



CENTENNIAL

Public School

Welcome to those attending:

Name	Present	Name	Present
Steven Sherlock	X	Cindy Desbiens	X
Julie Turner	X	Punah Weiberg	X
Heidi Holmes	X	Ningsih Dijong	X
Harish Pawagi	X	Diane Sun	X
Christine Glidden	X	Isabel Hernandez	X
Changling Chen	X	Amy Leroij	X
Julian Zhu	X	Mayumi	X
Alison Jenkins	X	Jenna	X

Student's Report - Erin and Theo

- Erin
 - For grade 8s, this is the first year using rotary and lockers
 - It has been pretty easy, getting class to class without using lockers between classes
 - Good opportunity to socialize between classes
 - Positive experience so far
- Theo
 - More enjoyable than last year
 - There are more fun activities such as clubs; there's something for everyone

Principal's Report - Stephen Sherlock

- We are 8 weeks in already; lots of stuff going on, Centennial is a very energetic and exciting place.
- Through the pandemic we had not been able to use lockers and we have not had rotary classes. Rotary class schedules allow students to have more unstructured times

between classes for socialization and have contributed to a more positive vibe throughout the school.

- This year there are more opportunities to create clubs and to get involved outside of the classroom.
- This year we also have classroom reps (two for each class). They provide a conduit of communication between larger school events; disseminating that info to the classroom then bringing things back to the larger student rep team to guide the school-wide initiatives.
- There are just over 460 students.
 - 8 grade 7 classes (including 3 French Immersion classes)
 - 8 grade 8 classes (including 3 French Immersion classes)
 - 1 congregated enrichment class (limit of 25 students). There is a referral process and it might not be their home school.
 - 1 ACE class (which is a life-skills functioning type class). These students come from a referral program and they might have some learning disabilities. This class is capped at 15 students.
- Staffing Update
 - There is some instability in terms of Educational Assistance; ongoing staffing shortages.
 - Centennial has an EA position that we cannot fill consistently in spite of actively recruiting. Currently using supply EAs, but we do have some gaps in staffing in that regard.
 - Teaching positions are very stable. There are some long-term occasional positions for some teachers who are on leave (e.g. parental leave or medical leave).
 - At the end of Sept Mme. Sendal retired and we are still in the process of securing a core French teacher to replace her. The role is being filled by an occasional teacher at this time. We are close to hiring a full time replacement.
- Operation of the school these days is much more enjoyable with many of the covid restrictions lifted. There are many clubs, extracurriculars, and sports. Some clubs and activities are happening during nutrition break, before school, and after school.
 - Students are made aware of these opportunities via daily announcements, via the Weekly Whiteboard, and via three TV screens that hang in the halls and are strategically located. The TV screens display a rotating slide deck to advertise and announce upcoming events.

- The events whiteboard is also photographed and posted on the school's Instagram account (@cnw_wrdsb)
- Progress Reports
 - Currently staff are working on progress reports for students. There are three times in the school year that parents receive reports. The progress reports are coming home Nov 23rd. These reports reflect the child's abilities at this point in terms of meeting the curriculum. They will show: progressing with difficulty, progressing well, or progressing very well along with some comments from the teachers.
 - There are two more reports that will come home later in the year: Term 1 (which comes home early in 2023), and Term 2 (which comes home at the end of school year).
- IEPs
 - Some students are on an IEP, but the software system that is used for this purpose has not been functioning or available for staff to work on IEPs.
 - Usually by this time in the school year, we would have been in touch with creating the IEP and parents would have received a copy of that IEP.
 - Because the software has been down (due to the data breach), this process has been delayed quite significantly. However, just last week, we were told it's up and running.
 - Teachers are working on IEPs and progress reports at this time.
- Communication
 - School day is a one of the best ways to communicate with parents, and it is used to pay for and sign up for things like pizza day. Parents are encouraged to sign up.
 - The school website is also used for communication (<https://cnw.wrdsb.ca/>). Usually school day information is also posted on the website, if appropriate.
 - An Instagram account is available: @cnw_wrdsb
 - A Twitter account is available as well: @cnw_wrdsb

WRAPSC Update - Heidi Holmes

- WRAPSC involves representatives from all school councils in the WRDSB. We currently have about 60 schools represented.

- Meetings are used to talk about issues that are important to schools in general (e.g. how schools are running). The board might have a representative attend to talk about things that impact all schools.
- This year's focus is Getting Back to Basics and Best Practices. Surveys are sent out each month to see what schools are doing, and then we talk about it at the meeting.
- There was an update from a trustee about Halloween this year at the October meeting.
- The next meeting is November 1st and we will be talking about bylaws and grants. There are two guest speakers this month: Coalition of Muslim Women KW and Volunteer Waterloo Region.
- During the January meeting, we will have a guest speaker from an Indigenous group and will be talking about incorporating their priorities into our schools.

Financial Report - Harish Pawagi

- We retain a 3k minimum float amount in case of emergency
- We have some commitments that are pending withdrawal including:
 - Sound system (\$15,000)
 - Unlearn posters (\$1300)
 - Music and Phys Ed costs (\$2500 reserved; Stephen Sherlock to provide information about what staff want to use funds for, and if this is an adequate amount)
 - Graduation celebrations (\$500)
- With all commitments, and minus the minimum holdback amount, the current amount of funds available for use is \$501.75

Pizza Day Update - Heidi Holmes

- One of the major fundraisers for the school this year will be Pizza days, which will run on Thursdays starting Thursday October 27th.
- Because school day was offline at the beginning of the year, it delayed the start of pizza days.
- A survey of topping choices was developed by Stephen Sherlock and filled out by students. They were asked to vote on topping options from the supplier. This included cheese, pepperoni, halal pepperoni, GF crust, and veggie. Very few wanted GF or halal options, so at this time we will not be offering either. We considered that cheese and veggie pizza would accommodate students who wanted halal options.

- Cost is about \$10 per pizza, but GF was \$15 and without enough interest, we ruled it out since the primary purpose of pizza days is to act as a fundraiser.
- The supplier (Double Double Pizza) was chosen for proximity (Amos and Erb). In addition, they were able to accommodate our days, and are providing paper plates and napkins.
- Students order pizza one week in advance. Heidi summarizes all of the orders each week and forwards it to the pizza vendor.
- Pizzas will be delivered at around 10 in the morning, for first break at 10:15.
- During the first order period, we had 200 pizza orders totaling 347 slices. Some of the orders were for students ordering more than one type of pizza. About 40% of students participated in the first Pizza Day.
- Pizza is \$2.50 per slice. From that cost, 10 cents from each slice goes toward school day costs. We make about \$1.40 per slice profit. For the first week with 347 slices ordered, it should be approximately \$485 profit from this one week.
- A parent volunteer will oversee receipt and distribution of the pizza. In addition, class reps will distribute the pizzas to the right classrooms. Teachers will have a list of who ordered what type, and how many slices.
- It will be easier to “block order” going forward, meaning one order per student for several weeks of Pizza days. We will probably start ordering in this way in January. It will be approximately 6-8 weeks at a time.

Planning for 2022-2023 School Year - Heidi Holmes

- There are several executive roles available on school council: chair/co-chair, secretary, treasurer, fundraiser chair, and we are open to more.
- If you are interested in joining council in a role, email Heidi with information about the role you are interested in at heidiaandjasonholmes@gmail.com.
- This year we would like to consider what our priorities are and what are the needs of the school (financially, socially, volunteers).
- Stephen and Julie will ask staff about needs prior to the November meeting, and students will be engaged for input as well.
- Harish suggested a guest speaker from the charity group BEP - Business Education Partnership Waterloo, which has speakers that can talk about jobs/vocations.
- Christine suggested some in-school tutoring options, such as asking high school students to volunteer as tutors to help the grade 7/8s “catch up”?

- A parent inquired about field trips, but as of right now, Stephen Sherlock has received no field trip requests from staff.
- Grade 8 Graduation
 - Harish asked about “Graduation” or “Transition” for the grade 8s. It was noted that there were inconsistencies in June 2022 in how schools celebrated this. Stephen Sherlock mentioned that we will look at what meets the needs of the students the best this year with feedback from both staff and students.
 - Because of the number of students, we have historically used Center in the Square in the past for the event
 - Harish motioned putting aside \$500 for graduation expenses. Punam and Changling seconded the motion. The majority were in favour, and the motion passed.
- Christine suggested we look into having OK2BeMe coming in to do a presentation (e.g. on gender identity), to be discussed in more detail in November’s meeting.

Carizon Centre Information - Jordan Wettlaufer

- The Centre is called Erb West Care and Share – located at 45 Amos Street
 - Monday-Thursday 1 pm - 4:30 pm
- It started about 5 years ago, and they run a variety of different programs.
- There are youth programs out of Keats Way Auditorium, e.g. Cooking Classes and Movie Nights.
- There are also recreation programs and youth academic programs.
- Snack and Study runs every Monday (this supports elementary students up to grade 8; there 4 tutors that help students and a healthy snack is provided).
- There are community events, BBQs, backpack giveaways, etc.
- Every Wednesday, there is food distribution for those in need.
- In addition, an emergency food cupboard is available for families in need. This is accessible any time the Centre is open (Monday-Thursday 1 pm - 4:30 pm).
- They also help connect members of the community and help people to find employment (e.g. help with resumes).
- <https://www.carizon.ca/community-services/community-development-program/>

- They accept donations from churches, but are not affiliated with any religion; non-partisan.
- All programs are free!

Other - Heidi Holmes

- Heidi to send out a survey to see if we want to continue with online council meetings, hybrid meetings, or in-person meetings.

Future Meetings

- The next meeting is Wednesday November 30th from 6:30-8 pm.
- Future Meeting Dates are: Nov 30, Jan 25, Feb 22, (March 29), April 26, May 31