday
 - * Muslim Student Association

- * High lighted 'Are you reading properly? And How do you treat others' Activity

- * Context Strategy

 - What comes before and after, slow reader, good thinker

 - Books: Washington Black, Brother, Poet X, Mr. Pip

- * Multifaith and Wellness room

- * Prayer Room on Friday

7. Principal Report

Events in December

- * Safe School Drill (Bomb Threat, Lockdown)

- * Hold and Secure Drill in Spring

- * Music Night

- * Semi Formal (450 in attendance)

Events in January

- * Option Sheets (Grade 8)

Events in February

- * February 2 Experience a day at Waterdown High School with Grade 8
 - The grade 8 students came in and followed a time table, teachers delivered classes allowing them to experience a small lesson on different subjects that might interest them, allowed the to familiarize moving around the school helping to lower anxiety. Staff were impressive and went above and beyond to make this day a success

- * DECA – Business focused kids competition

- * Boys Basketball and girls volleyball did well at recent games

- * Some Ticat players came in with Interval House to run a program regarding Gender based violence

- * Inquiring with Public Health about coming in to finish vaccination clinic

8. Bake Sale Discussion Planning

- * Thursday, March 30th

- * 5-7pm

- * Front Entrance

- * Cobbs will donate a bunch of baking, hot cross buns, scones

- * Need Students to help set up/teardown/sell baked goods

9. Parent Engagement and Pro Grant Discussion/Planning

- * How to improve What's Your Path?

 - Career Counselling, Discuss Zello

 - Main Speaker and Stations, Gap Years

 - \$500 from other funds could possible be used for Language

 - Translators but need to determine costs

 - Take a survey of what kind of speakers to bring in at the bake sale

during parent/teacher interview night, use a QR code on a postcard to hand out, add "do you want an interpreter" as a question on survey and find out what language is needed (potentially leverage the Muslim student group to assist if needed) or see if we can obtain an interpreter from the board. Could we possibly use some of the funds to create communications in other languages??

10. PIC

- * Universal Design for learning
- * Proactive Planning for coming to the classroom
- * Human Right Committee
- * Social Economic

11. Healthy Youth Network

- * Heart Team (Wear Purple Day)
- * Tiger Cats Player and interval house came in to talk to students about gender based violence
- * Be more than a bystander training
- * Kayla Thomas (New Teacher who leads HEART)
- * May: Empower Her, Empowerment Breakfast (there was good buy in from teachers)
- * Heart @ McNab
- * Working on What's Your Path Portal with the board:
Data Sharing/Zello,

Take information and plan events based on information

12. Adjourn

Next Meeting, Tuesday, March 28th, 6:30pm