

## Minutes

MEETING OF THE WATERLOO REGION ASSEMBLY OF PUBLIC SCHOOL COUNCILS  
TUESDAY OCT 5TH, 2021 7:00PM – 9:00PM

<u>Agenda Item and Notes</u>	<u>Action</u>
<p>Welcome and Territorial Acknowledgment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review of Agenda</li> </ul>	<p>Agenda approved</p>
<p>Welcome and introduction of new WRDSB Director of Education, Jeewan Chanicka.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Spoke about his story and family/experience with education system</li> <li>- Spoke about need for inclusion and to address needs not traditionally met in addition to those needs for whom the current system is working for.</li> </ul>	
<p>Elections for WRAPSC Executive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Function; Roles; Elections/ Appointments at end of meeting</li> <li>- Reviewed WRAPSC website where information about WRAPSC and Executive roles can be found</li> <li>- Currently looking for Members at Large (MAL) to join Executive</li> </ul>	<p><a href="https://www.wrdsb.ca/our-schools/get-involved/wrapsc/">https://www.wrdsb.ca/our-schools/get-involved/wrapsc/</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.wrdsb.ca/wp-content/uploads/school_council_chairpersons_handbook.pdf">http://www.wrdsb.ca/wp-content/uploads/school_council_chairpersons_handbook.pdf</a></p>
<p>Role of WRAPSC and goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- review; discussion; contacting schools not represented will be one of the goals for the year</li> <li>- website reviewed re: Mandate and goals</li> </ul>	<p><a href="https://www.wrdsb.ca/our-schools/get-involved/wrapsc/">https://www.wrdsb.ca/our-schools/get-involved/wrapsc/</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.wrdsb.ca/wp-content/uploads/school_council_chairpersons_handbook.pdf">http://www.wrdsb.ca/wp-content/uploads/school_council_chairpersons_handbook.pdf</a></p>
<p>OPSBA Survey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Trustee Tremble spoke about OBPSA and survey</li> </ul>	<p><a href="https://www.opsba.org/">https://www.opsba.org/</a></p> <p>Survey can be found at: <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/COVID19andSchoolOntario">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/COVID19andSchoolOntario</a> and is open until</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Trustee Tremble also spoke about WRDSB Indigenous, Equity and Human Rights Department and ask for parent input on survey and training for School Councils</li> <li>- Trustee Tremble answered question about survey out re: Trustee accountability and also spoke to WRDSB Trustee Code of Conduct</li> </ul>	<p><a href="https://www.wrdsb.ca/about-the-wrdsb/indigenous-equity-and-human-rights-department/">https://www.wrdsb.ca/about-the-wrdsb/indigenous-equity-and-human-rights-department/</a></p> <p>Email Heidi <a href="mailto:heidiandjasonholmes@gmail.com">heidiandjasonholmes@gmail.com</a> or Trustee Tremble <a href="mailto:laurie_tremble@wrdsb.ca">laurie_tremble@wrdsb.ca</a> If interested in attending session on Oct 14<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p><a href="https://www.ontario.ca/page/consultation-strengthening-accountability-school-board-trustees?fbclid=IwAR1BkMitlicDVUoAkOpJaAorsn7Zu3kl-6UO6iRHHW7hKOutOtaEYRIql8M">https://www.ontario.ca/page/consultation-strengthening-accountability-school-board-trustees?fbclid=IwAR1BkMitlicDVUoAkOpJaAorsn7Zu3kl-6UO6iRHHW7hKOutOtaEYRIql8M</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.wrdsb.ca/wp-content/uploads/G201-Trustee-Code-of-Conduct-1.pdf">https://www.wrdsb.ca/wp-content/uploads/G201-Trustee-Code-of-Conduct-1.pdf</a></p>
<p>Small Group Meetings based on School Level (Elementary, Senior Public, Secondary):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Discuss questions/needs/common items you would like to see addressed</li> </ul>	<p>Attendees selected to join either Elementary, Senior Public or Secondary small group discussion rooms.</p> <p>Notes sent to WRAPSC Executive to help inform future agendas.</p>
<p>Large Group discussion to inform future WRAPSC agendas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Review of items already on list</li> </ul>	<p>Suggestions for future agenda items include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- French Immersion Committee update from WRDSB</li> <li>- How/If School Councils are using Social Media</li> <li>- School Council recruitment and diversity</li> <li>- How to restart School Councils that have lapsed during COVID pandemic</li> <li>- Fundraising and Equity amongst schools</li> <li>- noted new dept within WRDSB</li> <li>- Fundraising guidelines; can schools fundraise?</li> <li>- use of technology in classrooms and concern re: gaming</li> </ul>

	-Secondary School Council parent engagement; discussed idea of WRAPSC Secondary School members meeting to discuss generalized school needs and ideas
<p>Closing: Future meetings dates (Nov 2, Jan 11, Feb 1, Apr 5, May 3)</p> <p>Next meeting: Tues. Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> via Zoom (same link); 7-9pm</p>	
<p>WRAPSC Executive Elections/Appointments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If interested in joining Executive please stay in meeting</li> </ul>	<p>Discussion re: roles and function of Executive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Jessica will continue as Secretary</li> <li>- Rachel will continue as MAL</li> <li>-Ashley will continue as Communications/ Social Media</li> <li>- Mandi will serve as PIC liaison</li> <li>-Heidi will continue as Co-Chair for at least this year</li> <li>-Sara elected as Co-Chair for 2 year term</li> <li>- Ashley and Melissa elected as MAL</li> <li>- no Treasurer needed for this year</li> </ul>