



## **SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Tuesday, April 25, 2017**

**6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

**Centennial Library**

*We show respect, we work together  
We'll make a better school, for now and forever!  
Friendship, diversity, leadership too!  
We'll use these "keys" to improve me and you!  
Roar, Centennial, Roar*

**1. Welcome Jennifer/Laura**

**2. Chairperson Update Jennifer/Laura**

Staff Appreciation Lunch at Centennial – Thursday, April 27th. Lunch went extremely well. Many thanks to everyone who helped to recruit people to make something for the lunch, and to those who brought something. It went really well. Staff were very thankful. Betti sent a message that was sent to all who participated.

Principal's Profile – see attached – please provide **feedback by May 8th**

**3. Chocolate Fundraising Update Laura**

The fundraiser is nearly complete. It is going very well with lots of students selling lots of bars. It will be completed by May 3rd.

**4. Principal's/Vice Principal's Report Betti**

Welcome Vinay Tiwari-continue to be twinned with Keatsway. Welcome Helen Fowler-teacher representative.

SCIS surveys-please complete them and encourage others to do so. Great data to help us develop school -focus for next year. Jill and Christine are the parent team members. We met to reflect on the activities for this year, discuss thoughts for next year. I will be meeting with the teacher rep and students and staff, to gain feedback and discuss thoughts for next year.

Staffing-we are up one class of core students (grade 7) so next years' organization at this point is the following: 3 FI grade 7 classes, 5 core grade 7 classes; 4 FI grade 8 classes, 4

core grade 8 classes. Emergency Drills – completed an intruder drill, will do a tornado drill, two fire drills and a fire/bomb drill before the end of the year.

Graduation – June 26, Year End trips-camp Kintail grade 7 (Tues-Wed), grade 8 (Wed. Thurs) Bingemans Grade 8 on Tues and Grade 7 on Thurs. Program offered at school for students not wishing to go over night. Paperwork for year-end trips will be coming home next week.

PD days-May 5 (organized by the unions) and June 2 (day for assessment) and June 30 (school improvement plan focus)

School Day-if you are not already on, please let us know and we will help you register. Will be essential next year.

Clair Lake-will begin construction in June. A fence is being extended to divide our playground with the city playground. Watch for a celebration-I think June 3rd

## **5. Teacher Report**

**Helen Fowler**

Science – Grade 7 - Substances and Heat – SCI Unit

Grade 8 – Systems work/force energy moving into design and build

Clubs – coding club continues

Science Fair – was exceptional, 20 projects, 19 medals and 1 moves on to Nationals.

4 groups going to Let's Talk Science. Groups were selected based on 140 question test

Math – grade 8 – algebra finished, percentages and proportional reasoning

Math Grade 7 – probability, rate and ratio, integers then patterning

Music - Ms Spoltore is back – She thanks school community for support, council for gift card and ongoing support.

Music grade 7 – all classes on instrument. Performance assessment soon both strings and band.

Physical Education - Wrestling finished,

Health - Human Growth and Development has finished

Grade 7 - Performance Enhancing Drugs – guest speaker from UW/WLU regarding performance enhancing drugs

### **Extra Curricular**

Ensemble and Chamber continues

Band continues

Feeder schools concert May 1st

Musical Festival performance at Wonderland – May 26th

Ensemble and Chamber continues

Grade 8 High school orientation in May

Visual arts – elements and principles of design finishes, Sketch #1 due May 9th, abstract landscape next

Enrichment – finished a round of Caribou, next Caribou in May, Gauss same week

Physed – track and Field – May 4 and May 15

Running Club soon

Intramurals – dodgeball finishes

Teacher Challenge – Volleyball

Red Maple – Fiction and Non-fiction categories – need to read 5 categories, one student won something for Red Maple (website page) which gives our school more opportunity next year, 73 club members. Full bus going to Red Maple Festival in Toronto at Harbour Front - May 14  
Librarian

## **6. WRAPSC Update**

**Jill**

The Ministry has recently released a document entitled A Parent's Guide: Financial Literacy in Ontario Schools, Grades 4 to 12 as part of their initiative to ensure all students have a basic understanding of personal finance, etc.

[http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/financial\\_literacy\\_parent\\_guide\\_en.pdf](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/financial_literacy_parent_guide_en.pdf)

WRAPSC is looking for new steering committee members for October. For more information:

<https://www.wrdsb.ca/our-schools/get-involved/wrapsc/wrapsc@gmail.com>

KidsAbility did a presentation at WRAPSC regarding their annual campaign which they invite schools to take part in. The Kids Can't Wait campaign is a yearly campaign run by KidsAbility to raise money to reduce waitlist times by providing equipment and services to therapists and staff and supporting programs such as Spark which take kids with mild needs off the waitlist by providing them with quick, targeted interventions. Centennial might consider this for another year.

The communications dept at the board would like to generate excitement about the work of schools councils. They are invited schools to submit information about innovative and successful events they run that can be shared board-wide.

School councils are asked to include in their annual report if they are using Waterloo Education Fund Inc (WEFI) funds to make purchases. The communications dept would like to raise awareness of WEFI as a fundraising tool.

## **7. Pro-Grant**

**Jill/Jennifer**

Centennial is interested in submitting a proposal for another Parent Reaching Out Grant from the Ministry of Education. The idea would be to hold workshops for parents on the topic of well-being based on the interests of parents. We will conduct a survey of parents to determine preferences on various topics such as:

- Drugs, alcohol, addictions, e-cigarettes (we might want to divide this into a few categories)
- Sexting
- Self-harm
- Stress and anxiety
- Preparing for "high school" - from a well-being perspective- could include things like packing their own healthy lunches
- Bullying
- Ergonomics in using phones and computers so much (I think the dad at the last meeting also said that)
- How to keep kids exercising as they get older
- LGBTQ+ issues (eg emerging sexual orientation, transgender) - and how the school addresses those issues in an inclusive way
- Healthy relationships (dating abuse), consent
- Parent-teen relationships/communicating with your teen
- Cultural divide between kids in "Canadian" culture and parents culture/religion from home country
- Gaming addiction

We will also consider interests in terms of the time of day, and conditions which might result in the greatest participation by parents. We also discussed the idea of holding a session to discuss topics that might be of interest to gather the range of well- being issues that parents are grappling with.

Jill Magazine, Jennifer Yessis, Estelle Waterman and Patricia Uribe have volunteered to be part of a smaller group to discuss the grant, plan the grant and implement it when we receive it ☺

Attached is a draft version of the proposal. Please provide your feedback on the draft by May 8<sup>th</sup>. The grant application is due May 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 30**

*Thanks for your involvement! Have a great month.*