



September 21, 2020

Dear School Council Chairs and Assembly Reps,

This has been a difficult return to school for all concerned. Thus our topics for our meetings will change from our average year. Our first meeting on Tuesday, October 6th will be online via Zoom, and the link will be sent out on the Friday before the meeting. Instead of our traditional large group meeting, we will break into groups after the introduction to find out how schools & families are coping and to discuss **what we can do as School Councils to support student success**. It is a chance to get back to the root purpose of parent councils, namely to share, learn, and build relationships that support student learning. Fundraising, normally a huge enterprise, is on a hiatus for now. Here are the group sections:

1. Elementary Schools
2. Middle Schools
3. High Schools
4. Distance learning
5. Tips for running online parent councils – including voting and other aspects that are more complicated online
6. Equity and Inclusion – what events do school councils participate in that support equity and inclusion, and what events might inadvertently have a negative affect? Do WRAPSC members have suggestions for future initiatives? Ex: Crazy Hair Day

Also, we know that parents & guardians understandably have many concerns regarding their own child and the return to school. School Councils are generally not the best avenue to resolve those issues. We would advise that you talk to the teacher first, then the principal, and then the superintendent of schools for your area if you need to solve a concern that relates solely to your child. If you think the issue applies to multiple students, please send the information to wrapsc@gmail.com and we will add it to our list of future agenda items. If possible, we will help you pursue avenues that will lead to a successful resolution.

Regards,

Mandi Bond & Angelica Allen

WRAPSC Co-Chairs

AGENDA

**MEETING OF THE WATERLOO REGION ASSEMBLY OF PUBLIC SCHOOL
COUNCILS OCTOBER 6, 2020 7:00PM – 8:30PM -**

Time Agenda Item Presenter/Facilitator

7:00 to 7:05 Welcome Angelica Allen, Co-Chair WRAPSC

7:05 to 8:15 Break-out groups Heidi Holmes & Mandi Bond

**8:15 Closing – selection of new
steering committee for WRAPSC
Angelica Allen**