

Lakeview School Council Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2021 @ 6:30p.m.

1. Welcome and Call to Order

In attendance: Mr. Blake (Principal), Ms. McIntee (Vice-Principal), Mr. Miller (GSS Principal), Ms. Gaspic (Lakeview Teacher), Sherry-Lynn Hyde, Bobbi-Ann Mikolasek, Jessica Jekanovic, Lauren Goar, Michelle Rivera

2. Principal Report - Mr. Blake

Student Population Update

- 350 in-class students/67 virtual students
- Independent Study/Asynchronous learning available to students who can't do synchronous online
- Expecting all students to be back in-school for September – 420 projected number
- Currently have 45 online kindergarten registrations for September (ongoing)

Staffing Update

- Mr. Shanks (on leave) – Ms. Gabriel (LTO)

March Break Update

- March Break postponed to a Spring Break (April 12-16)

Gr. 8 Grad

- Tentative grad planned for June 21st or 23rd (waiting to confirm space at Mountainview Church)

Student Census

- To be conducted next month
- Gr. 7/8 will complete in class with teacher/counsellor support (9 questions)
- K-6 will complete at home with parent support (8 questions)
- Purpose is to look at needs of students to focus on identity/inclusion; Previous census conducted to focus on student safety
- Census will be anonymous, but can capture Lakeview School as a whole
- Questions will have a dropdown menu for answers to select from

3. Mat Miller – Principal of GSS; Future Principal of West Niagara Secondary School

West Niagara Secondary School Progress

Mascot

- Home of the Wolf Pack (three wolves, representing the three towns of West Niagara working together)
- Team colours – Carolina Blue

WNSS Building Features

- Modern state of the art school
- Bright, modern classrooms
- Synthetic turf field; 8 lane rubberized track
- Two double gyms and fitness centre
- Greenhouse
- Specialized tech shops with modern and industrial quality equipment: transportation (auto), manufacturing/welding, construction (wood), cosmetology (hair and esthetics), hospitality (student run cafeteria & bakeshop), computer tech, design tech, health care
- Clean, safe, fully remediated 20-acre property

Breadth of Programming

- Specialized School to Community (SSTC)
- Specialized School to Work (SSTW)
- French Immersion – ten or more different course offerings taught at school, by our teachers
- Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) programs in construction, manufacturing/welding, sport, the arts, hospitality, food processing, horticulture

WNSS Athletics

- Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Soccer, Track and Field, Badminton, Field Hockey, Rugby, Ultimate Rowing, Swimming, Baseball, Three-Pitch, Tennis, Golf, Curling, Cross-Country, and Ice Hockey (off-site), Wrestling
- Other sports possible if there's interest (e.g. Lacrosse)

WNSS Extracurriculars

- Student Council, Music Council, Athletic Council, Camp Leaders, Tech Skills, Robotics Club, School Reach, White Pine Reading Club, Concert and Jazz Bands, Vocal Ensemble, Drum Line, Percussion Ensemble, Social Justice League, Positive Spaces Project, DECA, Floral Club, Environmental Club, Intramural Sports, University Math Prep, Math Club, National Theatre School Productions, Improv, Cabaret, One Acts, Grade 9 Play, Prefects, Art/Anime Club, Yearbook, Grimsby Parade Group, Student Mediators, Dace Team, DELPH Prep, French Club,

Talent Shows, Open Mic, AV Support Team, Musical, International Food Fair, Tutors, Holiday Cards for Seniors, Morning Announcers, Cardboard Boat Competition

Transportation

- Preliminary transportation information has been based on NSTS simulations
- Average bus ride time overall is 13 minutes
- Overall, 92% of rides are 30 minutes or less
- Average ride times by municipality:
 - Grimsby – 9 minutes
 - Lincoln – 11 minutes
 - West Lincoln – 25 minutes

Next Steps

- Tendering and the start of construction this spring
- Transportation Committee meeting in February to continue gathering student and parent input and feedback
- On-going updates to all DSBN families in West Niagara
- Feb./Mar. School Council Presentations
- Student voice opportunities for current and future students of WNSS

Fundraising Committee for Theatre

- Large committee called ***Friends of the Arts in West Niagara*** are launching a fundraising campaign to raise the \$2.6 million community contribution. Funds already counted for:
 - \$4.2 million (DSBN)
- Rentals are reasonably priced (dependent on group – profit/non-profit)
 - \$135/hour and as low as \$0/hour
- Letters of Support already gathered from the community: A joint letter from the Lincoln and Grimsby Rotary Clubs, Grimsby Chamber of Commerce, Lincoln Leapers, Niagara Youth Orchestra, John Ripley – Starmakers, Garden City Productions, Canadian Improv Games, with many more in the works

Find WNSS Online

- Twitter - @WestNiagara2022
- Instagram - @westniagarasecondaryschool
- Online – westniagara.dsbns.org

4. New Business

- Parents of grade eight students can look for Reach Ahead program (grade eight students who wish to take grade nine credits in the summer) in June
- School will continue to use School Messenger to communicate with parents
- School council provided letter of support for WNSS Theatre
- School photos will occur when DSBN gives the go-ahead that it is safe to do so (individual only – class photos not likely)

5. Community News

- No new news

6. Next Meeting Date: Tues. April 27th @ 6:30pm