



WATERFORD VALLEY
HIGH SCHOOL

School Council Meeting Minutes - December 12th 2017

Attending

Bridget Ricketts, Ex Officio Secretary
(Principal)
Janice Cooper, Parent Representative
Claudette Brokenshire, Parent Representative
Wendy Read, Parent Representative
Clara McCue, Parent Representative
Michelle Hounsell, Teacher Representative **(Vice- Chair)**
Cheryl Tucker, Teacher Representative
Janet Rumsey, Community Representative **(Chair)**
Marlene van de Wiel, Community Representative
Rob Butt, Community Representative
Liam Warren, Student Representative **(Secretary)**
Alan O'Brien, Student Representative
Katherine Dibbon, Student Representative

Regrets

Cheryl Tucker, Teacher Representative
Wanda Pelley, Parent Representative

1. Call to Order and Introductions

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30PM. Those present introduced themselves to new members of council Ms. Janice Cooper and Ms. Corrina Fahey to the council. The chair clarified that Ms. Katherine Dibbon will serve the remainder of the year as a student representative to ensure that there is a Grade 11 student represented on council for continuity sakes.

2. Adaption of Minutes

The minutes from the November meeting were reviewed.
Moved by Mr. Liam Warren, Seconded by Ms. Marlene Van de Wiel to adopt the minutes pending edits.

3. Business Arising

3.1 Traffic Congestion at Intersection of Topsail & Hamlyn

A discussion occurred regarding the issues of traffic congestion at the intersection of Topsail & Hamlyn during the morning drop off period. The council was informed by Mr. Rob Butt that the City of St. John's Traffic Division has conducted a visit to the site to ensure all the lights are functioning properly, they are working properly. In addition the traffic division will return in January to conduct a traffic count. Various solutions were brought up during the discussion to elevate the congestion through the use of staff directing traffic, limiting where traffic is permitted to go, and rerouting the busses. The council concluded discussion on this matter with the principal inviting school board personal to discuss this matter with the council at it's January meeting.

3.2 Student Report regarding the duration of Lunch Time

The principal informed the council that the administration team of the school has decided that the duration of lunch time will not change for this academic year. A discussion then occurred regarding this matter with the topics of how the bell time and lunch time duration has impacted the fine arts and athletic programs of the school. The conversation on this matter concluded with the plan to revisit the duration of lunch time later this year through a student focus group.

4. Student Report

The report is attached as Appendix I. The council discussed from the student report the issue of the cafeteria door at the lunch hour and the proposed house system of the student government. The principal will clarify with staff to open the door for students returning to the school.

5. Continuation of Meeting

It was motioned by the principal to continue on with the meeting at 638PM, seconded by Ms. Claudette Brokenshire

6. Principal Report

The report is attached as Appendix II

7. Fundraising Update

There were two fundraising updates that were discussed by the council.

7.1 Fall Fair (Waterford Valley High Fundraising Committee)

The Fall Fair profited \$7800

Positive feedback from all those involved

Raised funds will be used by the committee to assist with school development

7.2 Chapters Night (Learning Resource Center)

Deferred to January Meeting

8. School Development

The school development updates is deferred to the February meeting.

9. Scheduling of Next Meeting

The chair thanked everyone for their attendance and scheduled the next meeting to take place on Tuesday January 13 2018 at 530PM in the Waterford Valley High Learning Commons.

10. Adjournment

Mr. Alan O'Brien motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Liam Warren.
Meeting Adjourned at 7:05PM

Appendix I
Student Report - December 12th 2017
Submitted by Mr. Alan O'Brien & Mr. Liam Warren

Student Government Activities

- Planning for 3rd Annual Christmas Spirit Week underway, taking place next week
- Student Government is preparing cookies from scratch for students next week
- House system proposal presented to Ms. Ricketts soon
- Selling Candy grams this week
- Just finished a successful Dodgeball tournament, sold popcorn
- Spirit gear is in and is being handed out
- Expanded their scope of social media to now include instagram

Other Club Activities

Social Justice

- Attended We day this past month, was sponsored by WestJet
- Currently facilitating a stocking drive drive for the street reach program

Mental Wellness

- Organized a food drive for the singles parents group to help relieve stress this Christmas
- Currently are looking at various fundraisers to help raise funds for their upcoming Mental Wellness Week this coming spring
- Have started a weekly monday mantra on the announcements which provides students and staff with an inspirational quote or saying to motivate them for the upcoming week.

The GSA

- Organized a moment of silence for Trans Remembrance Day which included a presentation
- And have been collecting clothing for a clothing swap.

Fine Arts Programs

- Chapters Night was a success, was well attended by students, staff, and families of the school. Student performers did an outstanding job. Thank you to music director Mrs. Evoy and parent Mr. Darrell Power for their help.
- According to the fine arts reps we have seen an increase in participation in the fine arts programs, which is great to see!
- Musician of the Month is Mackenzie Broders
- Actor of the Month is Jared Rumsey
- Artist of the Month is Jillian Flynn

Athletics

- Dodgeball went well
- Boys Indoor Soccer team competed at 4A's this past week and were awarded the Sportsmanship Banner. Player Adam Gilbert was awarded the sportsmanship player award.
- Junior and Senior Boys B basketball teams have both hosted tournaments this past month here at the school
- Senior A Girls and Boys basketball teams have been competing in tournaments this past month and are set to play in sweet sixteen this weekend at the Sports Center
- Boys hockey team have played a few games and the team is coming together very well.
- Volleyball has started
- There was a session after school yesterday and one tomorrow in regards to the sport of ultimate frisbee, all students are invited to attend.

School Events

- Chapters Night
- Fall Craft Fair

Student Concerns

- Lunchtime Duration
- Leaving class early for sport games
- Doors locked in cafeteria at lunch

Appendix II

Principal Report - December 12th 2017

Submitted by Ms. Bridget Ricketts

1. November Reporting Period
 - a. Analysis of results show a few areas of concern
 - i. Early identification of students at risk
 - ii. Academic interventions
 - b. concern with Gradebook showing current grades
2. Student Achievement
 - a. ASDR is still being finalized. We will publish in January.
3. Recent Professional Development Day - Dec. 1.
 - a. School is modelling how to use Google Classroom by doing this with all staff and having them log in to Google Chromebooks.
 - b. Mental Health Literacy - Go To Training
4. Asked to sit on Premier's Task for School Early Leaving Prevention.
5. Cap and Gown Format discussed and decided on