

Centennial Secondary School Council
Monday October 17, 2011 7pm
Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Deb Braun, Alison Peloquin, John McDowell, Terry Gilbert, Paula Martin, Robin Laing, Susan Davies, Jennifer Tanouye, Elizabeth Maltais, Shirley Payne, Sherrill Roberts, Lee Bateman, Larry Lemelin (Communittee Rep), Paula MacKinnon (principal), Jane Kopp (vice-principal), Andrew Kain (student teacher), Nyle Collins (student council), Sophie Helpard (student council)

Regrets:

Meeting Start: 7:03PM

Welcome : Deb Braun

Approval of Minutes

Student council report:

Nyle and Sophie- Welcoming activities: corn roast in court yard, handed out ears of corn for free to engage student participation. Catch a slice for grade 9 students paired with grade 12's playing fun games, getting to know each other. The Pep rally before long weekend was very successful, the football team won their first home game. Spirit week was very successful with lots of involvement.

They chose 4 grade 9 students to participate on the council, by having events and interviews.

Lots of plans for this year and looking forward to them. Involved in the student trustee senate and very excited to discuss with other students and getting ideas.

Future events:

Halloween dance, is typically the best turn out. Only Centennial students allowed to this event. Side event in the school during the dance is the haunted house, gives other students things to do if they don't want to dance. Pumpkin carving will take place thru out that same day.

Turkey bowling gets set up in cafeteria, 4lb hens and it works like shuffle board.

Chair's Report:

The education foundation of Niagara are having an event. Student needs Sat Nov 26, dinner with silent auction.

Wed Nov 3rd. Achieving Success together, you should register if you plan on attending. DSBN.org you can register online.

Administrator Report:

Flyer of Aboriginal identification should have went home with every student with early bird reports.

Parent teacher interviews Tues Oct 17. First come first serve, 5 min time slots.

Book when you arrive.

Mid semester report Nov 17

PA day, Teacher and Administrator learning, staff were put into groups work on an activity making placemats with learning strategies, exit cards, how do we know kids are learning. Assessment and evaluation and what gets put on the report card. Staff are wanting to give an accurate picture of how the student is doing. Worked on technology in the afternoon.

There is another PA day in May.

Upcoming events:

Oct. 14 ~ progress reports go home

Oct. 18 ~ Parent/Teacher interviews

Oct. 27 ~ Halloween Dance

Nov 2 – take your kids to work day

- hosting grade 7 and 8 holocaust symposium while grade 9 students are out

Car accident event/BYOB tomorrow

School improvement plan, setting new goals this year. Paula will bring a draft to the next council meeting.

Professional Development:

Overview of assessment and evaluation policy. A document is available on line.

An overview of the fundamental components of the policy. Brochure handed out.

How to support student learning and what is the difference between assessment and evaluation.

A 2 page handout, outlines basic principles of assessment and evaluation. It is included in the student agenda. Something new this year, minimum report card mark, the ministry policy says the minimum grade will be 35%, even if the student hands in nothing. The comments will reflect that the student has not earned the grade but it is a minimum. There is now a board wide policy on late assignments.

Round Table:

Susan Davies: fundraiser concern, beer for a year, parents selling tickets in the community. Have to be 19 to purchase tickets, it is licensed. It is for support of the

cheerleaders. Was once a big issue. It seemed like the students were participating in the event.

Paula is going to monitor to make sure there is no issue or bad press.

Alison Peloquin: Last month we didn't do an election for our student community rep.

Larry Lemelin was nominate for student community rep.

Charles Voth: A new schedule was proposed to shortened classes to have a study period at other schools. 5 periods thru the school day, to have a multi subject instructional period. Some schools like it. It would have to be discussed with the staff. MSIP

LarryLemlin: Is offering support to parents, SALEP Helps students get over their challenges to attend school. Some students just want to go to work and not go to school. There is a committee that helps these students get over their challenges. If you know of students that have any problems, there is help.

Lorie Brown: Concerns with the consistency of the truancy policy that the teachers abide by. Her son misses school a lot and there doesn't seem to be any discipline. She also called and left messages to try to find out directly from the teachers and didn't receive a call back from any of the 2 teachers she called.

Deb's challenge- Deb would like the parents to go to the website and have a look. Come next month with some comments.

Next Meeting Mon November 21, 7:00PM

Meeting adjourned 8:20pm.