

## WRAPSC Meeting

7 November 2017

Guests: Kathi Smith, School Board Trustee ([Kathi\\_Smith@wrdsb.ca](mailto:Kathi_Smith@wrdsb.ca))  
Steve Sherlock, Principal Bridgeport School

### I. General Announcements

### II. Presentation: "School Council 101"

Presented by Kerri Getliffe ([kgetliffe.cooper@gmail.com](mailto:kgetliffe.cooper@gmail.com))  
on behalf of the Baden Public School Council

- Baden has 606 students and 60+ staff
- 15 volunteers sit on the current School Council
- Council includes sub-committees (Treasurer's PRO Grant, Fundraising, Graduation, Staff Appreciation, etc.)
- A number of successful fundraising initiatives, funding the Baden Moves Project (which bought stand-up desks for classrooms), rainy day class basket, various theatre workshops, Chess Club, public swim / skate events
- Baden Council maintains a FaceBook page for communicative purposes
- Retaining and welcoming new members requires concerted efforts
- The Council has a set of Bylaws written in 2014 which describe terms of reference. This year the Council is operating its meetings under a less formal, more collaborative procedure based on consensus unless there is need for a formal vote.
- Efficiency and Effectiveness: the Baden meetings begin with appreciations, allocate time based on needs, tabling issues, ensuring speedy follow-up on action items, and the communication of "hot topics."
- Baden draws on three nutrition programs:
  - Nutrition for Learning, which funds 142 schools in our region, varies in detail from school to school
  - Maycourt Hampers, which provides emergency food to schools
  - Food4Kids

*Group Work: what tips can you provide to other Councils to make things work more efficiently?*

### III. SCIS

Safe Caring Inclusive Schools committee

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- <https://www.wrdsb.ca/our-schools/safe-schools/#.WgJTALCnGRs>
- An SCIS team considers and monitors the climate of the school, to ensure it remains positive and that everyone feels welcome and comfortable.
- 19 – 25 November is Bullying Prevention and Intervention Week in Ontario; this is a good opportunity to discuss with school Principal what our school is doing to address bullying
- <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/multi/english/BullyingEN.pdf>
- <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/multiLanguages.html>
- All schools and Boards are required to have bullying prevention and intervention plans

### IV. How to Get the Most out of your Principal, and How Principals can get the Most out of their School

Principal Steve Sherlock, Bridgeport Public School

- Discussed the Principal's qualifications
  - BEd
  - Experience in a variety of settings
  - Two Additional Qualifications are required, often Special Education and Guidance, but not always.
  - Principal Qualification Courses (Part I and II)
  - Then can join the Principal pool at the Board, subject to a rigorous interview
  - Eventually begin as a Vice-Principal, to be mentored by a Principal
- His personal background:
  - He began in the pool six years ago and was placed as VP at Queensmount School, with just under 400 students. Remained for three years.
  - Then on to Silver Heights in Hespeler (JK – 8) for a year
  - Then on to Bridgeport School for two years
  - Now works on Section 23 Programs (Care, Custody and Treatment)
- He talked at length about how teaching and learning have changed over the past two decades. Now more dynamic, less traditional, focused on different learning styles.

- He recommends that Principals are VISIBLE in a school community, though this is not always possible given the nature of their jobs. But a good Principal works hard at being visible.
- He also recommends that Principals should be PRESENT, responding to parents when they need you, having an open-door policy, and being a good listener.
- He enjoys seeing parents active in schools through Councils.
- He believes administrations and Councils work best together when there is good communication, both ways.

#### V. WRAPSC / PIC Motion

- A recommendation to PIC and WRAPSC that PIC and WRAPSC change their bylaws/terms/charter to indicate that:
  - WRAPSC and PIC continue to have their same mandates and continue to work as separate committees;
  - Membership processes are changed so that all PIC members go through the application process and are chosen in September;
  - Two PIC members volunteer to sit on WRAPSC as well. This counts as their subcommittee obligation;
  - PIC sends those two members to the first WRAPSC meeting and they are acclaimed to the WRAPSC steering committee;
  - The position of WRAPSC/PIC co-chair is eliminated. The committees can choose to have a single chair or co-chairs, but there is no shared co-chair.

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

## AGENDA

**MEETING OF THE WATERLOO REGION ASSEMBLY OF PUBLIC SCHOOL COUNCILS  
NOVEMBER 7TH, 2017 7PM – 9:00PM - IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY  
FOREST HEIGHTS COLLEGIATE, 255 FISCHER HALLMAN ROAD, KITCHENER**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Presenter/Facilitator</u>
7:00 to 7:05	Welcome	<b>Angelica Allen, Co-Chair WRAPSC</b>
7:05 to 8:15	School Council 101 1. How to run a council efficiently 2. What is a SCIS & how is that related to bullying issues in a school? 3. How to get the most out of your principal & vice versa	<b>Kerri Getliffe  Jill Magazine &amp; Ryan Barnett-Cowan  Steve Sherlock</b>
8:15-8:20	Break	
8:20-8:45	WRAPSC/PIC structure (see below)	<b>Angelica Allen</b>
8:45	Vote	
8:50 to 9:00	Closing	<b>Melissa Jenkins, Co- Chair WRAPSC &amp; PIC</b>