
School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: February 25

Time: 6:30–7:30 PM

Attendees: Angie Hallman, Toni Peter, Dave Linnerth, Brittany Tiffin, Angela Swartz, Kathryn Jacklin

Co-President Report (Jackson and Carter)

- **Meet the Teacher Night:** March 12 (Semester 2)
- **March Madness:** “Minute to Win It” games (Grade 9 SAC)
- **Co-President Elections:** April–May
- **Barnyard Bash:** May 29
- **Relay for Life (Cancer Awareness):** Early June
- **Graduation:** June 22 at Centre in the Square
 - Tickets available on School Day
 - Staff worked carefully to avoid exam conflicts
 - Families with concerns about next-day exams should contact Mr. Linnerth directly

Co-Prez Corner:

Co-Presidents stand outside the office weekly. Students are encouraged to share feedback, questions, and concerns. These are documented and brought forward to staff.

Green Machine “Ask Me” Shirts:

Students are encouraged to reach out to Co-Presidents for support.

SAC Room:

Open Tuesdays and Thursdays. A welcoming space for students to connect, avoid eating alone, and learn about school opportunities.

Principal & Staff Report

Staff and students are working to reinvigorate school spirit, building belonging and identity.

“Kindness the Gator Way” Initiative:

- New student-involved mural

- Addition of benches and high tables

School Rebranding:

- Main Gym → *The Swamp*
 - Cafeteria → *The Lagoon*
 - Small Gym → *The Bog*
 - Weight Room → *The Everglades*
 - “Gator Claw” featured in gym galleries
 - Sound panels and curtains being installed in cafeteria
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Questions & Updates

Cafeteria Service:

Further renovations are required to meet code. Work will take place over the summer. Full café service expected next school year.

Bathroom Renovations:

Eight single use washrooms to be installed this summer.

Tennis/Pickleball Courts:

The administration would like to move forward, but budget is a barrier. Mr. Linnerth is open to community partnerships and contributions to advance the project.

Chair Reports

PIC Report

- **Volunteer Hours:** New rules forthcoming from Guidance.
- (<https://www.ontario.ca/page/use-high-school-volunteer-hours-build-your-future>)
- **OSAP Changes:**
Advocacy resource: SaveOSAP.ca
(The Ontario government has OSAP changes that include fewer grants and more loans.)
- Consider email MPPs or calling to share your voice

Contact Information:

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(Voicemails are logged and counted.)

- **AI Focus at WRAPSC:**
April 7 (in person at Forest Heights Collegiate Institute)
Zoom option available upon request.
Focus: WRDSB's position on AI.
 - **Trustee Takeovers:**
Ongoing agenda item at PIC and WRAPSC. Families encouraged to contact MPPs and the Premier with feedback.
 - **WRDSB Psychology Resources:**
Waterloo Region District School Board Psychology Department Lunch & Learns available online. (<https://www.youtube.com/@wrdsbpsychologydepartment/featured>)
Upcoming session:
Understanding the Difference Between Bullying, Conflict & Disagreement
April 1 at 12:15 PM (Zoom link forthcoming)
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Petitions:

“Establish national minimum standards ensuring consistent, equitable access to healthcare and education across all provinces and territories.”

Available through the House of Commons of Canada petition site (Petition e-6982).

Upcoming Community Event

Wilmot area schools are co-hosting an event:

April 22, 2026 – 6:30 PM at Waterloo Oxford District Secondary School

Focus: Healthy technology habits for youth and teens.

Relevant for parents, caregivers, educators, and community members.

School Tour

Tour of new ACE classrooms and science rooms — expanded spaces, new tools, and lockers.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.