



Waterloo Region Assembly
of Public School Councils

March 1, 2018

Dear School Council Chairs and Assembly Reps,

We meet on Tuesday, April 3 at Forest Heights Collegiate. We are starting with something new, namely a workshop session with Betty Pries from Credence & Co. Betty has more than 20 years' experience coaching, mediating, training and consulting, and is a highly regarded Conflict, Change and Leadership Specialist. Anyone who has ever volunteered on a school council or sat across from a teenager at dinner time knows how difficult it is to work things out with someone who has a completely polar opposite opinion.

Workshop Purpose & Description: When negotiating change, managing conflict, tackling tough conversations or pursuing new visions, it is common to get stuck in a dynamic where people take sides, and proponents of both sides feel they are right. If the two sides manage the conversation well, they allow excellent outcomes to emerge. However, if the conversation remains caught in polarization, what may have begun as a benign disagreement can threaten organizational and personal health. This workshop will consider how polarization emerges, how polarities can be managed and how to mine polarities for their strengths, transforming even polarized environments into positive and life-giving experiences.

After the break, two people from the CPA will give a brief presentation on their new program for schools. Then Laurie Tremble will briefly explain the PRO Grant process. Finally, we will look at the draft revised terms of reference for WRAPSC (see attached) Basically what has been changed is that PIC will provide 2 members, who are eligible to hold any position on the Steering Committee and who will start at the October meeting. The current terms of reference are on the Board website if you would like to compare.

We look forward to welcoming someone from your School Council.

Regards,

Melissa Jenkins & Angelica Allen

WRAPSC Co-Chairs

AGENDA

**MEETING OF THE WATERLOO REGION ASSEMBLY OF PUBLIC SCHOOL COUNCILS
APRIL 3, 2018 7PM – 9:00PM - IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY
FOREST HEIGHTS COLLEGIATE, 255 FISCHER HALLMAN ROAD, KITCHENER**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Presenter/Facilitator</u>
7:00 to 7:05	Welcome	Angelica Allen, Co-Chair WRAPSC
7:05 to 8:30	Transforming Polarized Thinking	Betty Pries, Credence & Co Facilitator
8:30-8:35	Break	
8:35 to 8:50	CPA Canada Financial Literacy for Children	Bryan Huck Kai Schofield
8:50 to 8:55	PRO Grants – explanation PIC Conference reminder	Laurie Tremble
8:55-9:00	WRAPSC Terms of Reference – revised see attached	Angelica Allen
9:00	Vote	
9:05	Closing	Melissa Jenkins, Co- Chair WRAPSC & PIC

Please note: multiple members from your school council are welcome to attend this session.