

# MINUTES

## CWDHS Parent Council

*Date / time* September 25, 2023 at 7:00pm | *Meeting called to order by* Jane Beaudoin

### In Attendance

Janine Grin, Michael Polak, Vivian Polak, Ashley Watson, Laura Griffin, Christine Kirkland, Jackie Parkin, Bruce Parkin, Ashley Skilling-Burlingham, Tammie Brubacher, Jackie Feenstra, Barb Ash, Jane Beaudoin, Jenn T, Lina A.

### 2.0 Elections

- Council Chair – Jane Beaudoin
- Treasurer – Erica Dyce
- Secretary – Ashley Skilling-Burlingham (rotate when she is not able to attend)

### 3.1 Principal's Report – Janine Grin

- Year is off to a great start! Lowest suspensions for the month of September. No vandalism. Students and staff seem to be happy.
- Great attendance at the Gr 9 BBQ & Parent Open House. Approx. 150 to 200 people attended. There was a great buzz of activity in the building
- Mental Health Evening had some wonderful speakers. Thanks Ashley S-B for organizing!
- Terry Fox event was a schoolwide event this year where all classes participated at the same time. It was a positive way to connect as a school community.
- Falcons United, student leadership team, organized the Terry Fox event with support from teacher, Cass Moda.
- Falcons United is a combination of many historical groups at CW: student council, athletic council, etc and will organize most events throughout the year
- CW Eats is up and running. Chef D puts in a lot of time and effort to make sure that all students have access to food. Breakfast station has been moved in front of the school office. Everyone is welcome to enjoy food from there; there is no stigmatism with using this station. Lunches are back running Monday to Thursday for \$3.00 per meal.
- Emergency drills are underway and going smoothly. Expect to have them all done in the next couple weeks.
- Gr 9 math classes will see Learning Support Teachers (LST) in the room working alongside the classroom teacher
- This week is Truth & Reconciliation week. Sep 29<sup>th</sup> will be orange shirt day.
- The school's vision is that 100% of students will graduate prepared for their future. The first week of October will have staff reaching out to families where there are concerns about the student's progress
- Parent-Teacher interviews will be on Oct 18, 2023. 10 minute meetings can be requested when scheduling opens within 3:30-4:30pm and 5:30-7pm. Feedback was received that it is difficult to openings in the teachers' schedules if parent does not long in right when scheduling opens. Parents are welcome to reach out to office staff or the teachers to arrange times to meet outside of the parent-teacher interviews if they are unable to schedule for Oct 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Current enrollment is 1203 students. This is down slightly from last year, but the halls still feel busy. This is in part due to being down one portable and one classroom under renovation.

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## 3.2 Treasurer's Report

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- \$615.26 is our current balance
- UGLF School Council funds balance is \$1,068.37. \$153 of this will be used to pay for the portion of the BBQ that was above the PRO grant & School Councils funding.
- UGLF is a great way to make a charitable donation to either CWDHS School Council or CW Eats.
- Question about how to make donations to UGLF. Jane will look into options aside from visiting the office to have form completed and provide cheque. Suggestion to look into Zeffy.com which is a 100% free fundraising platform.

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## 4.1 Policy 208: Smoke & Vape-Free Environment

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- Policy is open for public feedback until 4pm Sep 29, 2023
- Policy and feedback form can be found at <https://www.ugdsb.ca/board/policy/policy-208-smoke-and-vape-free-environment/>

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## 4.2 PIC Event – Oct 25, 2023

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- Event title: Inspiring Engagement with Parents & School Councils
- It will be held at CWDHS 6-9pm and includes dinner
- Free registration can be done here: <https://www.ugdsb.ca/pic/2023/09/18/inspiring-engagement-with-parents-school-councils/>

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## 4.3 School Councils Funding 2023-24

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- As discussed at May 2023 meeting, this year's funding was allocated to the Mental Health night and the Gr 9 BBQ.
- Mental Health night was well received, but we ran out of time to hear the presentation from Jenny Marino. Group agreed to invite Jenny as a guest speaker at our October meeting to present "Managing Anxiety in Teens"
- Gr 9 BBQ was very successful. Chef Jess and student volunteers were amazing and made for a smooth mealtime. Discussions were had with volunteers during clean-up to document recommendations on how to make the event even better next year. Any feedback from attendees would be welcome as well.

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## 4.4 School Council Awards at Commencement

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- Group agreed to change allocation of School Council Awards from 2 x \$250 to 5 x \$100 to extend our student reach.
- Jane will bring a description of the School Council Award to the next meeting.
- Funding for this year's awards will be deposited to UGLF CWDHS Commencement Awards from Jane's employer in recognition of her volunteer hours.

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## Next Meeting

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Virtually on October 30, 2023 at 7pm