

**WATERDOWN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOOL COUNCIL**

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 25, 2025, 6:30-8:30 pm, Library

6:30-7:45 - regular meeting

7:45-8:30 - event planning

REGRETS: ANSUYA SHELL, TOBI GRAVES-HOFER, REBECCA HESSELS

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement - Tracy/Sarah

Approval of the previous meeting minutes - Jeanette and Lindsay Approved

Community representative - Karen Matthews (Rotary)

A few updates from Rotary...

- We will be offering hot chocolate at the skating loop next Monday (March 3 from 7-8:30)
- Before exam snacks were a success again. Looking forward to June!
- Save the date- will be having a mullet contest during Ribfest- stop cutting your hair now
- Be on the lookout for "if I had \$1000". We will be looking for our community to suggest ways to have an impact on Flamborough. Look for details late March/early April
- We will have bursaries available for students again this year. We aren't certain of the number yet. Targeting 8 \$1000 awards. Look for details late May/early June. Awards are presented at commencement/graduation
- Food4Kids had a successful Family Day breakfast. Numbers were a little lower than hoped because of snow-aggdon but still a success. The WDH students who volunteered were incredible!
- I believe we are also working with shop classes to support some projects in the community such as making muskoka chairs for senior homes in the area. Not sure if this will work out this school year or next year- in the works

Guest Speaker – Mike McClymont, Head of Math

-Commended Greg Clark for great new hires on math team

-many grade 10 applied students are successful (GRADE 10 – TEIRED

ASSESSMENTS- students can answer level 1-4 questions). Academic is posing a challenge for students who did very well in grade 9 and anticipated continued success. Many students have a difficult choice between Applied and Academic because grade 9 is very general.

-Grade 11 is a BIG step up from grade 10; the content moves very quickly

-Grade 12 MATH CONTEST- 40 STUDENTS (Feb 9, 10, 11, 25, 26. April only Grade 12)

-Rachel Clark – helping Math students GLE 76 mins

Student Report – Student Parliament Representative – Ty Watson

1. Student Parliament is organizing a students vs. Staff basketball game on March 19 during period 5

- students can buy a ticket to get out of class and attend the game
- cost for the buy-out is \$2
- money raised from buyout will go towards the purchase of a ping pong table for the cafeteria

2. A food drive is being organized with donations going to the Flamborough Food Bank

- food drive will run from March 20-28
- food will be collected in homeroom classrooms
- parents can also donate food on the night of the parent/teacher interviews, there will be a table set up in the atrium

3. A “Spring Fling” dance is tentatively scheduled for April 4th

- the details still need to be confirmed and will be discussed at the next student parliament meeting

4. A Krispy Kreme donut fundraiser is tentatively scheduled for April 11th

- this is to be discussed further at the next student parliament meeting

5. Planning activities for “Mental Health Week” in May

- current suggestions are to bring in service dogs one day, a flag football game, hidden rubber ducks around the school with positive messages, a fun activities day, and a dunk tank for the retiring teachers
- these are just suggestions and require further discussion and approval

Principal’s Report – Greg Clark

- January 30- PA day Experience day – Math, Tech, Foods etc.
- Cyber Threat, beginning of Semester 2- had to make our way through it.
- Waterdown City Champs-Hockey
- DECA Provincials sending 4 students to International Competition
- Learning Resource- Lunch and Learn
- Valentine’s Day – Nurses with Needles (suspensions for unvaxed -Mar 7)
- Music Team – Golden Horseshoe -Seniors won Silver; Juniors Silver, and National invite
- John C. Holland Awards – Mya Locke won the Health and Social Services Scholarship

Teacher’s report – Amy Richardson

- Teachers Surveys- climate of school, OSSTF, Communication about what’s happening in the school- Closes March
- IEP- project is wrapping up and has been very beneficial to staff and students (families)

MATH HELP:

Monday - period 3

Tuesday - period 4

Wednesday - no walk-ins

Thursday - period 3

Friday - period 4

PIC (Parent Involvement Committee) – Tim Louks

Saturday, May 31, 2025 next PIC event – Family Wellness Event

Topics covered – Cell Phones and Vaping

Details TBD, will be a great event with great support info.

-Being held on Saturday to reduce work evening conflicts. Childcare will be provided

Principal's placement survey and volunteer survey (from email)

- PLEASE COMPLETE

Healthy Youth Network- Penny Deathe

HEART

Event next Friday for International Women's Day (Galentines Day cancelled due to snow day)

- o Playing a friendship game
- o Making friendship bracelets
- Mackenzie attended the Japan Youth Summit in February and presented an educational program similar to the framework of HEART to tackle gender stereotypes in the employment industry

WYP

Recruiting student team

- Planning competition/mentoring events. First one in the Fall "Battle of the Bakers" and next year a larger event "Battle of the Birdhouses". Students will form teams, receive mentoring from industry professionals, and compete for a trophy. An eventing event open to the public will include activities and a marketplace based on the theme.

AGM – our AGM is scheduled for April 14th via zoom. I will send a link for anyone interested in attending.

Parents Reaching Out (PRO) event planning

May 14

530 set-up

830 Take Down

Family Teacher night – hand out flyers – enews blast, road sign, and possible report card

-Penny to confirm speakers

Next meeting Tue. Mar. 25, 2025 - 6:30pm

Important dates:

School Council dates: 2025- Feb. 25*, March 25*, Apr. 29, May 27

Parents Reaching Out (PRO) event: May 14, 2025