



SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, November 29, 2016

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. Grade 8 to 9 Transition Betti and Brian

Grade 8s will learn more about the grade 8 to 9 transition from Centennial staff in December. There will be a particular focus on electives in December.

WCI Magnets information night (Advanced Strings, ELL, Extended French and Geography (begins in grade 10)) was held November 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

KCI Magnets (French Immersion and Fast Forward) information night is Tuesday, December 13th at 7:00 p.m.

SJAM Information Night is Wednesday, December 14th at 6:30 p.m.

WCI Information Night is Wednesday, January 11th at 7:00 p.m.

KCI Information Night is Wednesday, January 18th at 7:00 p.m.

3. Chairperson Update Jennifer/Laura

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to the discussion about fundraising. We've decided to go ahead with the chocolate bar fundraiser for this upcoming year because we didn't learn of an alternative that would raise as much money for the school community.

Laura has generously volunteered to run this fundraiser at Centennial this year. Many thanks to Laura!

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

We are getting a new gym floor, and it will be coming over Christmas holidays.

Magazine sales raised \$2,500 for the school. The money has been used for the assembly with Sarah Westbrook. Some of this money will be used for chromebooks, and a very small portion will be for music.

December 20th there will be a music concert. Donations for music program will be sought at that time.

December 3rd – Art show will take place at Centennial in the afternoon to raise funds for the local community.

Food Drive will be happening at Centennial in December, to be completed in December. We will be looking for parent volunteers to pick up the food and take it to the Food Bank on December 23rd.

Voting for branding of a slogan for the Waterloo Region District School Board is happening now. There are four options to select or it is possible to provide an alternative. Go to the School Board website to select your preferred options.

Grade 8s went to WCI to see West Side Story, and Grade 7s went to SJAM to see Seussical. Both of these events received positive feedback from students and staff.

Teachers are working with Math Learning Services Teacher to enhance student success.

Year-End and Trips:

Grade 8 Grad is Monday, June 26th

-Camp Kintail is booked Tuesday, June 27 to Wednesday, June 28, Wednesday, June 28 to Thursday, June 29. The entire school will be able

to attend these camp sessions. Grade 7s and grade 8s will be grouped together.

First Wednesday in February – Tubing or Skiing at Chicopee

5. Teacher Report

Gary

Physical Education

- Girls volleyball have playoffs tomorrow
- Boys volleyball won quarter finals
- Volleyball club just finished
- Volleyball just finished
- Dance unit is starting and continuing until Christmas
- Fitness Baseball and Tchoukball intramurals

Health unit – nutrition finished, next unit TBD

Grade 7 Math – geometry now and next data management

Grade 8 Math – finished area and perimeter, starting geometry

Core French – oral communication review and French culture unit soon to follow

Grade 7 - Visual Arts – finishing information design and starting water colour

-English art – sketch number 2 is due Dec 19th

Science – grade 8 – finished microscopy, scientific methodology ongoing – e.g., research, bibliography, scientific methods have been covered

Immersion French language arts – descriptive writing and Public Service Announcements

Immersion Geography – sustainable development

Music (band)– band arrangements and Jurassic park, some nights beginning holiday music, no theory

Clubs, activities –

- Window Painting Art Club next week Monday and Thursday,
- drop-in art continues second half of break A,
- Trading Card Club,
- Chess Club,
- Grade 8 band, Band Ensemble, Chamber Ensemble, Ukulele Club (all groups performing on Dec 20)
- Year Book committee – next focus – promotion/sales
- Hockey Day – tomorrow – watch game at WLU and Western, Pride activities, umbrella project
- Caribou – 4 sessions left, done in Jan
- Recognition Assembly in December -Canstruction will take place with Food Bank donations from classes
- Glee is continuing
- GSA – 3rd or 4th meeting
- Holiday Concert – Dec 20th

5. WRAPC report

The last meeting was November 1st at the Education Centre, and was an opportunity to hear about the Board's strategic plan from Senior Staff members of the board. The next meeting is scheduled for the second Tuesday in January (January 10th) and is held at Forest Heights from 7 to approximately 9 in the library. Subsequent meeting dates: February 7th, April 4th, May 2nd. See the website for more information: <https://www.wrdsb.ca/our-schools/get-involved/wrapsc/#.WD9B1-YrLRY>

6. Safe Talk

Safe Talk is a 3 hour-talk involving a parent trainer with a trainer from the board. It is a free program. It is a very specific type of presentation that deals with the topic of suicide. The aim of the initiative is to raise awareness about suicide including warning signs. The hope is that it will equip with attendees with the ability to open a conversation, and to encourage others to seek help from professional sources.

7.	Other	All

Tuesday, January 31 **Tuesday, February 28** **Tuesday, April 25**
Tuesday, May 30

Thanks for your involvement! Have a great month.