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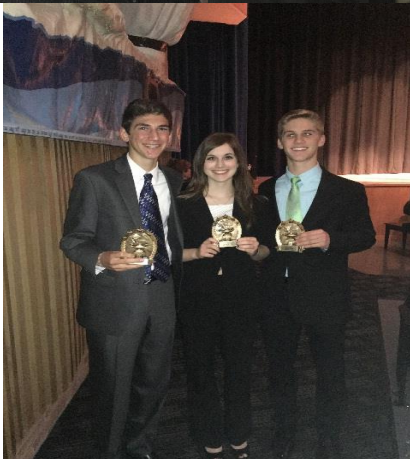


From the Principal

Congratulations to the following student athletes who were named to the 2015 All Western New York First Teams for their respective sports:

- **Clare Ahern** - Field Hockey
- **Noah Chojnacki** - Boys Volleyball
- **Mary Crumlish** - Field Hockey
- **Ian Harris** – Boys Soccer
- **Shannon Quinlan** - Field Hockey
- **Naomi Wistner** – Girls Cross Country

On Sunday, January 10, North's DECA chapter participated in the Regional Competition at Grand Island High School. DECA, an association of marketing students, enables students to explore a variety of career fields such as fashion, finance, marketing, hospitality and tourism, sports and entertainment and entrepreneurship and compete, through tests and role plays, against other students in these career areas. All of the students did a tremendous job representing Williamsville North in their appearance, demeanor, and abilities. We are extremely proud of their accomplishments and wish them well at the State Career Conference in Rochester in March. Please see page 4 of this newsletter for a complete list of winners. Congratulations to these hard-working business students!



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From the PTSA Co-Presidents

Andrea Wiepert & Ning Qian

Next PTSA meeting:
Monday, February 1, 2016 (Tri-High)
South High School - Cafeteria
6:30 pm

Greetings North! The mid-term exam week is over and half of the school year has passed.

We had a very successful 8th grade orientation in January. Future students and parents had an opportunity to meet administration and staff and tour the building. Students were able to see all that North has to offer through academics, clubs and sports. We even opened the School Store so they could all see what we do on a daily basis. Special thanks to our Link Crew members who led our families along the way and answered many of their questions.

We held an informal tri-high PTSA meeting on January 19. It was an opportunity to meet with the PTSA leadership of our sister high schools, East and South, to discuss various topics, share ideas and collaborate. It was a great turn out and we are hopeful to do this again in the future.

Still not a PTSA member? Why not? Our PTSA and volunteers work hard every day to make a difference in your student's school life. PTSA membership is a way to show support of this work. Our membership numbers are dramatically behind our goal. We had 500 members last year and are striving for an 8% increase to 540 members. Currently we only have approximately 400 members so we need your help to reach the goal. Please, if you haven't already done so, sign up for membership today. The form can be found on the WITS homepage or you can download it by going to www.williamsvillek12.org -> Our Schools -> North High School -> PTSA 2015-2016 -> 2015 Membership Form. Just complete and send in, instructions are on the form. Thank you for helping us reach our goals.

UPCOMING PTSA MEETING DATES 2015-2016

Monday, March 7, 2016 – 7pm
Monday, April 4, 2016 – 7 pm
Monday, May 2, 2016 – 7 pm
Monday, June 6, 2016 – 7 pm

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL continued...

On Wednesday, January 13, 64 of our students participated the following events in the Tech Wars competition at Niagara County Community College.



- Architectural Model
- 3D Parametric Modeling
 - 3D CAD
 - 2D CAD
- Problem Solving
- VEX Robotics
- King of the Hill Robotics
- Large Scale Bridge Design
- Digital Video Production
 - Digital Photography
- 3D Modeling Cell Phone Acoustics
 - Cardboard Chair Design
 - KidWind Windmills

The results are as follows:

- **Taigan Lavrey** and **Zach Moser** - 1st place King of the Hill Robotics
- **Nitya Murali** and **Sophia Wang** - 2nd place in 3D Modeling Cell Phone acoustics
- **Lyon Lascu** - 2nd place in T-Shirt Design
- **Helen Fei** and **Tyler Nadrich** - 3rd place in Digital Video Production

Best wishes to our students as they gear up for their State Conference in March.

North High School events in February 2016 include:
Feb. 1.....PTSA Meeting at 7:00pm
Feb. 3.....Winter Orchestra Concert at 7:00pm
Feb. 15-19.....Mid- Winter Recess
Feb. 27.....Winter Ball 7:00-10:00pm

Sincerely,

Gary Collichio
Principal

**The deadline for the February Newsletter is
Wednesday, February 3, 2016.**

FROM THE PTSA Co-Presidents continued...

We are always happy to welcome new volunteers at the school store. This is our main source of income to provide funds for our initiatives and student scholarships. With over 120 shifts to fill each month, we rely on our parents to help out. Please consider offering your time – weekly, monthly, whatever you can do. Please contact Sue Sniatecki at suesniatecki@gmail.com or 716-208-4978, to sign up. Sue can work with you to fill shifts as often as you are available. She or another seasoned volunteer will train our newcomers – so don't worry about that! It's a great to spend some time at the school and see the day to day happenings at North. Thank you for your help!

Please remember to save your **Dash's** receipts. This is such a great and easy way for our school to raise funds. Simply send your receipts in to the school store or the main office. We have earned more than \$650 in 2015!

We encourage you to attend and look forward to seeing you at our monthly PTSA meetings (next meeting is Monday, February 1, 2016 – Tri-High meeting @ South HS). If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please let us know. You can email us at williamsvillenorthpts@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Andrea Wiepert & Ning Qian
PTSA Co-Presidents

PTSA FORMS

***All 2015 – 2016 PTSA forms can be found online by going to: www.williamsvillek12.org ► Our Schools ► North High School ► PTSA 2015-2016 ► *Select the link for the particular form you are looking for.*

You may also click on the PTSA 2015-2016 link on the WITS homepage which will direct you to the current forms.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

WITS PARENT PORTAL ACCOUNT

All parents and legal guardians are eligible to have their own WITS account. If you have not set up your WITS parent account, you are strongly encouraged to do so at this time.

For those unfamiliar with our WITS system, WITS is a place where you can easily navigate your child's schedule, attendance and grades.

The benefit of a WITS parent portal:

- Secure electronic communication between parents and teachers
- Access to parent specific information
- One log-on used to access all of your children attending school within the District
- Printable report cards and progress reports
- Online parent conference sign-ups
- Additional enhancements as the portal grows

In order to register for a parent account in WITS you will need to obtain an activation code. You can obtain your activation code by calling the Help Desk at 626-8058 between the hours of 9 am and 3 pm. We hope you find this WITS feature beneficial and easy to use.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES continued...

MID-WINTER RECESS

This year's Mid-Winter Recess will be February 15 - 19. Parents of winter varsity athletes need to be aware that the Section has scheduled games/playoffs during that week. Therefore, if your son or daughter is a winter athlete on such sports that include but are not limited to girls and boys basketball, ice hockey, wrestling and swimming, you need to avoid making any travel plans for that break.

If you have any questions, please contact the District Athletic Director, Christopher Mucica, at 626-8037, or Williamsville North's Athletic Director, Mr. Steven Ferenczy, at 626-8542.

MID-WINTER RECESS

The Presidents' Day Recess will be, Monday, February 15, 2016 through Sunday, February 21, 2016.

During this recess, the entire building will be closed and locked on the following dates:

Sunday, February 14
Sunday, February 21

Access to the building will be permitted on the following dates/times:

Monday, February 15 – 7 am – 11:30 am
Tuesday, February 16 – 7 am – 11:30 am
Wednesday, February 17 – 7 am – 11:30 am
Thursday, February 18 – 7 am – 11:30 am
Friday, February 19 – 7 am – 11:30 am
Saturday, February 20 – 7 am – 11:30 am

The Main Office will be open on the following dates:

Thursday, February 18 – 7:00 am – 2:00 pm
Friday, February 19 – 7:00 am – 3:00 pm

The Guidance Office will be open on the following dates:

Tuesday, February 16 – 7:30 am – 2:30 pm
Wednesday, February 17 – 7:30 am – 2:30 pm
Thursday, February 18 – 7:30 am – 2:30 pm
Friday, February 19 – 7:30 am – 2:30 pm

The Attendance Office, Career Center will be closed during this recess.

Classes will resume on Monday, February 22.

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

MyStop is a web-based application available to all Williamsville Central School District parents to access live bus GPS information using a smartphone, tablet or computer and securely view the current location of their child's bus on routes. The system also provides the school bus's estimated time of arrival at your child's bus stop. Please use the following link to access additional information and instructions on how to access MyStop:

http://www.williamsvillek12.org/files/filesystem/mystop_qa-revised.pdf

NURSE'S NOTES

Susan Carducci, RN
TEL. 626-8525 / FAX 626-8582

PARENTS OF CURRENT 10TH GRADE & NEWLY REGISTERED STUDENTS

Parents of current 10th graders and students new to the district that have not submitted physicals for their children or returned the response sheet are asked to do so as soon as possible. These physicals are state mandated and all students must comply. Students are new to the district if they transfer to North from a school outside the Williamsville District, or from a private school within the district. If there are any questions, please feel free to contact the school nurse at 626-8525.

CURRENT 9TH GRADERS

NYS requires all 10th graders to provide a physical and dental examination to the school, as they do for grades K, 2, 4 & 7. This is the last required physical unless the student plays sports or needs working papers.

Physicals are good for one year. So, if your 9th grader has submitted a physical that was completed after September 2, 2015, it can count as his/her 10th grade physical for next school year. If it was completed over the summer months, you will need to submit a new one for 10th grade. It is preferred that a physical be completed before December of his/her 10th grade year. I will be sending letters home in May to parents of those current 9th graders who will need their 10th grade physical completed. If you do not have health insurance to cover the cost of this exam, please contact the Health Office.

A District Health Appraisal Form is available in the nurse's office, main office or in this publication. Area pediatricians are familiar with it. After it is completed, please return it to the nurse for the student's file. Students frequently have yearly physicals, so that is the best time to have the form completed. If you have any questions, contact me at 626-8525.

MIGRAINES

The December 2006 "School Health Alert" had an article regarding nutrition and migraines. Migraines are a common complaint. An actual migraine is a more severe headache, usually on just one side, that is accompanied by a light sensitivity and/or nausea. There has been a lot of talk about certain foods causing migraines. In this particular study, there was no correlation between migraines and certain foods or food additives. However, there was a definite reduction in migraines when certain nutrients were added to their diets. Among those seeming to improve migraines were Omega 3 fatty acids, Riboflavin, Magnesium, and following a low fat diet. It is difficult to feel well if you are not eating a well-balanced diet, providing your body with the nutrients it needs to function properly. A reduction in caffeine intake also showed a decrease in the number of migraines.

If your child suffers from frequent headaches or migraines, it might be good to first look at his/her diet. It is hard to feel well when you do not eat well. Headaches are common also if you do not eat breakfast, and lunch is late. Your body's blood sugar lowers and can cause a headache. Having protein and fiber in the morning helps to keep your blood sugar stable longer, also helping your student to perform better in school. If your child needs medication in school, remember he/she may not carry it with them, even if it is over-the-counter. Medication should be kept in the Health Office, and requires a doctor's order and parental permission for the school to administer. This is to protect all students in the building.

SPRING SPORTS SIGN UPS

Spring sports signups are usually held in the beginning of March. If your child's physical was completed in March 2015, then it will be good until the end of the month. Any physical exams dated January 2015 or February 2015, will require a new physical to be valid for the spring sport season. Also, all Phys. Ed. restrictions will have to be updated for clearance to return to gym AND sports before they can be signed by the nurse. Please remember to have your child pick up the Sports Verification form and green sheet in the Athletic Office AND sign up for their sport on WITS before they bring their paperwork to the nurse to sign.

REGION 12 DECA REGIONAL WINNERS

PRINCIPLES OF BUSINESS MANAGEMENT & ADMINISTRATION

MARGARET CHECKHOVA

PRINCIPLES OF FINANCE

ADRIANNA SOUCY
LEELA FERNANDO

PRINCIPLES OF HOSPITALITY & TOURISM

DAN SATURNINO

PRINCIPLES OF MARKETING

NICK STAFFORD
ADAM DIDONATO

APPAREL & ACCESSORIES

HANNAH NELSON
STEPHANIE SHEPPARD

AUTOMOTIVE SERVICES

NICK DAIGLER

BUSINESS FINANCE

KELLY THOMPSON
EDWARD BIANCO
SEAN BALCERZAK
ALEX JONES

BUSINESS SERVICES MARKETING

MARIN JANKOVIC
GRANT HART

FOOD MARKETING

LYON LASCU
JARED CUMMINS

HOTEL & LODGING MANAGEMENT

CONNOR THOMAS
SCOTT DAIGLER
JUSTIN BEGLEY

MARKETING MANAGEMENT

MAX CARROL
AYUSH DHUPAR

PERSONAL FINANCIAL LITERACY

EMMA STEADMAN

QUICK SERVE RESTAURANT MANAGEMENT

KRIS THOMPSON
LAUREN TRAUTWEIN
ANDREW LOONEY

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT

ANDREW OESTREICHER
RYAN KONOTOPSKYJ
KATIE KRINER

RETAIL MERCHANDISING

MATT SCHWARTZ
ERIC WEISANSAL
SYDNEY STRANO

SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT MARKETING

JEFF BELLINGER
KRISTEN KORAL

BUSINESS LAW & ETHICS TEAM DECISION MAKING

CATHERINE ANGIERS/SAMANTHA
DIAMOND

BUYING & MERCHANDISING TEAM DECISION MAKING

COLIN PETERSON/LUKE THOMPSON

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS TEAM DECISION MAKING

KENAN UMAR/RYAN GREENE
NICK GIAMBRONE/ALEX WILSON

HOSPITALITY SERVICES TEAM DECISION MAKING

GABRIELLE GAYGEN/KELSEY STONE

MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS TEAM DECISION MAKING

JOSEPH LOONEY/ANDREW FAIRBROTHER

SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT MARKETING TEAM DECISION MAKING

PETER BATTAGLIA/ALEX TOUFEXIS
JEREMY SCHATZ/OWEN WITT

MANAGEMENT DECISION MAKING

FRANCESCA MANZELLA
TESS ANDREWS
GABRIELLE MANZELLA

JOB INTERVIEW

SAMANTHA GREENE
EMILY DAIGLER

PUBLIC SPEAKING

RAWAN GHAZY

SALES DEMO

MOHAMAD SALLAJ

****THESE STUDENTS
HAVE QUALIFIED TO
ATTEND THE STATE
CAREER CONFERENCE
IN ROCHESTER, NY****

CAREER CENTER/GUIDANCE

WILLIAMSVILLE NORTH HIGH SCHOOL **GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT**

Telephone – 716-626-8506

Fax – 716-626-8377

School CEEB Code – 335-983

Date	Test	Deadline To Register
March 5, 2016	SAT only	February 5, 2016
May 7, 2016	SAT & Subject Tests	April 8, 2016
June 4, 2016	SAT & Subject Tests	May 5, 2016
April 9, 2016	ACT	March 4, 2016
June 11, 2016	ACT	May 6, 2016

SCHOLARSHIP LIST

Williamsville North provides a list of scholarships to our students as they become available. Located under the College tab on Naviance, scholarships are added to the list throughout the year. Most scholarships are available for juniors and seniors, however, all students should check the scholarship list periodically.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT WITS

Don't forget the Guidance Department is on WITS. Just go to the WITS home page and click on Guidance Department from the Intranet list. This page includes links to email your child's counselor, important test dates and events, as well as links to websites like FAFSA (Financial Aid), NCAA and other informative websites and college information.

SCHEDULING

The guidance office will continue scheduling for the 2015-2016 school year through February. The 2015-2016 course catalog has been posted on WITS. We encourage you to review the catalog with your child and discuss possible courses that your child should take next year. We also recommend to take into account the appropriate level recommended by your student's teachers, and ask questions accordingly. Please note that the deadline to turn in your course selection sheet is Friday, February 26. If received after this deadline, requests for changes may not be honored.

INTERIM REPORT PERIODS END:

March 4, 2016, May 13, 2016

MARKING PERIODS END:

April 15, 2016, June 24, 2016

CAREER CENTER/GUIDANCE continued...

2015-2016

SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSIGNMENTS

The following school counselors are assigned to students with the last names beginning with the following letters:

D, J, M, T	Mrs. Davidson
A, F, I, U, V, X, Y, Z	Mrs. Tringali
B, E, L, N, P	Mrs. Kaputa
H, K, Q	Mr. Miller
C, G, O, W	Mrs. Miller-Bushey
R, S	Mrs. Szwed

The Guidance Office can be reached at: 626-8506.

ONLINE PROGRESS REPORTS AND REPORT CARDS

In an effort to reduce costs associated with printing and mailing progress reports and report cards, and also in an effort to promote "green" initiatives, the District will no longer be mailing home progress reports and/or report cards unless requested to do so. Report cards and progress reports will be available in the following ways:

- Through WITS, via the student login
- Through WITS, via the parent login
- By mail, if requested

Those with parent accounts in WITS will be notified by email when progress reports and report cards are posted. Should you wish to receive progress reports and/or report cards by mail, contact the guidance office at 626-8507. If your child's report cards or progress reports were mailed home from North during the 2014-15 school year, we will continue to honor your request unless you tell us otherwise. Thank you for your support in this initiative to reduce costs and "go green."

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS

All students enrolled in an Advanced Placement (AP) course are required to take the AP exam for that course. This year's exams will take place from May 4 to May 15.

- This year, the cost per exam is **\$81**. Payment for each exam must be made in check form, payable to Williamsville Central Schools.
- Exam fees will be collected in the Career Center sometime in early February.
- The student's name and the name of the AP exams should be listed on the face of the check. One check can be issued if taking multiple exams.

Fee reductions are available for families who qualify. If you receive a free or reduced lunch, please see Mr. Miller in the guidance office for more information.

***Check the WITS homepage periodically for guidance events.**

WILLIAMSVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT DRIVER EDUCATION SCHEDULE

This program is offered by Williamsville Central Schools as a service to the community. The course combines the benefits of practical driving along with defensive driving techniques for safe and responsible operation of a motor vehicle. All students must be 16 years of age by the beginning of the class date and hold a valid N. Y. S. learner’s permit or driver’s license.

Successful completion of this course will qualify the student for DMV Certificate of completion (MV- 285) and insurance reduction certificate. Class will consist of 24 hours of in vehicle instruction, including 6 hours of behind-the-wheel driving and 24 hours of classroom instruction. This program will include a written exam and driving skills test. All students are required to attend all sessions. This requires a commitment on the part of students, parents and teachers to fulfill the N.Y.S. course requirements. All missed classes must be made up; a fee of \$45.00 will be charged for any missed sessions. A fee of 10.00 will be charged to replace lost certificates. If you have any questions, please call: Beth Moritz, at 626 –8294.

Registration for this program will be accepted BY MAIL ONLY, POSTMARKED ON OR AFTER FEBRUARY 5, 2016. REGISTRATIONS POSTMARKED BEFORE FEBRUARY 5, 2016 WILL BE CONSIDERED POSTMARKED ON FEBRUARY 5, 2016.

IMPORTANT NOTICES:

- STUDENTS WILL BE CHOSEN BASED ON BIRTH DATE AND POSTMARK.
- NO REFUND WILL BE GIVEN AFTER March 13, 2016.
- The State Education Department requires that both parts of the program run concurrently.
- MV-285 Certificates will be available two weeks after the complete program ends. MV-285 has to be signed for at District Office, 105 Casey Rd.
- Please mail to: Williamsville South, 5950 Main St., Williamsville, NY 14221, Attn: Driver Education

A student enrolled in the Williamsville Central School District who cannot afford the driver education fee may contact Mr. Boardman at 626-8200 and submit a letter stating need and current status of eligibility for free or reduced lunch. Please send in a registration form.

In-Vehicle Instructor: AAA
 Fee: \$450.00 (payable to Williamsville Central Schools)
 Place: Williamsville South High School, 5950 Main St, Williamsville, NY 14221

Registration Information

<u>Course Code:</u> KD515		<u>Course Code:</u> KD516	
<u>April 4-May 25</u> <u>Monday-Wednesday</u> <u>Driving</u> 3:30-5:00 <u>Classroom</u> 5:05-6:35		<u>April 5-May 26</u> <u>Tuesday-Thursday</u> <u>Driving</u> 3:30-5:00 <u>Classroom</u> 5:05-6:35	

DRIVER EDUCATION REGISTRATION CARD		
LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
_____	_____	_____
DATE OF BIRTH	PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME	
_____	_____	
ADDRESS		

CITY OR TOWN	STATE	ZIP CODE
_____	_____	_____
HOME SCHOOL	HOME NUMBER	
_____	_____	
REQUESTED COURSE CODE: _____		

February

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1 F <u>FIRST DAY OF 2ND SEMESTER</u> <u>SENIOR BREAKFAST</u> <u>7:45 – 9:22 AM</u> Faculty Mtg. – 3 pm PTSA Tri-High Mtg. @ South HS 6:30 pm	2 A	3 B Winter Orchestra Concert 7 pm	4 C Jostens Cap, Gown & Announcements Orders 10:30 am – 1 pm Senior Cafeteria	5 D Jostens Cap, Gown & Announcements Orders 10:30 am – 1 pm Senior Cafeteria	6
7	8 E	9 F BOE Mtg. – 7 pm Budget Work Session 8 pm	10 A	11 B	12 C	13
14	15 PRESIDENTS' DAY NO SCHOOL	16 MID-WINTER RECESS NO SCHOOL	17 MID-WINTER RECESS NO SCHOOL	18 MID-WINTER RECESS NO SCHOOL	19 MID-WINTER RECESS NO SCHOOL	20
21	22 D CLASSES RESUME	23 E	24 F College Information Night @ South HS 6:30 pm	25 A	26 B	27 The Squall Ball 7 – 10 pm Gymnasium
28	29 C		HOLIDAYS 2/10 - Ash Wednesday (C)	<div data-bbox="1190 1293 1463 1413" data-label="Text"> <div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <h2 style="margin: 0;">2016</h2> </div> </div>		

SCHOOL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Main Office	626-8500
Mr. Gary Collichio, Principal	626-8505
Assistant Principal (Grades 9 & 10)	626-8504
Mr. Andre Thomas	
Acting Assistant Principal (Grade 11)	626-8513
Mr. Brian Swatland	
Administrative Assistant (Grade 12)	
Mrs. Lorraine Redlinski	626-8566
Attendance Office	626-8555
Business	626-8515
Cafeteria Services	626-8519
Career Center	626-8544
Custodial Services	626-8527
Mr. Peter Tomasello, Head Custodian	
DECA	626-8516
Mr. Alan Balsdon	
English	626-8536
Guidance Office	626-8507
Internships	626-8516
Mrs. Carol Kontchegulian	
Library	626-8529
Mrs. Susan Grossman	

Mathematics	626-8521
Music	626-8524
Physical Education	626-8542
Mr. Steven Ferenczy, Faculty Manager	
Planetarium	626-8523
Mr. Mark Percy	
Psychologist	626-8512
Mrs. Heather Youngblood	
Psychologist	626-8366
Ms. Emily Krezmien	
Resource Room	626-8547
Science	626-8522
School Nurse	626-8525
Mrs. Susan Carducci	
Second Language	626-8531
Social Studies	626-8533
Social Worker	626-8514
Mrs. Lori Lorenz	
Technology	626-8540
Yearbook	626-8532
AIM	626-8550
FAX	626-8597

PTSA EXECUTIVE BOARD

Co-Presidents: Andrea Wiepert & Ning Qian
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Recording Secretary: Holley Sheppard
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Williamsville North PTSA
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