

**Waterdown District High School  
Parent Council**

**Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, March 26, 2024 - 6:00pm**

**1. Welcome**

In attendance: Alison Morris (co-chair), Lianne Broughton (co-chair), Chantal Verrier (recorded minutes), Tim Louks, Jackie Parry, Greg Clark, Tracy Segal, Penny Deathe, Mike McClymont, Stella Duncan (student rep), Ellie Millard

Regrets: Rebecca Hessels, Erica Kirkland, Dave Delville, Lindsay Jack, Sarah Barkwell

**2. Approve minutes of prior meeting**

Alison read minutes approved, Lianne seconds

**3. Community Representative's report - Erica Kirkland**

Unable to attend but she sent notes

Bursary applications open soon, keep eyes out, asked to post on parent page on website. Send info to Greg.

Reminder if anything comes up regarding funding requests to contact Erika, there are some funds available to help support initiatives

Football team helping with the set up for Thurs June 27, heavy lifting, beer pop ice, setting up tables and chairs  
Greg pass it on to football coach.

**4. Guest Speaker - Mike McClymont, Head of Math and Grade 9 Programming lead**

Grade 9 de-streaming support for teacher

Math - exciting year for math department, three new math teachers

Grade 9 program continues to be a work in progress, we keep tweaking it, EQAO tells us we are doing well. Achieving level 3 - 55%, 100% pass rate. well above average

Grade 9's wrote math contest this year. lots of interest same with grade 10's.

Focusing on transition from grade 9 - to grade 10

Going to do a workshop on it in a couple weeks.

Get rid of cell phones

"add extra help videos trying to get more ideas in to programming.

All teachers are on board.

Students don't want to buy in and do homework...

Half hour of homework needs with math class

Parent newsletter next year

Too many students are taking the university pathway

Penny - we are bringing in speaker for parent night about college vs university. should we bring in speaker to talk about pathway and importance and math and homework?

grade 12 are wonderful this year - great all along  
no concern about grade 12 programming.

be consistent about your math

grade 8 student Gap closing math - take semester 1 then take grade 9 math second semester.

Pathways chart that would be handy

demonstrates to parents you don't have to take U all the way through.

Pathways chart is online - Ontario pathways chart

next week run a workshop on transitioning grade 9 to grade 10 Ms. Bullock helping out.

I'm the guy that connects everyone in the de streaming - students and teachers

Communications committee - sparked by you guys new communication hub for teachers everything one click away for us. Our next task is working on the website. Mr. Zucolo, myself and Ms. Goclay three of us working on our website to clean it up

Mike's math videos valuable - may be able to upload to the library hub - could keep general math area

## 5. **Student Report**

Two big things parliament wise

Final dance in April 12 - hoping for better turn out semi ambitious, last one

15 for students, 20 out of school guest

second - close to completing a club intake funding fun, quite a bit of money left over and make more at dance  
we thought find a way to give back to the school  
wrote up proposal template clubs come to us with funding proposals.  
trips, project supplies, etc.  
school club initiatives and school projects

start next year off strong as well.

Lianne - Rotary offered if you are short for anything they can help just need advanced notice.

Parliament is not doing prom, prom committee run separately  
maybe rotary can help out with that

## **6. Principal's Report - Greg Clark**

Let there be light - past week partnership with Rotary Club, Bill McEwen – raise money for solar lights to countries such as Africa.  
PS5 raffle raised close to \$1000. Rotary matched what students raised.

This was for international but there are different levels of Rotary, as its also a problem here in Hamilton in homeless communities, perhaps we can look more local? - penny

Vaccine clinic on Feb. 23, get students caught up post Covid.

Safe schools drill on Mar 1, lock down drill. each semester mandated  
Classrooms with 2 doors - one door sometimes forgotten so learned from this

Great Big Crunch – was March 7 - Province wide – students crunch an apple all at the same time. Donations from Drummond Farms - Amy Richardson spearheaded  
We also now have bowls of apples available for students who need a healthy snack during the day.

Pre-progress reports went home today - electronically

Student Success Team - looks at all students who have a number of progressing with difficulty and then create individualized action plans for student support.  
Value to us of the pre lim report.

Alison - picked a date for parent night April 24 - Kyle confirmed as a speaker 6-8

Bake sale next week - need student volunteers

## **7. Teacher's Report - David Delville**

sends regrets

## 8. **PRO Grant/Parent Engagement Grant discussion**

April 24th night we did last year was a huge success

same focus this year

Speaker Kyle Cleveland from Niagara college was amazing

Difference between college and university

Options for funding, benefits of co-op, different pathways

Cafeteria tables for different organizations and different pathways.

Niagara college, Brock U. attending

focus on trades

experiential learning, Halton IEC

Trying to get city out to discuss what Flamborough is going to look like down the road

Flamborough chamber of commerce, re business in our own community

Dundas school of the arts - have amazing programs to share

Gap year - send info that we can hand out things to do during gap year

Arts and Trades are going to be big

Volunteer dinner:

Want to include other volunteers in school not just parent council

Have to figure out a date - may have a special evening

Last meeting is end of May perhaps doing it mid June?

June 2 is an Arts show in the atrium with art display and drama - maybe marry it up with something like that?

We could set it up in a classroom so it is set apart from the public display

## 9. **April 4 parent interview bake sale discussion**

Need some volunteers

Tim - will pick up coffee from Tim Horton's and drop off.

Also, will grab a couple dozen scones from Cobbs

Not doing pizza this year – didn't sell

## 10. **PIC (parent involvement Committee) - Tim Louks**

January was best practices evening  
Collective school councils sharing best practices

highlights - around program  
37 applications for program money, 18 approved.

PIC desire to amalgamate to raise more money and few big projects nothing has happen yet with these two.

We have a \$1000 max.

Penny - maybe PIC could band together and get a math hub board?

Tim - ill take that back to PIC  
communication for parents, resources, supports

Hub you could translate into different languages, great for newcomers as well.

PIC spoke about stats, math is huge, lots of time trying to interpret, gaps etc. areas of the city

Spoke about calendar and how it is developed

Discussion about year-round school

Parent guidebook is available now through the ministry

## 11. **Health Youth Network update - Penny Deathe**

HEART team - Feb. did dating game helps students identify red flags.

at Waterdown and McNab. McNab turning it into an assembly event

Taylor swift friendship bracelet making  
Jeopardy game on health relationships

Planning for April doing fundraising for feminine hygiene products and pyjamas for women's shelters in Hamilton and raising awareness of women fleeing domestic violence

collecting these items in classes – Friday April 5 also PJ day

Planning breakfast again, empower her empowerment breakfast - here at Waterdown - we sold out both male and female.  
they are dividing it by grade this year 9-10 together 11-12 together. any gender is identified

Drama club acting out unhealthy situations

Looking for speakers to speak at breakfast. Had members from the Ticats in the past

All speakers are vetted through internal house

Hoping to get this Influencer who talks about body positivity - female

What's your path - event happening with parent council

Sherry – spoke to all the teachers couple weeks ago to present the online speaker's program  
5 teachers last year booked off this program and had a speaker in their class.

Paint challenge - June 26, 3-8

## **12. End of year Staff BBQ discussion, planning**

Lianne and Alison spoke with Rebecca - she coordinating  
Thinking about ordering sandwiches instead of BBQing.  
still asking for donations, salads, desserts

Jitterbug for sandwich trays or Copper Kettle - owners there are good too  
Costco  
Longo's  
Have to keep cost relative to burgers

Teachers are there for 12:00 on

Need help from 11:30 - 1:30/2:00  
Donations of food, donations of money, student volunteers

Think we have \$1100 plus bake sale and extra donations  
Staff is about 100 this year

Penny - Youth centre has a caterer, Eric is manager, Cole is the caterer an option to looking into.

### 13. **Open Forum**

New parent attendee - Why is there no yearbook here?

A lot of work to put together, very few kids bought it, so now they do an electronic version, just aimed at grade 12's.

Tim - our team assistant coach set up our own virtual book. everyone puts their own page in virtually and it creates one big book. Maybe something to think about.

**Next Meeting:      Tuesday April 30, 2024**