SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES
Tuesday, January 20, 2015
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** **Tracey**
Tracey welcomed everyone….great turn out and wonderful to see everyone.

2. **Chairperson Update** **Tracey**
Nothing to update at this time

3. Principal's/Vice Principal's Report **Betti**
a. Report cards are being completed and will go home on February 20th. Parents are welcome to contact teachers to set-up interviews if they wish.

b. Glee and Winter Activity Day: great opportunities for our students which complement the music and physical education curriculum. Forms have gone home for both and the Glee trip is this upcoming Tuesday, Feb. 20th and the Winter Activity Day is Feb. 4. Forms for Winter Activity day are due this week.

c. Centennial is involved in a Boundary review along with Abraham Erb, Cedarbrae, Edna Staebler, Laurelwood and Mary Johnson. Two parent representatives will be attending three working group meetings from each school along with administration and Board personnel, to look at various scenarios. Vivian Fuchs and Tracey Nairn are our parent volunteers who will attend. The first meeting is January 22, 2015. Boundary reviews will review enrolment, facilities and school structures.

d. January 30th is a PD day where staff will be involved in teacher directed assessment and evaluation activities.

e. Grade 8 to 9 transitions are under way. Guidance staff have met with all students to help get them started. Course selection forms have gone home with students and families can look at the electives and courses to prepare for the upcoming registration.

Grade 8 to Grade 9 course selection timelines are as follows:
Feb. 6: email to families from the High Schools to indicate the status of student application to the Magnet Program
Feb. 13: students who were successful in their application to a magnet program must indicate their intent
Feb. 20: Report Cards go home
Feb. 26: Students may begin to select courses using the web-based course selection software (MyWay)
March 6: Student access to My Way course selection closes

Further information can be found on Centennial's website, your Secondary school website or you can contact our guidance staff, Mrs. Piva or Mrs. Spoltore.

f. Upcoming events: please refer to Centennial's website

4. Report from WRAPSC Jennifer
During the meeting people worked in 8 break-out groups, each group discussed one a topic of communication with schools and parents. Minutes from the WRAPC meeting will be shared as soon as we receive them. The WRAPC website is http://www.wrdsb.ca/our-schools/get-involved/wrapsc if you would like to review past agenda or minutes. Next meeting in February will focus on Mathematics.

5. Other All
Questions asked about school methods of helping girls take care of personal hygiene needs during class without feeling embarrassed. The school has several ways to support female students' such as access to free products at all times that can be obtained discreetly, breaks where needs can be covered and caring staff who understand and are sensitive to our students' needs. There will be conversation with some students to see if there is a need to look at other means to accommodate this.

UPDATE on WCI questions:
-register students for courses you wish to take on My Way between Feb. 26 and March 6. If strings is selected, this course will run all year and WCI will select a compulsory course to match the year round model.
-if families wish to change an elective course selected once they have completed the initial registration, this can be done, either on My Way or through the guidance staff at WCI.
-Pre-AP course selection dates are specific for WCI and intended to match the IB application process, therefore, the due dates were early this year.

-if students are currently in Centennial's string class and live in the magnet boundaries: SJAM, KCI, WCI, WO, students can register using My Way without completing a boundary request form.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

1. GO to WCI website, enter the "about" section on the home page, click on "transition to semesters" (entire presentation from Magnet information night with speaking notes is posted) (http://wci.wrdsb.ca/about/transition-to-semesters/)
2. Call Linda Callaghan at WCI (guidance)
3. Email Jennifer Shortreed at jennifer_shortreed@wrdsb.on.ca
4. Call Guidance staff at Centennial 885-5660 (Mrs. Piva/Mrs. Spoltore)

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Tuesday, February 24 **Tuesday, April 21** **Tuesday, May 26**