

**WATERDOWN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL  
PARENT COUNCIL**

Meeting Minutes–May 30, 2023, 6:30

**1. Welcome:**

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

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

- Change to page 2: buns instead of bus
- Jamie approves; Jennifer seconds

**3. No Student's Report**

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

**5. Guest Speaker – Veronica Bullock/Head of Science Department:**

- Plant Club: small and steady; meet once a week; cleaned up the front garden; council can promote the club for next year; Jamie offered tree seeds; Lindsay offered flowers
- Med Science Club
- Curriculum: Coding: micro bit hook up to ipads; circuit building using snap circuits;  
Dissection: pluck (thorax, heart, trachea, etc) from the butcher  
Building inquiry skills  
Day trip to the ROM for workshop on anatomy and bone structure  
Destreaming led to questions . . . How are we testing? What's the best route?  
Tiered assessment approach (allowing students to choose their entry point)?

Lots of changes in the Science Department . . . trying to do as many labs as possible

Technically there's a greenhouse above the atrium

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

- May 9: Future-Ready Night . . . fantastic; well attended; great guest speakers
- May 12: Prom at Liuna Station . . . students well behaved and respectful of event; fun awards; beautiful decor (Night at the Oscars)
- Museum of Hope . . . Led by the iconic Mr. Flosman; started over 10 years ago; shift to the legion to ensure the museum's survival without Mr. Flosman
- Class of 2023 Lunch . . . Staff serving students; Valedictorians speech delivery
- Empower Him Breakfast . . . Justin Davis (guest speaker); hockey professional; talked about gender-based violence (GBV); about 60 attendees
- Empower Her Breakfast . . . Liz Buchanan (guest speaker); teacher; used to work for Halton Women's Place; about 90 attendees
- Ms. Buchannan to speak at next staff meeting
- Music Concert and football game (WDHS won) . . . same evening; graduate students writing a blurb about grad peer to honour them; fantastic solo performances
- Grade 8 Day . . . visit from feeder schools; senior students organized the activities; orientation event end of August for new grade 9
- June 7 . . . Commencement at Mohawk College
- Athletic Banquet (hot dogs, pop, chips) . . . Cake baking competition/Golden Fork Award; each team bakes a cake; coaches judge
- Exam schedule is coming up . . . maybe not an exam; teachers decide; students asked to attend (Board expectation)

**7. No Teacher's Report**

8. **PRO Grant Night Debrief** . . . Great night; well promoted; over 50 attendees; fantastic feedback; one of the speakers' info will be put on the portal; thanks to Penny and Derek Zuccolo for getting the speakers; format 20-minute talks and information stations; should have it again . . . future ideas: Chamber of Commerce about future jobs, maybe Striker, L3, etc.

9. **Staff BBQ discussion/planning**: June 28 at 12; MaryAnn, Rebecca, maybe Lindsay available; Suzie will spearhead the event; will ask Tim to BBQ; Greg will tell us about food allergies/sensitivities; student volunteers needed; 90 staff; email form to Penny to accept donations; Lindsay has a connection to a nursery for potential wholesale price; ask Michael Colette/Rotary Club for donation

10. **Discuss School Council roles for 2023/2024, shadowing**: think about it over the summer; Lianne, Alison and Suzie will be done in June 2024

11. **School Garden cleanup**: done by plant club

**12. No PIC (Parent Involvement Committee) report**

13. **Health Youth Network update – Penny Deathe**: Future-Ready event; Speaker Bureau (educator expectations, topics, guidelines, etc.); by fall good group of speakers teachers can access; school board is planning on having guidelines on

speakers; youth portal and parent place (somebody is starting to work on info and promote it to parents); HEART launched here and at McNab this year; meeting with board about next year; board would like to grow it; hopefully not too fast; board developing a GBV plan; should take 10 years; focus on relationships now

14. **Open Forum:** thank you to Jennifer Vince who is leaving; retiring teachers . . . Mrs.

Mclsaac, Ms. Wong

**Future events:**

Staff BBQ - Wed. June 28th