

Centennial P.S. (W)  
School Council Meeting  
November 25, 2014 – 7:00 pm

M I N U T E S

Welcome – Tracey

Principal's/Vice Principal's Report – Betti

- reminder to check the Board web site and/or school web site
- bus cancellations changes due to wind chill -35 degrees at 7:00 a.m.
- volleyball playoffs approaching
- basketball tryouts soon
- student dance showcase coming up
- seasonal concert is Wed. Dec. 17 at 7:00
- Hockey Day in Waterloo
- Arts Activity Day – Tues Jan 20 - KW Glee – KW Symphony music activity day
- Winter Activity Day – Blue Mountain or Tubing at Chicopee
- WE Day – 15 students participated and returned with lots of great ideas, incl. Rafiki bracelet sales, community development initiatives
- staff very involved in variety of PD opportunities both in and out of schools
- working with Learning Support Teacher (LST)
- report cards go home February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010

8-9 Transition Process – Brad

- students and families joined us for 8-9 information night on Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup>
- PowerPoint presentation, brochure, and French program FAQ are on school web site (cnw.wrdsb.ca)
- students should now be confirming their home secondary schools using School Finder at Board web site (www.wrdsb.ca)
- all Grade 8 families encouraged to attend information nights hosted at home and Magnet program high schools – dates posted on school web site
- guidance contacts Mrs. Spoltore and Mrs. Piva will visit each grade 8 class to confirm home secondary schools and provide course calendars and course selection info as available
- keep up with high school news with our Edmodo group (www.edmodo.com and use Group Code 7ra5c8)

Teachers' Report – Helen

*Grade 8*

Strings: writing rhythmic and melodic variations; changing major to minor keys with simple melodies; playing in the minor key; Chamber Orchestra preparing to play at the inaugural meeting of the Board of Trustees at the Board Office; Orchestra will be going to

Abraham Erb P.S. for a student performance to teach students in K – 6 the elements of music (students will be conducting and speaking at this event)

Band: presenting projects on different musical time periods (using Prezi)

Math: equation for area of a circle (radius, diameter & pi) and word problems

Geography: Sustainable Development – students are selecting one topic each to expand upon and share with class

Phys-Ed: Finishing Volleyball and beginning dance unit; health unit recently completed was about online safety

Language Arts: Learning to write and improve theme statements

Immersion: Finishing Book Talks (presenting as individual or group using graphic organizers and images on keynote)

Science: Completing Cells unit; Grade 8 Science Fair (all students should have selected a topic and be handing in question, research and hypothesis this week on their Google Docs account)

#### *Grade 7*

Visual Arts: Independent Study # 2 due next week (Sketch assignment); Watercolours (considering various techniques: overlay, marker, orientation, salt and smudging)

Math: Geometry (angles, use of a protractor, bisecting angles)

History: Fall of New France

Language Arts: Books talks, book reviews, topic sentence, character, setting

Immersion: Skits about verbs (passé composé), write an autobiography and biography about a friend

Science: Finishing Ecosystems unit, completed tool safety and in construction room building bird houses

#### WRAPSC Report - Crystal

-focus of recent meeting was school yard greening and improvements  
-WRAPSC minutes will be posted as soon as they are available

#### Upcoming Meeting Dates (all Tuesdays)

-January 20<sup>th</sup>, February 24<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday April 21<sup>st</sup>, Tuesday May 26<sup>th</sup>