



SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, May 30, 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 Yessis/Laura Cowley**

2. Chairperson Update **Jennifer Yessis/Laura Cowley**

a) School Council Report

The School Council Annual Report was shared with the group. There was one suggestion for a modification. The modified version has been included for your reference. We had a brief discussion about changes the board may be interested in for future such as including photos and quotes. We will ask the administrative Assistant to the Director for any desired template to be shared with all schools so that can be planned for next year.

PRO grant was submitted after the meeting. Some of the ideas for workshops will be included in the application.

School Council recognized Mr. Kauk and wished him well with a small token of appreciation.

3. Chocolate Fundraising Update **Laura Cowley**

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| Donations to Centennial | \$ | 1,582.00 | Chocolate Received | 429 |
| Chocolate Bar Sales | \$ | <u>18,754.15</u> | Chocolate Returned | <u>118</u> |
| Gross Income | \$ | 20,336.15 | Total Chocolate Sold | 311 |
| | | | Bonus for selling | <u>12</u> |
| Less Chocolate Bar Invoice | \$ | 10,163.13 | Total Chocolate Invoiced | 299 |
| Total Income | \$ | 10,173.02 | | |
| Less Top 3 Prizes | \$ | 325.00 | | |
| Less draw Prizes | \$ | 42.94 | | |
| Less Pizza Parties | | ??? | | |
| Total Net Income | \$ | 9,805.08 | | |
| Less 10% Donation | \$ | <u>1,000.00</u> | | |
| Total Income for Centennial | \$ | 8,805.08 | | |

Cost per case \$30.08 plus 13% HST 30.99

4. Principal's/Vice Principal's Report

Betti Adams

- Friday , June 2 – PD Day
- Report Cards go home June 26th
- Track and Field Regionals today – Finals Thursday night
- Band and Orchestra went Friday to Canada's Wonderland
- Grade 6 Night – good turn out
- Transitioning into School Day
- 320 families on School Day
- Graduation June 26th
- Break B – lunch is 15 minutes, noise was escalating and were dealing with challenges, kids coming home with full lunches – parents are commenting that it is the same thing
- Council reviewed the Dress Code – getting ready for the warmer months of June
- Staffing Update:
 - Positions at Centennial were created by retirements, position changes (teacher to VP), additional grade 7 class for next year.
 - Mme. McKenzie will be returning to Centennial full time on June 12. Ms. Robbins will be finished at Centennial on June 5
 - Retiring Staff: Mr. Kauk, Mr. Swan, Mrs Adams
 - LTO's who will be finished at the end of the year: Ms. Scott, Ms. Cybulksi, Mr. Barber, Mr. Zarudny
 - New Staff to Centennial: Mrs. Prodrebarac (Grade 7 Core), Ms. Fritsch (Band, Math), Mr. Salmon (Grade 7 math), Mr. Winkelhage (Grade 7 and 8 Science)
 - Still to fill: French Immersion Grade 8 class, 2 Grade 8 Core Classes
 - Mrs. Serviss will be off next year on maternity leave

5. Teacher Report

Gary Kauk

- End of Year Trips – June 27, 28, 29 – Kintail and Bingemans (registration now closed)
- Roommate Selection will happen soon – 8 kids
- Staff on site; 150 grade 7s registered and 100 grade 8s registered
- Physed – Track and Field Divisional Meet – 92 students participated, some have to go back tomorrow; County Finals Jacob Hespeler June 1st
- In class – final unit – self defense – guest trainers have been teaching
- Ultimate Frisbee Tournament in class
- Mathematics – grade 8 – mass, capacity, volume, next probability
- Visual Arts – abstract landscape, finish off the year with relief sculpture,
- Applications for congregated and area classes have been received, and accepted into program

- Grade 8 Science – Systems are finishing summative – design and build, Mrs. Fowler – fluids will be the last unit
- Grade 7 Science – Heat unit summative – design and build – cookers to make s'mors
- Team of 4 for Let's talk Science – 2nd place
- National Science Fair – those that attended received bronze medal
- Coding Club wraps up in 3 weeks
- Graduation – June 26th at 7 p.m.; rehearsal in the a.m.- no early dismissals prior to 12:30
- Award team is selecting citizenship; Ethan Hahn is the valedictorian
- Grade 8s – ticket sales June 5 to 9; \$10 per ticket during break A
- Awards Committee Meeting – Citizenship students & valedictorian – Ethan Hahn
- Notes from parents needed for those leaving early
- Mrs. Bender – contact teacher for graduation
- Library – trip went well, library books and overdue payments due June 16th
- Sunny Liu – won design award for Red Maple – resulted in free registration for Red Maple for Centennial and Sunny won a set of books
- Music – coffee house performance – June 8th – smaller groups to perform - ukulele, band & orchestra ensemble/dance team
- In class instruments practical & theory elements of music
- Band and Orchestra done – performed at Wonderland

6. WRAPSC, PIC Update

Jill Magazine

- We had a discussion about communication regarding WRAPSC and PIC about School Day. We talked about the benefit of sending a brief update through School Day with some key points about what is included in the update, and then the details will be included on the website in the School Council folder. The School Day update will have a link to the specific updates.

WRAPSC Update

- The WRDSB is currently updating its mental health strategy. Information related to this was presented at the WRAPSC meeting by Barb Ward, mental health lead. Attached to this update is Barb's Powerpoint presentation of the board's mental health strategy and a document with a list of all of the current mental health initiatives in the board.
- Centennial is looking for a WRAPSC representative for 2017-2018 who can attend up to six meetings at Forest Heights CI at 7 pm on Tuesdays, beginning Tuesday October 3, 2017. For more information about WRAPSC: www.wrdsb.ca/wrapsc.

WRDSB Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) update

Update on WRDSB operational goal of improving graduation rates

- There was a presentation by board staff to PIC on some of the strategies that the board is using to improve graduation rates. One of the board's operational goals is to increase graduation rates (graduating within five years) by five percent over three years. The school board is looking at many factors to improve graduation rates. One important factor for parents/caregivers and schools is to recognize that not all students are suited to attend college or university (about one-half of students in our board do not apply for college or university), and those students need to hear all through their school years that there are other pathways to success so that they don't feel that if they cannot go to college or university that they will not be successful. Students need to see that finishing high schools is important for many other paths by exposing them sooner to a variety of career options.
- Data are showing that developing meaningful relationships, with staff and with other students, is critical to keeping students engaged with school. Data are also helping the board to identify particular high school courses or requirements that may be serving as barriers to graduation. Data has also shown that students who do not complete their full credits in grade 9 and 10 will be less likely to graduate within 5 years. Staff are continuing to look at how to address what they are learning from the data that they have been collecting and analyzing.

Some tips on how schools and School Councils can engage families facing barriers to engagement (from Prueter PS)

- ☐ Focus on building relationships
- ☐ Be passionate about caring
- ☐ Recognize that some parents and caregivers did not have positive experiences with school themselves and may be fearful of the school
- ☐ Connect families with the community resources that they need
- ☐ Show families that you are there to help with whatever needs arise for the family (for example, by raising funds for food for families in need in the school)
- ☐ Provide information and learning for the families related to your academic goals for the students (for example about literacy or math); for math start with the basics in a parent seminar so that everyone is speaking the same language and using the same terms

Joining PIC

- If you are interested in joining PIC for the 2017-2018 school year, you can join as a WRAPSC/PIC member by attending the first WRAPSC meeting of the school year on October 3, 2017 (see above for information about WRAPSC).
- You can also join PIC by applying to be a member. Application information will be available soon at <https://www.wrdsb.ca/pic/>.

PIC Safe, Caring, and Inclusive Schools (SCIS) subcommittee update

- If you have feedback to share regarding the WRDSB engaging and supporting parents in student wellbeing and mental health please contact me (jillmagazine@hotmail.com). I'm currently involved in board level discussions about this. I'm also a parent member of Centennial's SCIS team and can represent parents on those issues with the school team. I don't get involved in resolving individual situations.
- I hope that in the fall School Council can engage in discussions with Centennial administration regarding the school's Well-being Goal for their School Improvement plan and that the plan can be shared with the school community in order to increase parent engagement in student well-being.

7. Other

Janis Roughley

- Janis Roughley brought forward an idea for fundraising or creating a sense of community/spirit by selling movie tickets for Landmark theatre. One possibility might be to book a particular time to sell tickets for a particular movie for the Centennial Community. We thought this might help build a sense of community and instead of being primarily a fundraiser, it could build community. Janis will look into in greater detail for next meeting.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 26th -

Thanks for your involvement!