



Waterloo-Oxford District Secondary School  
School Advisory Council

Tuesday, June 14, 2022 – 6:30p.m.

Virtual

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Chair: Kyle Bard

Secretary: TBD

Principal: Carolyn Salonen 519-634-5441 [carolyn\\_salonen@wrdsb.ca](mailto:carolyn_salonen@wrdsb.ca)

Present: Kyle Bard, Penny Collins, MaryLynn Hoerle, Darlene Vandenakerboom, Kim Krueger-Kischak, Principal Carolyn Salonen, Teacher Brittany Tiffin

- Welcome and introductions – Chair
- Land Acknowledgement - Principal
  - Elder Nina will be visiting Indigenous Studies Class at WODSS this week; special funding for future Indigenous studies class at WODSS and Crow Shield Lodge
- Report from the Chair
  - Great turnout at PRO Grant-funded Spring Open House; 800+ students and parents/families attended; 85+ WODSS staff attended; open house opportunity for families who had not been to WODSS during the pandemic; five Optimist Clubs (approximately 15 volunteers) participated by generously prepared food; Kyle is preparing the PRO Grant Final Report
  - This year parent council will not be bringing in baked goods for staff as a thank-you as some people are may not be comfortable sharing food among people due to COVID; will consider in the future
- WRAPSC – (Waterloo Region Assembly of Public School Councils)
  - Valuable to hear about how other schools with WRAPSC facilitate their PRO Grant-funded events

- Appointment of New Chair
  - No names put forward at this time; Kyle will not have kids at WO in 2022-23, but he has offered to provide support to next year's parent council chair
  - Focus on council member recruitment in the fall
- Principal's Report
  - WODSS return to normal, perhaps more fully than other schools
  - Facility Updates:
    - Only one contractor bid on summer work and need minimum of three, so Family Studies cannot happen at this time; will continue with some asbestos abatement, washroom bathrooms, renovating tech receiving area into construction class space; making space for more manufacturing; have hired another tech teacher
  - Events:
    - Open House for the Community
    - Semi Formal at Maxwell's in Waterloo with 540 kids and staff to supervise
    - Music Events: Free Concert at Kirkpatrick Park with 250 people; Outdoor concert at Nithview Seniors' Home; Spring Performances
    - Relay for Life Fundraiser raised \$110,000; no challenges
    - Music Awards and Athletic Awards
    - Boys Slow-Pitch and Girls Slow-Pitch Finals; students moving on to Track and Field Finals
    - WODSS's first Pride Assembly with WRDSB Director of Ed, Jeewan Chanika and Human Rights Dept attending; GSA end-of-year party
    - Last day in class is June 21 followed by three instructional days
  - Teacher Recognition: Staff have stepped forward to support students, even though they are tired; Carolyn shared an encouraging email from Julie Parker about WODSS's celebration of Pride Month
- Adjournment

Have a safe and wonderful summer