

# Waterloo-Oxford Secondary School Council Meeting

Monday, October 19, 2015

7:00 pm school library

In attendance: Heather McDougall, Kyle Allen, Jeanette Pretorius, Frankie Dietrich, Jodi Szimanski, Julie Erb, Mike Stuab, Julie Glendinning, Kim Lichti, Beth Bodkin, Chris Schultz, Mary Catherine

## **Chair Report:**

On Saturday, November 7, a People for Education conference in Toronto, see Jodi for details. Link for People for Education newsletter is : <http://eepurl.com/hRtJU>

## **Co-Prez, Kyle Allen:**

Both Co-Prez and Mr. Gerber attended a Student Leadership conference in Halifax. (Melody will attend next meeting.)

Fear Factor at lunch, Haunted Hall on cafeteria stage, Hallowe'en dress up day on Thursday.

Suggestion box for students will be in SAC office for any student concerns soon.

## **Presentation:**

Chris Herald, manager of information and planning for Public Health for Waterloo Region. They collaborate with school boards to improve sexual health and healthy sexuality for WRDSB students.

Goals are to reduce teen pregnancy rates and chlamydia incidence rates in comparison with 'peer' regions. (Peer regions are areas with same population, income levels, etc.) Plans to: Improve access for students; educate students and education for parents. Pilot project for enhanced model of service (introduced in two high schools in 2014) involve public health nurse able to counsel and offer contraceptives (for purchase based on ability) on site. Roll out to all public high schools over the next two years. Q&A's on Public Health website.

Marg McGee, Public Health Nurse, half day/week on Tuesdays. On second floor, private location near boys' washroom sees a mostly male student clientele which is different from her other schools. She supports the new initiative.

### **Principal's Report:**

Parent Information night on Monday, November 9 'Stressed Out Teenagers???' to discuss coping strategies and supporting resilience in our youth. Thanks for supporting this community event, please spread the word.

Annual Take your Kid to Work has been running since 1994. The forms due back Oct 30.

There was a Spirit assembly last Friday, Semi-formal (theme – Disney) on November 26, 7-11pm at Federation Hall Waterloo. On October 15, a coffee house performance in the library was a success.

Facility update: windows, blinds complete, new ceiling tiles and lighting. Office workers are not allowed to call students to office as part of job action. Please text or email your student if they are leaving early. Email attendance available now on website.

Total students at W.O. number approximately 1260. Discussion re: 5<sup>th</sup> year students, not on honour roll, students should not have more than 34 credits, no charges as yet, talk to guidance for assistance. Co-op is flexible (2 credits and more) and useful as experience for post-secondary programs.

### **Staff Recognition:**

'Shout-out' to Paula Kipfer, who has been incredibly helpful; three parents agreed and shared similar stories. 'Shout-out' to Derek the custodian who is always smiling and happy. 'Shout-out' to Mr. Albrecht.

Next meeting at 7:00pm, on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, school library