

Welland Centennial Secondary School

Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Monday September 24, 2012

**In Attendance;**

Sherrill Roberts, Elizabeth Maltais, Kelly Chuckry, Carol-Ann Skulj-Thompson, Cathy Alakas, Lise Carrier, Natalie Mercier, Ann Lalonde, Deb Braun (acting chair), Paula Mackinnon (principal), Tara Lundy (Prime Minister)

**Meeting Start 6:50 pm**

Welcome: Deb Braun, welcomed New Parents and everyone did introductions. There was some discussion re: the confusion of the meeting start time and lack of communication regarding the first meeting due to some data loss over the summer.

A short break was taken to allow time for others who may have thought the meeting was at 7pm. The meeting resumes at approximately 7:10pm

**Student Council Report**

Tara, the new Prime Minister, outlined the success of the corn roast and thanked all of those who offered their help and support in making it a success.

Spirit Week is about to kick off with a variety of activities and theme days planned. Friday will see "catch a slice of cougar life" a fun afternoon planned by student council for the incoming Grade 9 students.

Student Council will be seeking 3 Gr. 9 reps and that selection process involves several activities and interviews before a final selection will be made.

They are also working on the Hallowe'en Dance which will be held at the end of October

**Chair Report:** no news to report at this time

**Administrator's Report:**

Paula outlined the new staff at Centennial including our new Vice-Principal Norbert Kuebeck.

Upcoming dates were outlined:

PA day Oct. 5, Progress reports Oct. 12, Parent Teacher Interviews Oct. 18,  
Halowe'en Dance Oct. 25

She updated us on the progress of the electrical and renovations, as well as the new security cameras and the plan to create a vocal/dance studio.

Cougar Wear was ordered in advance this year and the stock sold really well at the Gr.9 parent night. Orders will also be taken and due to the success of the sales so far, more stock will be ordered to have available at various functions.

It was decided to defer elections to the next meeting due to the lack of communication and start time error of this meeting. Elections will be held on Oct 15<sup>th</sup>. It was also decided in a vote to confirm that the start time will be 7:00pm and no 6:30pm

There is a new Niagara Regional police Officer assigned to our school as well as EL Crossley, Eastdale and Notre Dame. His Name is Neal Ridley and he will be available as a resource to students, parents and the staff at Centennial

### **Professional Development:**

Paula did an informative presentation on the Grade 9 Ontario Literacy Test Results as well as outlined the results of the “Demonstration or Learning” Pilot project in semester 2 of last year. The pilot has been expanded for 2012-2013 to include all applied level and open level classes in Gr. 9 and 10.

There were handouts that explain everything in detail

Please note they are posted on the School website under “School Council”

There was then open discussion regarding ideas for future PD topics. Some ideas were to have our NRP officer come in and speak to parents , graduate info and all the questions that applying for college/university entails. It was suggested that Mr. Sardella could come in and discuss these things. It was suggested that maybe someone could come and do an overview of all of the clubs and extra-curriculars Centennial offers. There were also ideas of motivation speakers and the potential of opening up certain engagements to other schools and parents

### **Round Table**

Website.....again addressed as needing to be updated. Deb offered Dave Braun to assist Paula in getting a School Council Link set up.

Ann Lalonde pointe out that yet again our Parent Teacher interviews conflict with other schools making it difficult for families who have children in different schools.

There was a question regarding ski club...is there one?

Rave reviews of the registration process this year. The Early registration was a huge success and it will continue to be done this way.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:11 pm Next Meeting Monday Oct. 15, 7:00pm.