

Minutes

MEETING OF THE WATERLOO REGION ASSEMBLY OF PUBLIC SCHOOL COUNCILS TUESDAY OCT 3rd, 2023 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Attendance: see sign in list and online attendance

<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Notes</u>
<p>Welcome and Territorial Acknowledgment</p> <p>- Review of Agenda</p>	<p>- Meeting started at 7:04pm; online and in person at FHCI Library</p> <p>- Introduction of Chair, Sara and overview of 2023-24 meetings and access</p>
<p>WRAPSC hopes for the year: Our Goals</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Took input from May meeting and will do more of: small group discussions; best practices - Themed meetings this year - Review of WRAPSC mandate and goals for the year including focus on school council support; supporting PIC - Open discussion about what attendees hope to get out of meetings including: time saving tips to reduce administrative tasks for school council, recruiting volunteers for help; hearing about what is happening at various schools; clarifying of WRDSB policy/process; student trustee feedback and insight; how to engage parents; high school insights - Review of last year's questions answered (see slide)
<p>Elections for WRAPSC Executive</p> <p>- Function; Roles; Elections/ Appointments at the end of meeting</p>	<p>- review of positions including Chair/Co-Chairs; Secretary; Virtual meeting host; social media/email account; MAL</p>
<p>Small Group Discussion: Wish list for Council support</p>	<p>Breakout into small groups; some by division (e.g. High School); notes taken and provided to Chair for review and to inform future agendas</p>

Best Practices Presentation: -School Safety	Review of survey that was sent out to WRAPSC members re: school safety
PIC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jackie Araujo is WRAPSC PIC rep; Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) is mandated by Ministry - Chair attends PIC meetings - Oct 24th is next meeting - PRO Grant information shared – Parent Reaching Out Grant fund available (\$500-\$750) to fund proposals to engage parents/caregivers with school and school council; https://www.wrdsb.ca/our-schools/get-involved/parents-reaching-out-pro-grants/ - Family Engagement Series may return
Large Group discussion to inform future WRAPSC agendas	<p>Ideas for WRAPSC Best Practices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bylaws: how to amend; knowledge of - Policies and Procedures - Equity - Reading and Writing supports; new programming - Communication protocols re: safety; mediums; etc. - IEP process - Engaging with community partners (e.g. City Council)
<p>Closing: Future meetings dates (Nov 7, Jan 9, Feb 6, Apr 2, May 7)</p> <p>Next meeting: Tues. Nov 7, 7-9 pm</p>	<p>Scott Miller and Michelle Newlands introduced as WRDSB staff involved with PIC; spoke briefly</p> <p>Follow up items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - VSS policy clarity <p>Find WRAPSC on X and Instagram and Facebook</p> <p>Email: wrapsc@gmail.com</p>

<p>WRAPSC Executive Elections/Appointments</p> <p>- If interested in joining the Executive Please stay to meet</p>	<p>- see notes from meeting to follow</p>
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