

Centennial PS School Council

October 30, 2024. 6:30-8:00 pm

In Attendance

Stephen Sherlock, Caleb Lauer, Krista Luft, Kathleen Merritt, Bobbi Joe Seitz, Stephanie Evans, Niveen Shrem, Bachir, Monira,

Election of School Council Roles

- Co-Chairs: Caleb Lauer & Krista Luft
- Treasurer: Jenna Ferguson
- Co-Secretaries: Kathleen Merritt & Deniz

Principal's Report – Steve Sherlock

- Enrolment-Spring of the previous school year, Principals submit the number of students they know will be at Centennial for the next school year. This number includes existing grade 7 students and the numbers from each feeder school. The Waterloo Region District School Board (WRDSB) uses this number for the number of classes and full time teachers schools will have for September.
- WRDSB reassesses student enrollment every year in October. Due to this assessment, Centennial had to reduce the number of classes, staff and many reassignments of teachers were made.
- Clubs & Sports: we are well on our way this year with many clubs, sports teams and intramurals. The Centennial Instagram account posts every Friday, a weekly calendar of the days and times for all events happening during the following week. https://www.instagram.com/cnw_wrdsb/?hl=en
- School-day. If you don't already have an account, school-day is the best way to keep up to date with what is going on in the school and in your child's class. <https://www.school-day.com/>
- Nutrition for Learning is a charitable organization that supports student nutrition programs across Waterloo Region in all three school boards. Nutrition for Learning supplies Centennial with snacks that are distributed throughout the school in each class. They are currently in need of help. If you would like to donate, you can do so on their website: <https://nutritionforlearning.ca/>.
- Vanessa Haffner Mme. Simmons and the Changemaker's Club sold ice cream and were able to donate those proceeds to Nutrition for Learning.

School Council Initiatives

- During the previous school year it was brought to the attention of school council that Centennial is an old school which is in need of updates. Some projects are school-funded while others can be requested through the WRDSB's Facilities department.
- The gym refresh project (not covered by the Facilities department) was brought up during this meeting. The ask was made for repainting of the lines on the floor, 2 glass basketball backboards and painting of a Centennial Lion. Cost = \$20,000.

- Council voted on the gym refresh and has agreed to a maximum spend of \$20,000 minus any money that has already been donated through the Waterloo Education Foundation Inc. (WEFI) account. If you are interested in donating to the gym refresh, as an individual or a business, you can donate through the WRDSB website: <https://www.wrdsb.ca/wefi/donate/>. In the “Fund” dropdown, choose Centennial - Waterloo PS 0024. Please note that you will receive a tax receipt for donating to WEFI.

Treasurer’s Report

- School Council \$6,816.34

Other

- Chick Hatch – Stephanie Evans

Stephanie proposed to school council the idea of having a chick hatch in the Library this spring. She has 7 years’ experience running this in previous schools. The science teachers and librarian have expressed interest in this idea. Rental costs were approximately \$350 per year whereas buying the equipment would be \$650. Stephen Sherlock was interested in trying it for a year to see how it goes. Parent-Niveen, has offered to fund the chick hatch with a donation of \$650 to purchase the equipment. Stephanie will source the products and work with Niveen on purchasing the equipment. Stay tuned for more information to come and a possible webcam to be set up to watch the hatching!

Next Meetings

- November 27th
- February 26th
- April 23rd
- May 28th