

**Welland Centennial Secondary School**  
**Parent Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday November 19, 2012**

**Attendance:**

Sherrill Roberts, Elizabeth Maltais, , Terry Gilbert, Shelley Cutts, Cathy Alakas, Ann Lalonde, Dan Saint Laurent, Larry Lemelin, Wendy Davies (School Nurse), Roberta Deba (Staff advisor/Secretary), Deb Braun (Chair), Paula Mackinnon (Principal), Norbert Kuebeck (Vice Principal), Tara Lundy (Prime Minister)

Regrets: Kelly Chuckry, Pam Swick Janjac

**Meeting Start: 7:03 pm**

**Student Council Report (Tara Lundy)**

- Grandparents Tea will be on December 7, 2012 from 1:15 to 2:20. Sign-up sheets will be available this Friday.
- Talent show auditions will begin this week.
- Tree decorating will occur on Tuesday.
- The Christmas food drive is planned for the second week of December.
- The Christmas dance is on December 12.

**Professional Development: School Nurse (Wendy Davies)**

- Wendy informed council about the services provided by the School Nurse to Welland Centennial
  - Teacher Support
    - Curriculum support such as resources, classroom presentations, peer to peer training
    - Consultation re: health issues
    - Brief one on one intervention counselling
  - Parent Support
    - Distribution of Parent Resource Guide
    - Emergency Crisis assistance
      - **COAST** (Crisis Outreach And Support Team, 1-800-263-4944)
      - This information will be added as a link under **Resources** on the website.
    - Positive Parenting Program
      - Courses provided to parents of children 2 to 12 years and for parents of adolescents 12 to 16 years.
  - Student Education for the following topics
    - Healthy relationships; the Region has a partnership with the NRP to provide education regarding relationship issues.
    - Mental Health presentations
      - Youth Net – pilot project to help youth acquire knowledge, develop life skills and form attitudes to enable them to become self-directing adults.
    - Healthy Lifestyles – Nutrition and Exercise
    - Parenting classes
    - Substance Abuse Prevention
    - Tobacco Use Prevention

- Wendy discussed that there will be an assembly in Semester 2 for girls related to the FUEL program (Females Using Energy for Life).
- The Unconscious Truth – The Physical and Legal Effects of Underage Binge Drinking. This 40 minute DVD was discussed as a method of educating students and their parents about the dangers of binge drinking and parent supplied alcohol.
- Elizabeth Maltais asked if counselling is available for boys regarding nutrition and safe methods of weight gain. Wendy responded that many resources are available.
- Paula added that it is nice to have a school nurse attached to the school. Wendy is available two days per week and she works on the in-school team with administration and staff.
- Larry suggested that the region should offer presentations for the parents to advise them of all the information that is available and how to access it. Wendy responded that social media is being used to inform parents and teachers about resources available.
- Deb will seek permission and try to load the Parenting Resource Guide on the website. Also, the Talking to Your Teen about Drugs publication.

### **Administrator's Report**

#### Norbert Kuebeck – Vice-Principal

- Sixteen security cameras are now working on the first floor of the school and outside. Cameras will be added upstairs in the near future.
- A School Resource Officer (SRO) has been added to the school. Neil Ridley is the name of the officer and he is visible within the school in an effort to make the school safer. Cathy Alakas asked if the drug dogs have come in to Centennial. Norbert responded that the dogs have been in, and it is something that can be looked at in the future. They cannot be used for fishing; there must be reasonable and probable cause to bring the dogs in. Paula added that the success of the dogs is hit or miss.
- November 1-8, Arts Road Show went out to eight feeder schools. Centennial teachers, Mr. Braun, Ms. Wilde and Ms. Nuefeld were involved in the activity.
- November 27 – Grade 8 Day. The feeder schools are invited to Centennial. The focus is the electives as well as the extended French program.
- January 16 – Open House
- Girls Basketball – The team won Zone 3 and will be travelling to Sault Ste. Marie for OFSAA. They will be flying out of Toronto and will be gone from Wednesday to Saturday.
- Report cards will be mailed out this Thursday November 22.
- Norbert is the chair of the In-School Student Success Team. This team identifies students at risk of losing a credit and puts interventions in place such as homework club and parental contact.

#### Paula MacKinnon – Principal

- Take Our Kids to Work Day occurred on November 7. Most of the grades 9's were out of the building. Centennial hosted the Elementary Holocaust session with a keynote speaker and breakout activities in the classrooms.
- The electrical work continues in the building. New panel boxes are being installed as well as better lighting in the classrooms.
- Paula distributed statistics regarding student achievement at Centennial and a working copy of the school improvement plan. This plan will be review during the school year. Literacy, numeracy and student success are the focus.
- Cathy Alakas asked if the coaching project still exists. Paula indicated that it does still exist.

- Larry offered to assist at the Open House on January 16. Other parents offered as well.
- Paula and Norbert mentioned that they will be visiting feeder schools in December and January.

### **Round Table**

- Cathy A thanked the school for the call outs regarding the Grade 12 information sessions.
- Elizabeth M commented on parent-teacher interview night. Ambassadors seemed to be less organized than last year. Discussion as to how it could be better organized. Numbering system suggested – give parents a slip with time on it. Bell system also suggested.
- Larry mentioned that OSM Solar Corp. is interested in partnering with Centennial to provide solar energy based content. This resource is available to any interested teachers. This organization wants to make a connection with secondary schools in Niagara.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Next meeting Monday, January 21, 2013, 7pm.