

Welland Centennial Secondary School

Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Monday October 15, 2012

**In Attendance;**

Sherrill Roberts, Elizabeth Maltais, Kelly Chuckry, Carol-Ann Skulj-Thompson, Alison Peloquin, Terry Gilbert, Shelley Cutts, Cathy Alakas, John McDowell, Charles Voth, Ann Lalonde, Pam Swick Janjac, Sue Barnett (trustee), Dom Sardella (guidance), Roberta Deba (staff advisor/secretary), Deb Braun (chair), Paula Mackinnon (principal), Tara Lundy (Prime Minister)

Regrets: Lise Carrier

**Meeting Start 7:06 pm**

Elections were held: Deb Braun was voted in as chair, Liz Maltais, vice-chair to be shared with Cathy Alakas and Roberta Deba our staff advisor will also serve as secretary.

**Student Council Report (Tara Lundy)**

Student council was happy to report that 24 Gr.9 students came out to run for Gr.9 rep. 4 students were chosen and the successful candidates are: Olivia Palermo, Justin Dube, Alex Raycroft and Amanda Legault.

They are also working on the Hallowe'en Dance which will be held on October 25<sup>th</sup>. \$5 with a costume and \$7 without. There will be a haunted house and the Gr 10 reps are organizing pumpkin carving. The pumpkins will be lit at the dance

**Chair Report:** Deb Braun

Parent Council now has an active link on the Centennial website homepage. All meeting dates, minutes and other information will be posted on the site.

Parents For Education have a conference coming up in Toronto Nov. 3 and 4. The information and registration info has been posted on the website under the Parents for Education tab. The newsletter has also been posted there

A big thanks to Paula for getting this link up and running.

SUE BARNETT had arrived with some breaking news.....legislature has been prorogued and Dalton McGuinty has resigned.

She also shared that Paula McKinnon has been named to the Minister's Principal Reference Group, which is a great honour! Also Tara Lundy is a student trustee with the DSBN.

Sue also talked a bit about the Education Foundation of Niagara which raises money for students in need .

Oct. 20 is the Winter prom dress project a Thorold High at 9am .. They are looking for and needing donations.

Two dates to take note of Wed. Oct 17 and Thurs Nov. 22. There is an Anti- bullying seminar. The Flyer has been posted on the Parent Council website.

### **Administrator's Report:**

WCSS held their first Cruise night on Sept. 28, 2012 and there were about 50-60 old cars and trucks and a BBQ was also held. The Education Foundation of Niagara will receive approximately \$550 from this effort.

Sr. Girls Basketball made it into the finals in 2 Tournaments.

This past week progress reports were sent home and Parent Teacher interviews will be held on Thursday Oct. 18. Spirit wear will be available that evening.

Kim Wylde and several students will be attending the Positive Space workshop. A series regarding gay and lesbian students and creating an atmosphere of equality and respect, for all the students regardless of race, background, religion or sexual orientation.

Staff Learning will be taking place on the upcoming PA day Nov. 16, 2012. At the last PA day staff members were introduced a new Math Literacy initiative and taking differentiated instruction to a new level through exploring various teaching or learning cycles.

The School is looking at having a new logo that can be used in many different ways, but a logo that really creates a "branding" that can be associated with WCSS.

### **Professional Development: Dom Sardella from Student Services**

There are many upcoming important dates for Gr. 12's intending on graduating. All of these can be found on the guidance website. He also handed out some great sheets regarding applying for University and College. These can be found on the Parent Council website as well as the Guidance site.

There will be a parent night on Nov. 7 at 6:30 pm with Brock U and Niagara College reps talking about not only their schools but also "things to know" as the kids get ready to apply. They will also have a general question and answer session.

Dom also outlined scholarship info and websites to help prepare the students for applying to schools as well as for scholarships.

These can all be found on the Guidance Website.

### **Round Table**

Fundraising was discussed. Can the school or parent council or alumni do fundraising for things such as football bleachers. Ultimately....yes as long as the money is not used for fundamentals such as textbooks.

Dom emphasized that to reduce application stress.....students and families should apply early! It was asked if there is info applying out of Province. Dom has requested that students contact him directly and he will work with them one on one as dates vary from school to school.

A question was raised as to why Eastdale had done the food at the Craft Show. Sue Barnett addressed this as they had applied and received permission to do so as a fundraiser.

Sue also addressed schools at risk for poverty and asked us to remember to keep the doors and opportunities open for other schools to address this issue.

Shelley Cutts has hosted 3 girls from France and she praised Centennial for how accommodating the school has been . The Girls are loving their time here. Kudos all around to the Centennial community

Nov. 3 there is a community food drive....volunteers would be appreciated.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:42 pm

Next Meeting Monday Nov. 19, 7:00pm.