

## 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 17<sup>th</sup> – 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> – October 24<sup>th</sup>. 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup>, 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 10<sup>th</sup>. 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 10<sup>th</sup>. The theme this year was Vimy Ridge.
- We held a Youth Fair during the lunch hour on November 14<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> – P.A. Day – no classes
- Weldon Wear is now available. Orders are due by November 30<sup>th</sup> 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](http://tldsb.ca/tlac).
 

Registration received by December 22 <sup>nd</sup>	\$450
Registration received after December 22 <sup>nd</sup>	\$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

