



SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, February 28, 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

-Council thanked Brian Weigel for all his support, commitment and engagement with School Council. He will be missed at Centennial but will be an asset at King Edward School.

-Staff Appreciation Lunch – April 27th

We will send a potluck sign-up to the School Council list at the beginning of April, and then ask parents to share with their own personal networks.

Math Night

-March 7th – how the Board approaches math education

-teachers running the stations

-5 stations with different activities with take-aways and online resources

-especially at the grade 7 and 8 level –

-online resources available to prepare for high school

3. Chocolate Fundraising Update Laura

-Chocolate fundraiser – April 12 to start – looking for volunteers

4. Principal's/Vice Principal's Report Brian

-Science Fair is Friday evening 6 to 7:30 p.m.

-classes can attend Friday during the day

Girls Basketball in Finals – against Westheights at Bluevale

Vinne Tiwari – VP after March Break

Michelle Sybulskie – take over for Mr. Bumstead

Ms Spoltore – will be off until April

5. Teacher Report

Gary

-he is ill so no report

5. WRAPSC Update

Jill Magazine

Parent Involvement Committee - Parent Engagement Event April 8th 2017. The theme is Empowering Students Through Parent Engagement. Volunteers are still needed. The event is free, with free childcare for children age 2-11 (out of diapers). This will be held at Bluevale Collegiate. Registration is now open – see recent post on Centennial website or go to wrdsb.ca/pic

KW Counselling - hosting a workshop: Raising Your Gender-Independent Child. March 23rd, 2017, 630-830 pm, at 480 Charles Street East. No fee to participate, but please register at 519-884-0000 x 248 or parenting@kwcounselling.com.

Business Education Partnership - is hosting a session for students (grade 7-12) and their parents, about careers and educational pathways. April 12th 2017, 6-9 pm at Bingemans Conference Centre. Please register at 519-576-6610 or info@bus-edpartnership.org.

KCI - hosting a Human Library, for middle and high school students. March 28th 2017 7-9 pm. Free - register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/human-library-tickets-31759555686>

There was a budget presentation at WRAPSC. There is a budget survey open until the end of March break. It is on the Centennial website (scroll down to Feb 21) or on the board website.

There was a presentation on Parent Reaching Out Grants. The deadline for applications for 2017-2018 is May 25.

WRAPSC and PIC are having conversations about changing their structures in relation to one another.

There was a presentation by a student trustee about his role and the role of the student senate. Student Senate occurs on the first Wednesday of each month. They discuss policy, and give feedback. Currently there are 40-50 high school representatives. They are looking to expand and include Grade 7 and 8, though no plans to include students younger than that. Student Trustees have a report included in the Director's Report. The outgoing senate group elects the senate, annually.

Next meeting - April 4th 2017. The meeting will consist mainly of small group discussion, with the theme TBD. There will be a presentation by Nick Manning (Director of Communications).

6.

Other

All

We talked about applying for a Parent Reaching Out Grant (due May 25). If we do apply for this grant, we want to think creatively about how to engage parents in ways that might interest and really get ways to engage more parents. Some ideas included having a series of well-being workshops or sessions in the mornings before parents go to work. We talked also about the possibility of having different musical groups perform either at these sessions which might actually engage more parents if they know they can also see their child perform. Jill and Jennifer will discuss this more after March Break and bring some ideas at the next Council meeting (April 25)

Tuesday, April 25

Tuesday, May 30

Thanks for your involvement! Have a great month.