

Request to Speak at a Meeting

If you are interested in appearing in person at a Council or Standing Committee meeting to present information or an opinion on a matter, please fill in the form below.

Please note: Your request must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. 10 days prior to the Committee or Council meeting.

Full Name: *

Mat Miller

Who are you representing? *

- ☐ Self
- ☒ Group/Organization

Group or Organization Name: *

Friends of the Arts in West Niagara

Street Address: *

18-515 Winston Road

Town/City: *

Grimsby

Postal Code: *

L3M 0C8

How would you like us to contact you? *

- ☒ Email
- ☐ Telephone

Email Address: *

mat.miller@dsbn.org

Presentation Details

Which meeting would you like to present at? * ?

Council

Requested Meeting Date: *

2/22/2021



What is the presentation topic? *

West Niagara Secondary School and Proposed Theatre

Do you have a presentation (slide deck)? *



Yes



No

Please upload your presentation materials.

File Name



WNSS - Township of West Lincoln.pdf

524.0 KB

Have you presented before on this topic? *



Yes



No

Please provide details on your presentation. Include questions or requests of the Committee or Council. *

Principal Mat Miller of Grimsby Secondary school (and who will be principal of West Niagara Secondary School) will present to Council around the features, amenities and programs of the new school. He will also introduce the fundraising group - The Friends of the Arts in West Niagara - and discuss the proposal to include a 750 seat theatre in the new school build. We will ask Council to consider financial support of this project, and to continue the conversation with DSBN Superintendent of Business Stacy Veld.

Collection of Personal Information

Personal information on this form is collected under the authority of Section 6 of the Township of West Lincoln's Procedural By-Law for the purpose of contacting individuals and/or organizations requesting an opportunity to appear as a delegation before a Committee or Council.

Any questions about the collection, use and disclosure of personal information should be addressed to the Township Clerk:

- Email: clerk2@westlincoln.ca
- Telephone: 905-957-3346



WestNiagara
Secondary School



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OPENING SEPTEMBER 2022!

BACKGROUND



Fall of 2019 - The community engaged in a school naming process with the board selecting the final name “West Niagara Secondary School”

December 2020 - The Ministry of Education provided approval to proceed with the build on December 23, 2020

September 2022 - WNSS will be opening with approximately 1500 students

BRANDING



Student surveys led the creation of the mascots, the Wolf Pack, 3 wolves representing 3 towns playing, working and competing together.



WNSS BUILDING FEATURES



- Modern state of the art school
- Bright, modern classrooms
- Synthetic turf field and 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 aesthetics), hospitality (student run cafeteria & bakeshop), computer tech, design tech, health care
- 20-acre property

BREADTH OF PROGRAMMING



We will be working with students to gather their ideas to determine additional courses and programs to be offered!

- 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



We will be working with students to gather their ideas for new activities/athletics they would like to see at WNSS.

Sports currently offered:

Badminton

Baseball

Basketball

Cross-Country

Curling

Field Hockey

Football

Golf

Ice Hockey (will continue off site)

Rowing

Rugby

Soccer

Swimming

Tennis

Three-Pitch

Track and Field

Ultimate

Volleyball

WNSS EXTRACURRICULARS



We will be working with students to gather their ideas for new activities/athletics they would like to see at WNSS.

Extracurriculars currently offered:

Councils: Athletic, Music, Student

Clubs: DECA, DELPHI Prep, French, Robotics, School Reach, Floral, Environmental, Math, University Math Prep, White Pine Reading, Social Justice League, Positive Spaces Project, Prefects, Art/Anime Club, Yearbook, Student Mediators, AV support team, Morning Announcers, Camp Leaders, One Acts, Tutors

Events: Cards for Seniors, Grimsby Parade Group, International Food Fair, Musical

Music/Drama: Concert and Jazz Bands, Vocal Ensemble, Drum Line, Percussion Ensemble, Cabaret, National Theatre School Productions, Improv, Dance Team, Cardboard Boat Competition, Grade 9 Play

Sports: Intramural

NEXT STEPS

- Tendering and the start of construction this spring
- On-going updates to all DSBN families in West Niagara
- Student input opportunities for current and future students of WNSS
- Fundraising for theatre





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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
- Letters of Support already gathered from the community with many more expected include:
 - Stanpac
 - Foodland Smithville
 - A joint letter from the Lincoln and Grimsby Rotary Clubs,
 - Lincoln Leapers
 - Niagara Youth Orchestra
 - Garden City Productions
 - School Councils

WHY A THEATRE?

- Once in a generation chance to provide this facility for school and community use
- Robust programming and extracurricular opportunities for students
- 750 seat venue would bring a steady stream of people to the area (same size as the PAC in St. Catharines)
- It would keep people local for events like dance and music recitals, public and corporate meetings, theatre, music and arts productions
- No similar venue between Hamilton and St. Catharines – would be 12 minutes from Smithville



WHY A THEATRE?

- Rentals are very reasonably priced, based on the type of group (profit/non-profit) etc.
- The current highest rate for rental of a large theatre like this one by the DSBN is \$135 per hour, the lowest is \$0 per hour
- The DSBN has allocated \$4.2M of the \$6.8M price from non-pupil-based funds
- The community would not be responsible for any costs associated with this facility, other than rental fees

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