



WATERFORD VALLEY  
HIGH SCHOOL

## School Council Meeting Minutes - January 10th 2018

### Attending

Bridget Ricketts, Ex Officio Secretary  
**(Principal)**  
Janice Cooper, Parent Representative  
Clara McCue, Parent Representative  
Michelle Hounsell, Teacher  
Representative **(Vice- Chair)**  
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  
Wanda Pelley, Parent Representative

### Regrets

Cheryl Tucker, Teacher Representative  
Rob Butt, Community Representative  
Claudette Brokenshire, Parent  
Representative  
Wendy Read, Parent Representative

### And

Jim Sinnott, Director of Facilities &  
Custodial Management for NLESD

### **1. Call to Order and Introductions**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:20PM. Those present introduced themselves to the visitors.

### **2. Parking Lot**

A discussion occurred regarding issues with the Parking lots during the drop off and pick up period. There were various solutions brought up by the council including rerouting the buses, addition of another entrance, utilization of staff members to direct traffic, and limiting pick up to the student parking lot. The council came to the conclusion to continue public education on this matter to try and elevate the issues that are currently being experienced.

### **3. Adaption of Minutes**

The adaption of the minutes from the December meeting is deferred to the February meeting.

### **4. School Development**

The school development updates is deferred to the February meeting.

### **5. Fundraising Requests**

There were four fundraising requests that were discussed by the council.

#### **5.1 Coffee House (Social Justice Committee)**

Scheduled to take place on 02.22.18

Raised funds will be donated to the Fallen Soldier Campaign

*Moved by All to approve this Fundraiser*

#### **5.2 Tournament (Senior Girls B Basketball Team)**

Scheduled to take place on 02.09.18 & 02.10.18

Raised funds will be used by the team to cover future tournaments

*Moved by All to approve this Fundraiser*

#### **5.3 Goods Bingo (Waterford Valley High Fundraising Committee)**

Scheduled to take mid April

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

*Moved by All to approve this Fundraiser*

#### **5.4 Showcase (Improv Team)**

Scheduled to take place on 02.08.18

Raised funds will be used by the team to cover participation in tournaments

*Moved by All to approve this Fundraiser*

### **6. Principal Report**

The report is attached as Appendix I

### **7. Student Report**

The report is attached as Appendix II

### **8. 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.

### **9. Adjournment**

Mr. Alan O'Brien motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Liam Warren.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:03PM

**Appendix I**  
**Principal Report - January 10th 2018**  
Submitted by Ms. Bridget Ricketts

1. Welcomed five MUN Teaching Interns.
2. Review of Cap and Gown ceremony in Dec.
  - a. Very positive feedback about format. Professional photographer, timing, etc.
  - b. Concern with Date as busy season for Christmas. Staff have debated and discussed the pros and cons and decided to try next year a day time Cap and Gown Ceremony.
  - c. Staff voted on two separate occasions and vote was unanimous that the ceremony would be held on the day before the final day (Possible Dec. 20 th next year) at 10am in the morning.
  - d. Recognized that Christmas is a very stressful time of year with so many events. Felt it was important to have this Cap & Gown in late December as many of our top students who attend university out of province can only attend at this time. To have the event during the work day would reduce stress of other activities for attendees.
  - e. Points to consider:
    - i. All current students would be invited to attend. Very high educational value to see your peers walk across the stage and receive their diploma.
    - ii. Some concern with numbers. Gym has a capacity of 1133. We would have to limit each Graduate to TWO guests. May have to rent chairs.
    - iii. Some concerns with parking however not felt to be a cancelling factor.
    - iv. MUN has daytime convocations and it is the practice at many educational institutes.
    - v. Bishops College hosted Cap and Gown during the daytime from 2012 til the school closed had much positive feedback. There were a few concerned parents that had to rearrange work schedules to get the day off but many countered that taking a day off during the Christmas season is a benefit.
3. Exam schedule released. Exams don't start til Jan 29th . District office mandated that large schools can have an extra day but must be applied at the end thus exams will end on Feb. 5, Monday.
4. Tight timeline to allow teachers to get marking completed and for the report card process and parent teacher interviews completed by Feb. 16th . Four Day Feb 16 - 19th .
5. Powerschool parent portal will show a true reflection of grade at the end of reporting period.
6. Discussed thoroughly how the school can help students cope with exam stress. Going to have a 'depressor' week with lunch activities. Also best depressor is to encourage students to PREPARE

**Appendix II**  
**Student Report - January 10th 2018**

Submitted by Mr. Alan O'Brien, Mr. Liam Warren, & Ms. Katherine Dibbon

1. Student Government

Student Spirit Week with a Holiday Theme was held December 18th-22nd 2017

1. Strong focus on promotion. Student Government's Public Relations committee created a video promoting the week that can be viewed on the Waterford Valley High website home page

House System:

Four houses, each headed by a member of Student Government Executive. Participation in these events was high and we believe that the increase was due to the incentive created by the house system. We are currently addressing improvements in the real-time of points as this was brought up as an issue.

2. Fine Arts Department

**Christmas Concert** (December 14th 2017)

1. Well attended (estimated 150 people)
2. Great performances by the concert choir, concert band, jazz band, string ensemble, and the newly formed Dance team on
  1. Matinee performance (December 15th 2017) for St. Theresa's and Hazelwood went over well on December 15th 2017
  2. Student Mackenzie Broders arranged and conducted a medley of Zelda, very cool!

3. Concert Choir was able to perform at **Cap and Gown**

4. **Variety show** on the last day of school part of Spirit Week (approx. 15 students participated)

5. Preparing for **Rotary Music Festival** (End of April early May)

3. Sports

1. Boys Senior A Basketball are hosting a tournament this weeked at WVH
2. Senior A Girls Basketball are busy playing in tournaments over the next few months
3. The school now has an ultimate frisbee team

4. Boys Junior Basketball team hosted a tournament in December
5. Boys hockey team continues to play in games as well
4. Other Business
  1. Waterford Valley High's Second Annual Cap and Gown was held on December 20th, this was a success
  2. Social Justice Stocking drive - 55 stocking plus boxes of leftover hygiene items were delivered to Thrive, a huge increase from last years numbers
  3. Students are preparing to study for their midterms taking place January 29th to February 5th
5. Remembering DK
  1. The Student Government is hosting a Tribute Winter Rugby Game for Mr. Danny King, this event took place last year as well.
  2. This event will be taking place on the two year anniversary of Mr. King's passing , Next Wednesday January 17th 2018 on the school rugby pitch
  3. It will be a non contact game of flag rugby played between the girls and boys rugby team reffed by Mr. Morgan Lovell, Executive Director of Swilers Rugby club and a good friend of Mr. King
  4. Local Media has been invited to attend
  5. Mr.King's family, friends, teammates and former students have all been invited through the Facebook event
  6. Swilers Rugby Club has promoted the event through their Facebook and Twitter accounts
  7. Student Government hopes this will become an annual event at the school to help Mr. King's legacy live on
  8. Members of school council are invited to attend
6. Concerns
  1. Pricing of the Cafeteria Food
  2. Garbage in the student parking lot