



School Council Meeting Minutes – February 7th, 2017

Attending:

Parent Representatives

Claudette Brokenshire
Wendy Read
Leanne Rossiter
Donna Walsh

Student Representatives

Jack Crockwell
Liam Warren

Community Representatives

Janet Rumsey (Chair)

Teacher Representatives

Michelle Hounsell (Secretary)
Cheryl Tucker

Executive Secretary (ex officio)

Bridget Ricketts (Principal)

Regrets:

Rob Butt (Vice Chair)
Wanda Pelley
Marlene Van De Wiel
Emily Lockyer

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Feb. 7th's Agenda presented and approved.

Minutes from January approved. Donna Walsh motioned Liam Warren seconded.

Student Access to Wi-Fi: Wi-Fi is now available throughout the building. The website, WVH app, and Powerschool is accessible to students.

Crosswalk/Timing of Lights on Topsail Road: Tabled for the March meeting (Rob Butt absent).

School Development Parent Survey: Wendy Reid will update the council during our March meeting.

Student report: see attached for submitted report

- Spirit week proposal is being written
- “Crush for your crush” valentines were delivered to staff and students
- Matchmakers went well
- Prepared Exam prep video, which we viewed - was delivered to all students during advisory period.
- Preparing a valentine’s Day video
- Rugby game in memory of Danny King was covered by Here and Now, a cheque was donated by Jordan Clarke to the SPCA. Money was raised by the sale of DK4Life bracelets, proceeds from the event was split between the SPCA and the WVH Athletic department. Approx. \$600.00 was given to each. Hot chocolate was donated by Tim Hortons. Emphasis to involve the Grade 10s in this event in the hopes that it will become an annual event.

Upcoming:

- preparing for Rotary Music Fest
- Musical & Drama Festival, plans to have a lunchtime show in the cafeteria for Valentine’s Day.
- Sport teams are doing well and there was the formation of a wrestling team.
- Social Justice Committee is running a bake sale
- Model UN will be at MUN Feb. 20/21
- Mental Health Wellness Committee held a fundraiser for the upcoming Mental Health Week activities

Issues addressed:

- Crosswalks & medians have been cleared and pathways are better.
- Paper dispensers are now in the washrooms.

Concerns:

- There is a blind corner in the hallway as you come out of the cafeteria, it was suggested a mirror or explicit instructions for traffic to stay to the right.
- Exterior cafeteria doors are locked and this is inconvenient for students coming in from the student parking lot. There was discussion on how having these doors unlocked can pose a security concern and so it was thought that the teacher on duty would stand by the door and let students in as they were arriving.
- Ski trip is scheduled for the same time as the choir field trip - however, only 5 students are affected by this. Also, depending on weather the ski trip may not take place.
- Semesterization – we discussed what is the process that would be involved in having this as an option. There was much discussion over the pros and cons of semesterization, as well as the acknowledgement that more dialogue and communication needs to take place

highlighting the strengths and concerns of such a program and this to be communicated to both students and parents.

Principal's report:

- **Bingo** - another major school fundraiser will be held on March 26, 2017 in the afternoon.
- Exams went well
- Report cards are going out Friday, Feb. 10th.
- Following Wednesday will be Parent/Teacher interviews
- Thursday will be a PD day writing our vision, mission and value statements as well as setting goals for our school development plan as we prepare for our external review March 6 - 8th.
- Teacher Appreciation Week runs from Feb. 13th - 17th - school council says it has some surprises planned.
- Course selection will start the week of March 6th. Local courses need to be approved by the Department of Education before they can be offered.
- Thursday, March 2nd our grade 9 parents and students will have an introductory session in the cafeteria and then be invited to explore the building. Student Government volunteers will be here as well as a portion of our staff.
- Recognition assembly will be held Feb. 20th.
- Fundraising requests from Molly's Dream (animal group) would like to hold a bake sale twice a month. It was felt that twice a month may be too much of a commitment and not allow other groups to fundraise. Permission was given for the bake sale for Feb. 23rd. Bridget to speak to the teacher rep. about this.
- Premier's Task force on Improving Educational Outcomes - tabled for March's meeting.

Issues raised:

Wendy questioned how we know our bussing are safe and up to code. Bridget will check on this with Bob Smith.

Leanne Rossiter motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Donna Walsh seconded this.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm

Next meeting date set for March 7th, 2017 at 5 pm