I.E. WELDON SECONDARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Minutes for Monday, November 20th, 2017 – Time 7:00 p.m.

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Present – Jacqueline Geerlinks, Evan Lang, Lynda Craven, Lauren Goode, Angela Piggott

Regrets – Kristine Boles, Anne Marie Sinasac-Roy, Yvette Roy, Erin Matthew

2. Approval of Agenda

Approved by Lynda; seconded by Evan.

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

Approved by Lynda; seconded by Lauren.

4. New Business

None

5. Correspondence

No new correspondence.

6. Reports

SAC - Lauren Goode, Premier

- We had a strong group of Grade 9 reps apply for council, and in the end, we decided to
 go against the norm of a boy and a girl or two girls, and chose two male candidates to
 join our council, as they were the strongest contenders and could provide some much
 needed humour and unbiased opinion to our council.
- Our Fair Parade Float was highly successful. Despite our sound system not working 100%, we all had a great time and represented Weldon well, with a full float and tons of spirit.
- Our Terry Fox Campaign went quite well. We sold grilled cheese, did a jelly bean jar, and donated proceeds from our Hawaiian Dance to the campaign, and gathered \$2000 for the cause. Because we lost, we don't get to see AU dress up in tutus and put on a 'Trophies and Tiaras' Beauty Pageant, but instead we have to perform a song and dance dedicated to the AU at Antics in April.
- We've had two dances since our last meeting, and they were both highly successful. Our Hawaiian Dance on September 29th was not our best attended dance, but we did see a lot of Grade 9s and 10s, which gave them a good chance to experience a dance before they attended one of our more busy events.

- Our Halloween Dance on October 27th is always highly attended, and this year we were
 glad to see plenty of grade variation in attendance. Everyone looked so good! We had a
 costume contest and awarded Scariest to Ben Hainer (who was dressed as a character
 from District 9), Best Pair to Sasha Harrison and Angela Oh as Lilo and Stitch, and SAC
 favourite, Haleigh Kimble-Mahoney who was dressed as Beetlejuice.
- Our next upcoming dance will be December 1st, and it's our annual Snowball Semi Formal, with a 'Belle of the Ball' theme. Tickets will be on sale starting Wednesday for \$13 each or 2 for \$25. Tickets need to be pre-purchased for the event, and they will be sold until November 30th in the atrium at lunch. Sign-ins are always welcome and will be available beside tickets. Sign-in tickets need to be pre-purchased as well. Candy Grams will also be sold in the atrium to ask someone to attend the dance for \$2, and will be delivered to the person Thursday period 4 or you can take it with you. They will be sold alongside tickets in the atrium.
- Weldon Wear is currently on sale by order form now. This order will arrive by Christmas, and is due November 30th! They make a great Christmas gift!
- Our annual 12 Days of Christmas classroom challenge will be starting shortly, with all supplies raised going to the Kawartha Lakes Food Source yet again.
- Christmas Spirit Week is also coming up quickly, with plenty of fun events and handouts for students courtesy of SAC. All information for spirit week will be posted on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.
- Ally Harrison, our representative at the G7 council, just finished school tours last week to
 inform leadership students of the G7 council and their role. They were very good, and
 she enjoyed seeing the different school environments within our board. HSe had lots of
 ideas to share with us including the "Where are they now?" board for graduating
 students that Ally will head up.

Canadian 150 Challenge Dec 8

Government Grant

Lots of activities and prizes for students who participate

Wellness Week January before exams

Great Grain Challenge semester 2

- -Collecting grain products for local foodbanks
- In the next few months, we are looking at a dance in February/March, Spirit Week, The SAC Classroom Challenge, and Ally's Wellness Week in January.

Staff - none

Principal – Angela Piggott

- School enrolment at present is 1049 students (1071 students at the beginning of the school year).
- Overall student results at the Interim Report distributed on November 17th

 of 3890 courses being attempted, current failure rate is 4.6%.

- Student Success meetings are held regularly with staff (admin, guidance, Student Success, Spec Ed, and the Student Services Attendance Counsellor) upon receiving referrals for students who require extra support to be successful.
- Our annual Honours and Awards Assembly was held on Thursday, November 2nd at 8:30 a.m. We celebrated the successes of the undergraduates – those students from Gr. 9-12. 326 students received Honours certificates and 59 awards were handed out. Our top proficiency winners in each grade were:

Grade 9 – Sarah Bottomley 97.38%

Grade 10 – Zach Wood 97.38%

Grade 11 – Myriam Oliver & Tiffany Wong both had 96.57%

- Our SAC Premier and Deputy Premier (Lauren Goode and Catherine Cadigan) participated in the Capital Experience Program in Ottawa from October 22nd – October 24th. The program is sponsored by Jamie Schmale, M.P. for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock.
- Our Parents' Night for this semester was held on Thursday, October 26th from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. We held a Vendor Sale and Silent Auction for the first time as a fundraiser for our Terry Fox campaign.
- On October 30th, we hosted David Phillips, climatologist with Environment Canada as part of the Stinson Memorial Lecture Series. Approximately 180 science students listened to Mr. Phillips share stories and the science behind our weather patterns.
- G7 School Tour took place on November 10th. The G7 consists of student reps from each high school who participate in leadership opportunities across the Board. The G7 group presented to student leaders in our school about upcoming events and explained how students may run for G7 reps in their schools in the spring.
- Our annual Remembrance Day assemblies were held for all students on November 10th. The theme this year was Vimy Ridge.
- We held a Youth Fair during the lunch hour on November 14th sponsored by the Kawartha Youth Engagement Committee. Various displays included reps from Canadian Mental Health, The Warehouse from Kawartha Lakes Boys and Girls Club, Chimo, Health Unit, and the OPP. The therapy dogs were very popular.
- November 24th P.A. Day no classes
- Weldon Wear is now available. Orders are due by November 30th for delivery by Christmas.
- School Cash Online will begin in December. We are still receiving training on this new system.
- TLAC applications are now available online at tldsb.ca/tlac.

Registration received by December 22nd \$450 Registration received after December 22nd \$500

More than one student attending TLAC \$400/student

 Every school in Ontario is required to complete a School Climate Survey as mandated by the Ministry of Education. Our students will be completing this survey over the next two weeks. Staff will complete a survey in the spring. Parents are also asked to complete a survey. We will be sending this information out to parents and they will have until December 1st to participate in the survey.

- Our Safe & Accepting Schools Team is brainstorming ideas about a Superheroes Kindness Week from December 4th – 8th. December 8th is also our Teacher Talent Show for Terry Fox and the G7's Celebrate Canada Day.
- Winter Sports

Junior Boys Basketball – Leslie Creeden

Senior Boys Basketball – Lucas Sanderson/Kevin Ray

Curling – Katie Forde

Girls Hockey – Peter Downey/Janice Paulin

Swimming – Robin DeShane / Rhonda Dobson / Brittany Zablosky

Junior Girls Volleyball – Leslie Armstrong

Senior Girls Volleyball - Russ Briere

Wrestling – Kirk Wilson / Doc Skeoch/ Sara Hein

- All sports activities and results can be tracked on www.cossa.ca
- Terry Fox Campaign last year we raised over \$53,000 ranked 2nd in the province
 - Happy to report that we have reached this year's goal of raising \$55,000 this year
 - Simon Ward from the Strumbellas will perform in our Teacher Talent Show on December 8th
- Update on Mark Cossarin Mark's condition has improved significantly. The plan is for him to return for Sem 2. Starting this week, he will come in to the school periodically to volunteer with some activities and get reacquainted with the school routine.

7. Other Business

There was some discussion regarding Emergency Procedures and how it would be helpful for parents to have an awareness of what is involved with each procedure; in particular, to have a better understanding of any messages regarding an incident that may be sent out on social media. The Board has produced a common document for all schools to post on site for staff regarding responses to emergency situations. It was suggested that this information be posted on our school's website. Angela will look into this.

8. Motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. by Jacqueline.

Next meeting: Monday, January 22nd – 7:00 pm in room 142

Future Meeting Dates: March 26, 2018

May 28, 2018