



School Council Meeting Minutes – May 2, 2017

Attending:

Parent Representatives

Claudette Brokenshire
Wanda Pelley
Donna Walsh
Wendy Read

Student Representatives

Liam Warren

Community Representatives

Rob Butt (**Vice Chair**)
Leanne Rossiter
Janet Rumsey (**Chair**)

Teacher Representatives

Cheryl Tucker
Emily Lockyer

Executive Secretary (ex officio)

Bridget Ricketts (Principal)

Absent: Michelle Hounsell, Jack Crockwell & Marlene Van de Wiel

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1. Call to Order at 5:20
2. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting on February 7, 2017. Note there was no quorum March however, the School Development External Review interview was conducted. April meeting was cancelled.
3. Business Arising
 - a. Crosswalk and timing of lights update Rob Butt
 - i. David Clarke - Traffic Analyst submitted a report based on his observations of traffic on Feb. 2nd, 2017 from 12:00pm to 1:30pm. - see attached.

- ii. Report concluded “that the intersection works well”, “pedestrians crossed in a safe and controlled manner”, there were no “notable delays of vehicles from any approach”
- iii. Report suggested “implementing a staggered lunch”
- iv. Council discussion of the report included:
 - 1. The accuracy of a report based on one observation
 - a. The observation was completed in February with snow, ice and cold temperatures (which may affect student movement towards the Village)
 - i. It was suggested that we “informally” request a second study to be completed in the Spring (but not during exams or prom)
 - 2. Staggering lunch
 - a. It was thought that it would not benefit the school population as it would negatively impact peer groups and school clubs, activities and groups.
- b. School Development: parent survey; plan to still gather feedback Wanda Pelley
 - i. The Dept. of Education has since implemented a new mandatory survey for parents, Students and Staff
 - 1. The existing work is put on hold for future reference
- c. Concerns raised by students: Bridget Ricketts
 - i. Update on blind corner by the cafeteria
 - 1. The mirror that was installed at Bishops is no longer there
 - 2. One will be purchased for Sept.
 - ii. Update on the locking of the exterior cafeteria doors
 - 1. Doors will remained locked at lunch for safety
 - 2. Teachers will be reminded that students may be let in by other students and staff
 - iii. Semesterisation- plan to explore this further
 - 1. Discussed briefly at a staff meeting and reception was not overwhelming
 - 2. There has been a lot of change over the past 2 years with the opening of a new school so we may consider semesterisation at the end of our transition period - 3-5 years after opening.
 - 3. The idea of WVH using some of the semesterisation materials (i.e. workbooks for W. Geo. and Math)

- a. it was suggested that this be an individual teacher initiative - where the teacher would gauge interested and organize payment, procurement and distribution of workbook)
 - d. Premier's Task Force on Improving Educational Outcomes Janet Rumsey
 - i. Nothing was submitted by the WVH Council
 - e. Concern raised by Parents: update on confirmation on bus safety Bridget Ricketts
 - i. Gullivers is our contract provider and they have passed all safety requirements and inspection in the past and present
- 4. Reports
 - a. Student - See below from Liam
 - b. Parent report
 - c. Principal
 - i. Final exam schedule has been posted to the school website <http://www.wvhs.k12.nf.ca/pdfs/June-2017.pdf>
 - ii. Allocation of staffing has been assigned
 - 1. we maintained 2 of 2.5 transition units
 - 2. we lost 4.75 units over all
 - iii. Mental Health Weeks is currently in progress
 - 1. Started with a joint production of "Not Myself Today" featuring the acting and musical talents of WVH students and funded by Art Smarts - two shows - great success! \$701 raised at the door for the NL Chapter of the Canadian Mental Health Association
 - 2. Activities will continue throughout the week with lunchtime events and two sessions provided to students during class time.
 - iv. Heritage Fair - hosted by WVH from May 4-6
 - 1. staff will attend a PD Session on LBGTO at the District Office
 - v. School Development
 - 1. The government has mandated a new DS survey to be completed by teachers, students and parents this year
 - vi. The staff is currently exploring the idea of Advisory Period and its role in the academic structure of the WVH school day
 - vii. WVH will have a new bell schedule next year

1. Start time 9:00
 2. Close time 3:06
 - a. 9 minutes have been removed from lunch time
 - i. No great impact is expected as a result of the shortened lunch hour
- viii. Things happening at WVH
1. Retro Bingo - huge success
 2. Recent expenditures
 - a. Trophy Case, Vernier System, 3-D Printer
 - i. Purchased with funds raised from the Craft Fair & Bingo
 3. Rotary Festival - Gold - Concert Choir & Silver - Jazz Band & Concert Band tomorrow
 4. WVH Won WorkPlace NL - Save A Life Competition
 5. Drama Fest - Huge success and numerous Awards
 6. Buick Fundraise - currently offered to the school & school groups
 7. Repairs to the building - Graffiti, Planning to repaint the Gym, the "L" from our name has been found and will be fixed over the summer
5. Fundraising
- a. Any new requests
 - i. CSLC Fundraiser for Teacher Chaperone - Goal \$2500 - through car washes & 59 minute popcorn fundraiser (for family & friends only)
 - b. Updates on Bingo results - Next meeting as Michelle was absent.
6. New Business
- a. Prom ticket fees and funding for families experiencing financial difficulties
 - i. Financial concerns surrounding prom are dealt with through the office and any concerns can be specifically addressed with Mr. Smith
 - b. Communication from the NLFSC- The Cuffer
 - i. To be forwarded to all council members
 - c. PSCL 2018
 - i. Council will support the Student Government bid to host the 2018 CSLC (Canadian Student Leadership Conference) here at WVH
7. Adjournment 6:40
- a. Next Meeting Wednesday June 7 , 2017 at 5:00pm at City Light Resturant

Student Report:

Fine Arts: Not myself today

Social Justice: Coffee House

Sports: Boys Hockey enter into final tournament

Girls Grade 10 Basketball: Undefeated in round robin- lost in championship

Boys A Basketball: We hosted provincial basketball tournament

Science: Kurtis Collins placed 2nd in Atlantic Canada for Biogenious Challenge