



Waterloo Region Assembly
of Public School Councils

January 27, 2019

Dear School Council Chairs and Assembly Reps,

We meet on Tuesday, February 5 at Forest Heights Collegiate in the **Library**. You may remember that Director of Education John Bryant comes to one of our meetings each year, and this is that meeting! We have provided him with 4 questions in advance, listed below:

1. How will the WRDSB ameliorate or reduce the affects of the changes the Provincial Government is proposing, in terms of the Physical Education curriculum, the math curriculum, budgets, and other changes?
2. One of the WRDSB's priorities is staff and student wellness, with a focus on mental health. How does the Board plan to address the issues of violent students in the elementary panel whose actions are affecting the mental health and safety of their classmates? So many classes now have students on safety plans, with regular acts of violence towards peers and staff and frequent evacuations. At what point do the negative effects of the exposure to violence on the witnessing or victimized students become so great that that student needs an alternative plan? In some cases, students who are victims of the violence and then exhibit anxiety towards school get very little support, while the violent student gets one on one support, extra resources etc.
3. School Council relationships with school principals can range from excellent to poor, depending on the school. What can the Board do to improve situations which are fraught with conflict?
4. We understand that the Board is considering pooling funds raised by school councils. Can you please give us an update, and avenues for input by individual school councils?

This is a great opportunity to meet Director Bryant in person. Coordinating Superintendent, Business Services & Treasurer of the Board Matthew Gerard is also coming to talk about the budget.

After the break we will be focusing on the Board's website. After a short presentation by Alana Russell, we will break into groups to make a list of suggestions. This has been a concern of WRAPSC for a number of years. If you have a tablet, laptop, or phone you can bring with to look at the website during the group stage, it would be appreciated.

Regards,

Mandi Bond & Angelica Allen

WRAPSC Co-Chairs

AGENDA

**MEETING OF THE WATERLOO REGION ASSEMBLY OF PUBLIC SCHOOL COUNCILS
FEBRUARY 5, 2019 7PM – 9:00PM - IN THE 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 7:55	Question Period	Director John Bryant and Treasurer Matthew Gerard
7:55 to 8:00	Break	
8:00 to 8:50	WRDSB Website	Alana Russell, Chief Communications Officer & group discussion
8:50 to 9:00	Board updates, including Board Committees & Provincial changes	Steering Committee
9:00	Closing	Mandi Bond, Co- Chair WRAPSC