

Welland Centennial Secondary School
Parent Council Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2013

In Attendance;

Sherrill Roberts, Elizabeth Maltais, Terry Gilbert, Cathy Alakas, John McDowell, Ann Lalonde, Nikki O'Carroll, Natalie Mercier, Larry Lemelin, Dan Saint-Laurent, Roberta Deba (staff advisor/secretary), Deb Braun (chair), Norbert Kuebeck (Vice-principal), Tara Lundy (Prime Minister)

Regrets: Paula MacKinnon, Cathy Alakas, Sue Barnett, Shelley Cutts, Pam Swick-Janjac

Meeting Start 7:05 pm

Student Council Report (Tara Lundy)

Feedback from the Semi Formal was positive, although the students would like the hours to be extended. Thank you to parent chaperones.

March 4-8 is School Spirit week. On Friday, Andy Thibadeau will be the guest speaker at the Spirit Day Assembly.

Easter egg hunt is planned as well as door decorating for Easter week.

Chair Report: Deb Braun

Thank you to parents and administration for assisting with the Semi-Formal and the dances.

Suggested meeting with feeder school parent councils.

Deb will talk to Paula about phone call out to current parents about parent council meetings. Norbert suggested including something in midterm report cards.

Deb will update the parent council website.

Professional Development – Nikki Cordiner, Coordinator, Niagara Safety Village and Co-Chair for Niagara Kids Help Phone

Nikki provided information related to the Kids Help Phone. Services are available for 5-20 year olds. Pre-teen and teens tend to use the on-line services.

Services available include a live on-line chat with counselors, and a cell phone app.

Confidentiality is stressed. Most calls are related to mental health, peer issues (bullying) and family issues.

Kids Help Phone is also on Facebook.

The Jack Project is involved in public speaking engagements and does fundraising that goes back to the Kids Help Phone.

Walk So Kids Can Talk is a fundraising event on May 5, 2013 to support the Kids Help Phone.

Administrator’s Report:

Extracurricular activities have returned as of February 22.

This Thursday, February 28, is the start of the Tribune Basketball Tournament. The students have the opportunity buy in and watch at game at Centennial at 1:30pm.

School trip to Italy and France will occur on March Break.

Kevin Krasney was awarded the Lincoln Fabrics award for outstanding teacher.

Norbert discussed the first semester results and the success of the exam exemption program for the applied level students. This exam exemption will exist in second semester as well. The following is a table of credits completed by grade.

Grade	Percentage of Credits Completed
9	89%
10	83%
11	75%

Norbert mentioned the continuing efforts of the literacy and numeracy teams as well as the SSSSI project (Grade 10 Applied level focus). The EQAO Literacy Test will occur on April 11.

March 19, progress reports will be distributed.

March 21, parent-teacher interviews.

Round Table

No comments.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 pm

Next Meeting Monday April 11, 7:00pm.