

AGENDA

MEETING OF THE WATERLOO REGION ASSEMBLY OF PUBLIC SCHOOL COUNCILS TUESDAY OCT 4TH, 2021 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

<u>Time</u>	<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Presenter/ Facilitator</u>
7:00 to 7:05	Welcome and Territorial Acknowledgment - Review of Agenda	Sara
7:05-7:20	WRAPSC hopes for the year: -review; discussion; contacting schools not represented What are members wanting from WRAPSC? To connect to hear about what is happening at other schools (in a variety of areas) and collaborate. How to strengthen School Councils; rules for School Councils, experience differences between councils & admin approaches. Clarity around directions that are coming from the School Board/Ministry to provide greater consistency. Concern about Chromebook (mis)use and not enough support & volunteers for reading programs like Strong Start. How equity is being viewed & addressed. How councils can fundraise to support those who can't afford opportunities; how to access & use council funds appropriately. How to provide proactive support for parents rather than being complaints based. Finding that parents are feeling disconnected from our school communities and want to explore how to address this.	Sara
7:20-7:30	Elections for WRAPSC Executive - Function; Roles; Elections/ Appointments at the end of meeting Details on website: https://www.wrdsb.ca/our-schools/get-involved/wrapsc/	Sara
7:30-7:50	Addressing Halloween in Schools Oct 31st is a regular school day School Board is highlighting days of significance but not making it the	Scott Miller & Della Lataille -Herdsman

	<p>focus of the day. Working to minimize learning disruptions. Costumes will be welcomed and reminders about keeping them appropriate will be part of the communication - e.g. no masks, weapons, ceremonial dress, etc.</p> <p>Wanting to ensure that families and students do not feel pressure to purchase items (costumes, treats, etc.) for special occasions.</p> <p>Parent concerns - needs to be consistency around how days of significance are approached (both between & within schools); noted that there does seem to be an expectation that families acquire pink & orange shirts which seems inconsistent with the above statement. Parents need clear and timely communications from the Board; finding that parents are missing important information.</p> <p>Board has stated that they want school to be a place where staff & students can show up as fully themselves - what does this mean for occasions such as Halloween - some people love Halloween and the opportunity to dress up and others don't-how do we welcome both? Board clearly states that parent engagement is key to student success so how do we build community? Need to do things together.</p>	<u>Crissa Hill did not attend</u>
7:50-8:10	<p>Best Practices Presentation:</p> <p>-How to Run Meeting</p> <p>28 responses to the survey, data presented in these slides</p> <p>Sara presented list of potential future topics</p> <p>Suggestion of separating Elementary & Secondary responses since quite different</p> <p>Additional topic idea: Review of Council Bylaws (Ministry of Ed regulations: https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/000612 O. Reg. 612/00: SCHOOL COUNCILS AND PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEES)</p>	Sara
	<p>KITCHENER Public School Board Trustees All Candidates Meeting</p> <p>- Saturday, October 15th, 1-3 PM at Victoria Hills CC</p> <p>Please email questions that you'd like asked to wrapsc@gmail.com</p>	Rachel
8:10-8:20	<p>PIC/WRAPSC Merger Update</p> <p>Merger not the best word, implies one will disappear which isn't what is happening. Rather a clarifying of roles and ensuring that there isn't duplication. So looking at the communication and connection between PIC & WRAPSC. Bridging is a better term.</p> <p>Need to clarify what PIC is for WRAPSC members.</p>	Sara

	Process likely to take the full school year. Any structural change will have to be voted on by WRAPSC members.	
8:20-8:45	Large Group discussion to inform future WRAPSC agendas -Review of items already on list <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is PIC? • What support is being given for kids to get “Back on Track”? How are we evaluating this program? • Evidence base speaker on kids' success using what success factor • Pediatrician talk about what they had warned of kids falling behind and kids' mental health from school closure • How can we spend council money to best support kids' success • Playground equity, some schools have them some don't. Can councils still fundraise for playgrounds? • How are staff abscesses being dealt with? What are the covid measures and air quality measures? 	Sara
8:45-8:50	Closing: Future meeting dates (Nov 1, Jan 10, Feb 7, Apr 4, May 2) Next meeting: Tues. Nov 1, 7-9 pm	Sara

8:50-9:00	WRAPSC Executive Elections/Appointments - If interested in joining Executive please stay to meet	Sara
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