



CENTRAL SCHOOL COUNCIL

Thursday, January 16, 2020

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Michelle Fernandes, Alex Krugel, Emily Ens, Ginelle Polmanter-Gentle, Sam Bell, Lisa D'Archi Foster, Majedeh Warsi, Jennifer Chamberland, Delia Boom, Marie Nadon, Leanne Tuck, Candis Scammell, Leslie Bhardwaj Emily McInerney, Sara Van Schyndel, Christina Alloway, Christine Kempf, Amanda Pinho, Sherri Lyons, Robyn Scheubel, Lori Moccio

Regrets: Erin Spencer, Jenn Baker

Required Voting Member Attendance for Quorum: 13

18 voting members in attendance

- **Approval of minutes from December 5, 2019 (posted online Dec 11th, 2019)**
 - Motion to approve the minutes - Christina Alloway
 - Seconded - Sara VS

- **Reports:**
- Co-Chairs (additional details available in the chair report, available upon request)
 - Reminder that info is available on website
 - School directory details received from the school - Leanne to follow up
 - Internet Safety Presentation booked for Nov 26, 2020.
 - Cost is \$975 + HST for 60 minutes kids, 90 minutes parents in the evening
 - If we collaborate with GSS then an additional \$450 if the same day
 - Ginelle to look into it with GSS as she is also on council there. Also, we'll ask for the 2 principals to connect and sort out which date is best
 - We propose to split the cost with them and have the event at GSS in the evening for parents from both schools
 - Grade One Open House - thanks to Emily M for speaking and Mark E for helping at our parent table, especially with short notice. Thanks to Sam B for getting us apples to hand out. They were very popular.
 - Going forward we will make our motions more general and not down to the exact cents so that we have some room for HST and other adjustments/reductions as needed without extra voting. Christina will update on exact amounts on the treasurer's report
 - Valentine's Pasta Dinner and Dance
 - if we sell max tickets (270), won't need council funds
 - all funds raised will be put towards new books for the school (they have already spent \$2000 this year)
 - more help from parents will be needed due to teachers' labour situation
 - student volunteer hours? - ask at GSS
 - entertainment ideas?
 - what level of censorship do we need for music? Marie to follow up
 - reach out to dj used for school dances - he's a Central School parent
 - potential discount from antipastos (TBD once the order is placed)

- coat/boot check process? - just use back of chairs for now, will check with the rental company for cost of hangers and racks, but want to minimize costs
- Treasurer (additional details available upon request)
 - \$18794 in the account, not including January revenue
 - \$5000 still set aside for Stream of Dreams (not sure if this will be reallocated)
 - M&M Meats \$103 - easy for one day - thank you
- Lunch Chair/Co-Chair
 - Lunch Lady seems to be operating smoothly
 - hoping to offer pancake tuesday - waiting for details
- Fundraising Chair/Co-Chair
 - succulents/ ferns for spring - need succulent numbers in Feb
 - we can guesstimate now based on last year
 - we can cap on school cash online
 - we can return extras 260 ish last year - guess at 350? this year - Christine to finalize with Belal
- **School Report (additional details available upon request)**
 - meeting name cards - collect at end of each meeting
 - staffing update
 - Mme Miller is off since mid Nov, no return to work date yet
 - Mme Buchard is filling in
 - Welcoming Mme C as new secretary.
 - job action update
 - not apparent from kids' lens
 - phase 4 out next week - dictates teachers' time very strictly
 - no day tournaments for sports allowed
 - mad science - not touched by job action as it is not run by board teachers
 - art program by YMCA staff - offered to daycare friends first
 - this site would likely not be picket site - picket at mpp offices
 - Question: how do we find out about club offerings? -
 - hesitant to lock in and promise something that may not be there next year
 - have teachers write activities on board and kids write in agenda
 - possible guide on website for which activities/age groups are in which months
 - funding approvals - discussed above in chair report
 - PIC monies
 - we have PIC monies available (\$500) to engage parents
 - donation for caregivers at council meetings?
 - Question/Comment: please encourage teachers to send email to parents for celebration assemblies, this month it was poor planning - will look at better timing for next one!
 - Building Improvements
 - slotted for painting this year - asked for specifics
 - slotted for flooring next year
 - asked for lockers in the whole building - fire safety concerns

- outdoor lighting (front parking lot) - to be changed by end of the month - safety concern, addressed by Y/after care parents too
- recent purchases - council assistance? part/full? up for negotiation
 - library books/book club books \$2000
 - guitars - guitar club starting \$350
 - basketballs \$250
 - phys ed equipment \$620
 - sound system \$2150
 - Question: \$1000 given for sports equipment last month? This spending is different than that \$1000 and for the winter/spring series of sports
- Graduation committee?
 - looking for volunteer assistance - if job action continues that long, teachers won't be able to be there after hours
 - led by grade 8 students - there has never been a parent grad committee in the past, or not to our knowledge
 - feel it is important for parents to have a connection
 - have to plan like job action might be a factor
 - put call out to GR7 so that GR 8s can relax
 - determine needs before call goes out - Mme Scheubel to follow up and determine what is needed
- Parent comment: School caretaker has asked that friends who attend Breakfast Club be very strongly encouraged to leave and go back outside once they are done eating. Not to go into the school and not to hang out in the room. This is needed to keep calm and organized.
- GR 1 Open House
 - Mascot was there for photos with SK Friends and some intermediate grade friends were there to staff colouring stations
 - # looks strong (51) after only two weeks
 - difficult to hear in the room due to kids, hard to manage
 - consider activity sheet for kids to do in their seats with their parents?
 - cutoff for registration is Feb 17 (Family Day)
 - consider Facebook post to boost registration numbers - Leanne to follow up with Mme Scheubel if this is needed
- Volunteers needed for Breakfast club/lunch distribution
- **Council Business**
 - School Directory/Survey (family businesses, babysitting list, volunteer email list)
 - shared from Jean Sauve
 - very in depth
 - do you have a family business you'd like to support?
 - share child care opportunities in the area as YMCA is full
 - three questions to include (add location/coverage area)
 - * parents able to offer childcare (before/after/PD Days/Summers)
 - 1. Do you have a family/local business for our directory?
 - 2. Do you have a child of babysitting age? provide contact?
 - 3. Parents help list, but not able to attend meetings.

- Paul Davis (internet safety): motion for funding
 - wait until we know what is happening at GSS
- Buddy bench update
 - nothing to report at this time
- **Beautification update**
 - nothing to report at this time
- **Indigo literacy fund grant application** (<https://grant-application.loveofreading.org/>)
 - *one time offer - we had it 5 years ago, so can't apply again*
- **Red playground**
 - hot topic - have photos, but not clear
 - \$5000 repairs for damages to make it usable
 - ask for quote on removal
 - Sherri's husband could remove equipment if board will allow it
 - Mme Scheubel to follow up and find out removal costs
- **Social Media**
 - Valentine's Family Pasta Dinner and Dance - Feb 13, 2020 at 6:30pm
 - please post initial event info and then a reminder closer to the deadline for tickets (which is Feb 7th)
 - Cash Online lunch orders due (2 days ahead)
 - Meeting minutes available on website (when they are ready)
 - Next meeting date (this month it will be the pasta dinner, no meeting) - next meeting is March 26th
 - GR 1 registration cut off is Feb 17th. This doesn't mean that people can't register after this, but we get funding and class/teacher assignments for the school based on this date.
 - Fundraisers - nothing at this time
 - Lunch - Lunch Lady pasta and hot dogs is up again for Feb. (not sure what is up for March yet....TBD)
 - Central Community Directory - details coming soon, will share once available

Question: If job action escalates, do you need help from parents?

Yes, but don't want parents to overstep bounds with teachers. Stay tuned.

- **New Business?**
 - Sensory Room wish list from Sara Van Schyndel
 - reached out twice - still no response
 - Mme Scheubel to follow up as well
 - financial requests from the school report
 - total spend (less library books) would be approximately \$3300+
 - motion to support all items except books at this time, up to \$3500
 - Motion put forward by Sherri Lyons
 - Seconded by Marie Nadon
 - Votes in favour: 18

- we will likely need at least one or two portables for next year - the school will have to find \$ to furnish them as they come empty.

Question: In the past, how much of an operating amount have we kept in our bank account from month to month?

Christina: In the past, it has been suggested/recommended to keep \$10K our reserve and even this is pretty conservative.

- **Motion for adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn - Christina Alloway, seconded by Marie Nadon

Next meeting is March 26th.

See you at the Valentine's Pasta Dinner and Dance!