

## School Council Agenda

February 15th, 2023

1) Welcome

2) School Year Calendar Draft - feedback

**Notable: School break ends Dec. 22, 2023. The winter break would be December 23-January 7 inclusive.**

3) Motto feedback

**Parents present were asked to choose 5 qualities from this list to be a part of the consideration for creating a WNSS motto.**

a) Suggested Elementary/Secondary Student Qualities:

i) - Leadership

ii) - Courage

iii) - Dedication

iv) - Teamwork

v) - Innovation

vi) - Effort

vii) - Kindness

viii) - Achievement/accomplishment

ix) - Expression

x) - Strength

xi) - Honesty

xii) - Friendship

xiii) - Pride

xiv) - Unity

#### 4) Washrooms/Vaping - update/information

- a) Washrooms are being checked frequently throughout the day
- b) Students were reminded about expectations (no vaping/smoking, no congregating) for bathrooms and laws around vaping on/near school grounds at start-up assemblies
- c) Congregating students are warned, parents notified, progressive discipline
- d) Vaping students are suspended and bylaw officer is notified - ticket is \$305 (first offense - increases with each subsequent offense)
- e) Students can notify the office or any teacher if they notice congregating in bathrooms/vaping
- f) Stopping/minimizing vaping is a collaborative effort between school and home
- g) Bathrooms are not closed because of vaping or congregating - only plumbing, vandalism as needed

**Fewer issues in Boys' bathrooms. Mr. Miller & VPs are checking on bathrooms consistently each period throughout the day. Boys are more compliant than girls currently, but it is a work in progress. See notes above re: process and procedures at school. Dealing with bathroom/vaping issues is a collaborative effort at school and at home. There is follow-through here at the school level.**

#### 5) EQAO Update - information

**70 students were not successful in the first round of the OSSLT. Parents will be notified next week of the achievement of their students. There will be support put in place for those students that were not successful this time. Tutoring, lunchtime work/practice sessions etc. EQAO Math is later in the month.**

#### 6) Semester 2 and Graduation

**Graduation planned for June 29 at the Meridian Center. 1500 seats in the lower bowl at Meridian Center. Plans are being finalized for that, more details forthcoming. Transportation may be an option for those who might not be able to transport themselves to this venue in St. Catharines. Approx. 350 grads this year. Don't forget about the community service requirements for graduation...40 hours is real! Mr. Miller and Mr. Bosnic have lots of volunteer options available for kids to get hours if needed! Please reach out if you need support for this.**

#### 7) Elearning and Opt-Out Form

**Ministry of Education mandates 2 e-learning courses. However, all students are eligible to opt out of this. Parents can opt their children out of the requirement, but can still take an e-learning class (i.e. summer classes for credit). The form to opt-out is available**

**through the WNSS website. If you print a paper copy of this form it can be brought to Guidance**

a) Current Ministry of Education rules require all students to have 2 elearning courses in order to graduate

b) Parents are allowed to opt out of this requirement (form on website)

c) Even if they opt out, students can still take elearning courses if they wish - it is just that the requirement to do so is waived

8) Athletics Update

**Lots happening for athletics at WNSS! Way to go Wolfpack!**

a) Junior Boys Basketball

Junior Boys Basketball has been competing at a high level with an 8-2 record and finished first in AA Zone 4 Regular Season. Our team is known for its potent offense, the fastbreak and amazing defensive pressure. We have qualified for the Finals against the winner of SWC and Eden for Zone 4. The team is led offensively by Julian Sobota and Owen Bowman. This team has had large contributions from the grade 9 boys (Parker, Jordan, Scott, Ronin, Ben, Trevor).

b) Senior Boys Basketball

Our Senior Boys team are a high flying and uptempo style of basketball. Winner of the Consolation Championship in the St. Paul's Festival of Lights Tournament. The team is currently 4-6 with some close matches (9 points and 10 points) against the no. 1 Sir Winston Churchill team. The team is led by Nate Skeldon, Kabeer Phull, and Tyler Foster.

c) Girls Hockey

The senior girls hockey team is currently tied for first in our division and is first overall in zone 4. The girls have an impressive record of 10 wins, 4 losses, and 1 tie. The team also dominated at the patriot tournament with 4 straight wins to take home the gold. The team is led by our captain Trinity Clark.

d) Boys Hockey

The senior boys team has great leadership through their captain Kelton Mayner. They have competed hard and have lost close games to top teams in the province. The boys continue to persevere as they continue to play with grit and determination.

e) Varsity Boys Curling

Currently, the team is 2-1 and has been playing well. The team is led by Zachary Houston who is the skip.

#### f) Varsity Girls Curling

The girls team is 2-0 and has been playing solid together. Amanda and Riley have led the team with their performances.

#### g) Junior Girls Volleyball

The Junior Girls volleyball team is off to a great season. This team has a 3-3 record, and just played in the Eden tournament on Friday February 10th. Our strong defensive team has been led by our libero Julia Kuzma. The offensive attacks were started by Kiera Bacchus as setter with Brooke Stempski, Julia Green, Kiki Strong, and Lia D'Archi as middle and left-side hitters. The girls will be playing in the Zone Semi-Finals against Sir Winston Churchill.

#### h) Senior Girls Volleyball

Our Senior Girls Volleyball team has played well all season! Sitting at a 4-2 record, the team heads to Eden on Thursday for the AAA Zone Finals. In our previous matchup with Eden we were able to take 1 set in a 3-1 loss. Our senior starting left side and captain Sydney Macdonald has been a strong leader and ambassador for our team.

#### i) Wrestling

The wrestling team, composed of boys and girls, has had an awesome start to their inaugural season. Each wrestler has shown dedication and determination in learning a new sport, and we've had some excellent performances. In two of our tournaments, the Rookie Boys team placed 3rd overall, and our team placed top 10. We also have had over 20 individual top 4 performances over the course of four tournaments. We are looking forward to SOSSA coming February 23 and hope to have a number of our athletes qualify for the OFSAA championships in Ottawa early March.

#### j) Rowing

Our rowing team is in the middle of their Ergatta season - attending and participating in indoor rowing competitions to get ready for our racing season that starts mid March. Next up is our very own Rudernkrieg - being held at WNSS on Saturday February 18.

#### k) Swimming

The first ever WNSS Swim team is making a "splash" this year! After recently competing at SOSSA we are headed to OFSAA on February 28 and March 1st.

#### 9) New School Update

**There are so many things happening at the new build. Over 80% of the classes are painted! In these classrooms, the electrical and HVAC are all being put in too! Lots of progress is being made daily. Several parts of the building have AC, and the remainder of**

**the building uses a system called “tempered air” which cools the majority of the remaining building. This will be a great feature of this fabulous new build. Still aiming for September 2023 for incoming kids. The merger of the 3 schools is going really well. The staff is doing so much to build community and culture at the school, and the kids are very receptive in general.**

10) Theatre Fundraising - Upcoming Events, Corporate Opportunities

**Drama and Music events are supporting the theatre build. More opportunities for donors and sponsorship of seats or other elements of the programming. The Town of Grimsby has heard a proposal regarding usage agreements and support. No decision there. The Town of Lincoln was very supportive and saw this as an opportunity. They have given \$200,000 as a contribution to the theatre.**

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**Dates to be finalized for spring semi-formal for a date in May(?). The Prom date is also to be confirmed for a date in June. Athletic and Arts banquets also to be determined. Some fun opportunities coming up for kids!**

Next Meeting: 19 April 2023