

Welland Centennial Secondary School

Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Monday January 21, 2013

**In Attendance;**

Sherrill Roberts, Elizabeth Maltais, Kelly Chuckry, Terry Gilbert, Shelley Cutts, Cathy Alakas, Charles Voth, Ann Lalonde, Pam Swick Janjac, Natalie Mercier, Dan Saint-Laurent, Larry Lemelin, Roberta Deba (staff advisor/secretary), Deb Braun (chair), Paula Mackinnon (principal), Norbert Kuebeck (vice principal), Tara Lundy (Prime Minister)

Regrets: Kelly Chuckry, Carol-Ann Skulj-Thompson

**Meeting Start 7:03 pm**

**Welcome and Happy New Year**

**Professional Development: Neil Ridley, NRP school constable**

Due to the fact Neil had another appointment we started with his presentation.

Neil is assigned at Centennial, Notre Dame, E.L. Crossley, Jean Vanier, Confederation and Eastdale

It is a pro-active approach to help break down the barriers between students and the police. There is a dedicated police constable at every DSBN and Catholic highschool.

Neil rotates between the schools or goes where/when he is needed

The program is geared towards school safety and to educate the students on decisions they make, threats, bullying etc. but it is not an extension of the school discipline process.

Neil can be reached at ~ [9272@nrps.on.ca](mailto:9272@nrps.on.ca) or by calling the police station and he is at extension 3317

Neil shared a few “flags” for parents to look for with their children.

~regularly “google” your child’s name particularly under “google images”

**Approval of the minutes ~ passed and approved**

## **Student Council Report (Tara Lundy)**

Due to upcoming exams Student council is a bit “quiet” right now.

They had their Christmas dance and also a food drive that brought in over 1000 canned food items

The talent show was also a big success

Feb. 22 is the Semi-Formal dance at Club Castropignano

6:30 – 10:00pm tickets are \$40

Outside students will be allowed but must sign in and be registered at another highschool.

They will be running the Matchmaker programme for Valentine’s for a \$2 fee. Matchmaker is a fun “who’s your match” game. Students fill out questionnaires and then they get “matched up” with someone else

**Chair Report:** Deb Braun

Nothing to report at this time

**Administrator’s Report:** (Paula and Norbert)

The Labour strife is still on due to Bill 115

On Dec. 10 extra curriculums ended until teachers’ bargaining rights are restored

Dec. 31 contract negotiations ended and the Minister imposed a contract

Unions announced a teacher walkout on Jan. 11 for Elementary teachers and Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> for Secondary Teachers. The Labour Relations Board declared the walkouts illegal so the unions backed down and after the initial walkout on Jan. 11 no more would take place

In theory, the union can’t tell members they can’t not do extra curricular activities, it is a personal choice however they are **STRONGLY** encouraged to not participate in extra curricular activities until the situation gets resolved.

Grade 8 Open House was well attended with an estimate of 160 families. Approximately 140 of those families were from Feeder Schools

Sr. Drama showcase is being held on Wed. Jan 23 at 7pm and the Gr. 10 class will be doing a piece on anti-bullying.

Exams start on Fri. Jan 25 at 8:30 am and run until Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>

Gr. 9 and 10 students can be exempt from Open and Applied classes if they meet certain criteria. They can choose to write the exam without the risk of lowering their mark in the event the exam does not go well.

Semester 2 begins on Feb. 1. Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> is an early release day and there is no school on the 18<sup>th</sup> due to Family Day.

On March 7<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm Laurie Flasko will be doing an Anti-Bullying presentation. The flyer will be mailed to all on the email list.

There are 2 local fundraising efforts:

the Turner Cup (in memory of Julia Turner) is Feb 9<sup>th</sup> at Chippawa Park

Education Foundation Niagara will be running the Make Change for Children campaign from Feb. 25 – March 1

The renovations are coming along. The electrical work should be complete in March. Some painting has taken place and the cafeteria is currently being painted

Paula brought some of the new logo promotional items and everyone got to choose something to take home

Thanks Paula!

### **Round Table**

It was pointed out that t-shirts were given to all the Gr.8's in the feeder schools...parents though it was a great idea!

It was discussed again to invite feeder school parent council members to our parent council meetings. Contact with the feeder school councils will be made to start getting some information out to them.

Should we do a fan out calling to all centennial parents to invite/remind them of the upcoming council meetings? Many thought it is a good idea!

Meeting Adjourned at 8:38pm

Next Meeting Monday February 25, 7:00pm.