

WATERDOWN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

PARENT COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes–March 28, 2022, 6:30 pm

1. **Welcome:**

- In attendance: Alison Morris (chair), Lianne Broughton (chair), Greg Clark (Principal), Cathy Hills (guest speaker), Penny Deathe (Healthy Youth Network), Jennifer Vince, MaryAnn Slagter, Jamie Slagter, Kim Thompson, Rebecca Hessels, Lindsay Jack, Jackie Parry, Gina Allen, Tracy Segal, Suzie Larochelle (recorded minutes)
- Regrets: Tim Louks

2. **Approval of February 2023 Minutes:**

- Suzie approves; Jamie seconded

3. **No Student's Report**

4. **No Community Representative's Report**

5. **Guest Speaker–Cathy Hills/Head of Music Department:**

- Took us all to the cafeteria where the Sr. School Band performed 2 songs for us.
- Discussed past activities (i.e., Overnight Fall Retreat, Bandfest, etc) and future ones (i.e., Pre-Montreal Trip Rehearsals with DVSS, Bandfest, Montreal Trip, Spring Concert, etc)

6. **Principal's Report–Gregory Clark:**

- PA Day: Staff worked on continuous learning and improvement (identifying needs, assessing, developing strategies/learners' profiles–different students have different needs)
- Continuous Learning is part of the school annual plan (id needs+assess actions=success)
- Vaccination Clinic: March 21
- Film shoot during the break (movie called *Thanksgiving*): staff and student extras
- preliminary reports sent last Friday; Parent-Teacher Interviews next

7. **No Teacher's Report**

8. Bake Sale:

- Many parent and student volunteers for the event
- Food donations: Domino's 5 Large Pepperoni and 5 Large Cheese Pizzas, Cob's 60 Hot Cross Buns and 60 Scones, parents' baked goods
- Leftover water, plates, napkins
- All set for the event

9. Parent Engagement and PRO Grant:

- *Being Future Ready* on May 9, 2023 . . .
- Speakers in lecture hall
- Tables set up in cafeteria with a wide variety of topics (parents can circulate)
- Possible topics: scholarship, bursary, gap year, career counseling, pathways, SHSMs, trades, etc.
- Survey about topics (on paper or QR code) to be handed out at Parent-Teacher interviews

10. No PIC report

11. Healthy Youth Network and What's your Path–Penny Deathe:

- Met with school board, with Heart
- School board has new policies around gender-based violence (gbv)
- Heart team will work on communication strategy
- Be more than a bystander month (Feb)
- Training with Glow at McNab and with Interval House at Waterdown High
- McMaster GBV program: Great training

12. Open Forum:

- Commencement: on June 7 why so early? Board's decision
- Spring Dance? Unsure, would have to be early
- Prom on May 12

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 25, 2023

Future meeting date: May 30, 2023