

**Centennial P.S. School Council
Tuesday April 21, 2015 - 6:30 PM**

M I N U T E S

Welcome - Tracey

Chairperson Update - Tracey

Principal's/Vice Principal's Report - Betti and Brad

Staffing

- 7 gr 7 classes (3 Fi classes), 8 gr 8 classes (3 Fi classes), 1 life skills, 1 enrichment congregated class
- we submit enrolment numbers (in/out) on monthly basis until August
- Candace Bender (806) and Julie Smith (704) have returned from leaves—welcome back!
- welcome Lisa Seibert to the office
- hiring a life skills teacher (Barb Haygarth retiring)

Boundary Review Update

- working groups meetings have taken place
- first public meeting Thursday April 23 7 PM at Abraham Erb
- scenarios for boundary changes do not appear to affect Centennial
- further information linked at school web site

Gr 6 to 7 Transition

- feeder schools students visit us and we visit them to gather information about incoming students
- parent info night May 13 at 7:00pm
- orientation fun fair for incoming students June 8 (1:20-2:20pm)

7 to 8

- class building for next school year will begin soon

8 to 9

- transition meetings at Centennial
- high school orientation visits planned

P.D. Day Summary

- connecting with and building positive relationships with students: 'Every Kid Needs a Champion'
https://www.ted.com/talks/rita_pierson_every_kid_needs_a_champion?language=en
- comprehension and collaboration: success with small group work
- mental health focus - 'A Parents' Roadmap Through the Teenage Years' distributed
- Creating Pathways to Success – Ontario's career/life planning resource

Important dates

- Grade Eight graduation Thursday, June 18, 2015 (rehearsals am, ceremony 7pm)
- Recognition assembly Friday, June 19, 2015
- Report cards go home Friday, June 19, 2015
- Trip to Quebec June 22-25, 2015
- Trip to Ottawa June 22-24, 2015
- Trip to Toronto June 23-25, 2015

N.B. The Toronto trip will travel to Canada's Wonderland on June 25, leaving from Toronto

Year-end activities at school and day trips June 22-24, 2015

Trip to Canada's Wonderland for all students June 25, 2015 (except those travelling to Quebec)

PD Day June 26, 2015 – No school for students

Principal's Profile - Tracey

-principal profile was distributed to council members for review

Teachers' report - Mrs. Fowler

Grade 8

-Phys-Ed – Completed Health unit (sex education STDs, birth control, contraception) Track and field is next

-Visual Arts: Completed computer unit and starting elements and principle of design

-Math: Completed ratios and rates and beginning probability

-Language Arts (Immersion): Wrote a story with a group from different perspectives. Starting to learn about writing movie/book reviews

-History: Split into groups and assigned an event around confederation. Investigating whether the event divided or unified Canada

-Science: Completed Systems unit, starting Fluids and some shop projects starting

-English: Read stories and identified elements of a good story (characters, setting etc.)

Grade 7

-Phys-ed - Health (sexuality, puberty and conception)

-Music – recently completed music playing test, learning A string, as well as new major and minor scales (elements of music)

-Math – completed surface area and volume (including a fun baking project!). Beginning Patterning and Algebra, starting with BEDMAS

-French – Developing new vocabulary and identifying main plot while listening to movies; translation activities included.

-English – Completed independent book assignment. Studying different genres of articles, focusing on main ideas

-Geography – Studying natural phenomenon...tsunami, earthquakes, tornadoes etc.

-Science – Structures unit at end, including a shop project (truss or catapult), and a product design assignment to be presented at "Science Tank" (in the science classroom).

Fundraising - Tracey

-chocolate sales have been very successful esp. with addition of mint bars

-over 70 cases have been distributed

-fundraiser wrapping up Wed. Apr. 22

-discussion/consideration of other fundraising opportunities (Treasures books, cookie dough, spirit wear, magazines, poinsettias)

WRAPSC – Crystal

-parent engagement web site <http://www.parentengagement.ca>

Staff Appreciation Lunch - Jennifer

-next steps: select date and invite participation from council members

Other Business - All

-continue to check Board website for labour news and updates

www.wrdsb.ca/labour

Upcoming Meeting Dates

-Tuesday, May 26