



## School Council Meeting Minutes – January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017

### **Attending:**

#### **Parent Representatives**

**Wanda Pelley**

**Wendy Read**

**Marlene Van De Wiel**

**Donna Walsh**

#### **Student Representatives**

**Jack Crockwell**

**Liam Warren**

#### **Community Representatives**

**Rob Butt (Vice Chair)**

**Janet Rumsey (Chair)**

#### **Teacher Representatives**

**Michelle Hounsell (Secretary)**

**Emily Lockyer**

#### **Executive Secretary (ex officio)**

**Bridget Ricketts (Principal)**

### **Absent:**

Claudette Brokenshire

Leanne Rossiter

Cheryl Tucker

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**Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>'s Agenda** presented and approved.

Minutes from November and December approved. Liam Warren motioned Donna Walsh seconded.

**Student Access to Wi-Fi:** We have not started yet as a test school for this. Bridget will keep us informed of any updates on this topic.

**Crosswalk/Timing of Lights on Topsail Road:** No update. Rob Butt has been in touch with Bill McDonald from the City and has been assured that there will be some action and news by our Feb. meeting. Mr. McDonald noted that Christmas traffic would not be a good indicator of year round traffic volume and therefore is planning on getting information during the month

of January.

**School Development Parent Survey:** Wanda Pelley brought a sample of a parent survey developed by the Department of Education. It was discussed that we may want to gather different information relevant to high school students and WVH and our own school council in particular. It was also discussed that an effort should be made to keep our questionnaire short, and try to gather some qualitative data through an option of short answer questions in addition to agree/disagree format. A small committee will look at this and get back to the Council with their suggestions at the Feb. meeting.

Wanda Pelley, Marlene Van De Wiel, Emily Lockyer and Wendy Read are to work on this.

**WVH app:** New color scheme is going over well. Screens are updated and there was discussion as to whether or not the app should be student run. There was a suggestion that the sport's calendar be included on the app.

### **Student report:**

**Student spirit week** (Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>) was a great success, as well as the **Candy Gram** project, which yielded an approx. profit of \$200.00.

The **Christmas Concert** by the Concert & Chamber Choir as well as the concert and Jazz Band was well attended and enjoyable evening. The Drama class performed a re-enactment of **Charlie Brown's Christmas** at the evening concert as well as at the **matinee performance** for our feeder schools. The **Variety show** on the last day of school before Christmas holidays went well and both students and staff participated.

**Sports** teams are doing well, with the boys currently ranked fourth in the elite 8 standings by NLBA, and both boys and girls basketballs teams did well at the Keith Keatings Tournament this past weekend the Girls won Gold and the boys played well.

Waterford Valley High's **First Cap and Gown** was held on December 20th, this was a success. The Social **Justice Stocking** drive went well.

### **Upcoming:**

**Hosting a rugby game** to remember Danny King (the proposal was passed out during the meeting to all Council members) see attached for more details.

Preparation for **Rotary** is upcoming, as well as casting for a **musical** planned for May 1<sup>st</sup> with Mr. Nurse a student and nighttime performance is planned.

### **Concerns:**

- Student report also highlighted some concerns with respect to the clearing of snow/ice from the medians next to the crosswalks and in general the snow clearing of the pathways on the school grounds. Bridget will look into this, but reinforced that if conditions are slippery or not ploughed properly the office is to be notified right away, so that she can deal with it in a timely manner.

- It was also noted there should be dispensers for paper towels in the student washrooms so that the paper towels do not get wet. Bridget to check on this as well as the option of a hand dryer.

### **Principal's report:**

**10 Interns** are here from MUN and Mr. Smith will be getting an engineering intern.

**Exam schedule** is out and we were given one extra day for our exams. **Exams as well as tests**, if no accommodations are needed, will now be written in the Gym, these were previously written in classrooms. It was felt that tests written in the Gym would have a feel of greater importance than if they are written in the classroom.

Desks (260) will be moved to the Gym using the elevator. Some teams often move these desks and receive \$260.00 for this. Teachers has been supplied and ask to go through the **student preparation for exam resources** during their advisory class.

Report cards will be going out for first semester in Feb.

Parent teacher interviews are scheduled for Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>.

School Development are preparing for our external review and will be addressing developing our vision and mission statement as well as objectives, goals and indicators of success during our next PD session on Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>.

External review will be taking place March 5, 6, and 7.

Jeremy Bennett is giving a presentation on Anxiety and OCD, this will be a school wide presentation.

Social Justice is looking to support WE charity with a Book and Bake Sale on Saturday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>, which will run from 10 – 4pm. There is also a tournament in the Gym at the same time, but it is felt that both events will help each other. Approved – no vote necessary.

Chapter's night raised 872.40.

Wanda Pelley motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Rob Butt seconded this.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm

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