

Cedarview School council meeting March 17, 2021

In Attendance: Alain Brulé, Wendy Firth, Carlie Gervais, Cheryl Strautman, Jennifer Roberts, Mark Diamond, Elvan Kuzucuoglu, Sarah Wise, Amy Ruff, Harprit Boiteux, Delinda Hayton, Carol Laporte, Jason Solomon

Regrets: Manal Alawneh, Stephanie Sylva, Natasha Caron,

Agenda Item	Discussion/Decision	Action Taken/Person responsible
Welcome and introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.</li> </ul>	Carlie Gervais
Approval of Agenda and Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Motion to approve agenda by Mark Diamond. Motion Approved - none opposed.</li> <li>Motion to approve minutes from February 2021 meeting by Harprit Boiteux. Motion Approved - none opposed.</li> </ul>	Carlie Gervais
Principal's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spirit Week at school this week as was supposed to be March Break - there will be a prize for winning class,</li> <li>Schools seem to be opening up with decreasing restrictions even though City of Ottawa seems to be moving towards increased restrictions.</li> <li>Spirit Wear had approx. 150 orders, uptake wasn't as strong as thought for Grad hoodies but all Gr. 8 grads will get a t-shirt upon graduation,</li> <li>Currently the transition team is working to ensure smooth transitions for Gr. 8s to their respective Secondary Schools - changes to Math streams and English streams this year - CMS teachers/guidance staff are working to ensure good fits for students.</li> <li>Grade 8 Graduation - currently a committee is set up at school and Alain requesting input from Council as they have participated in past financially and with planning for Gr. 8 graduation.</li> <li>Discussion about Gr. 6s coming into Cedarview next year - down to only 4 feeder schools for next year which may affect staffing - CMS is trying to minimize impact on staffing,</li> <li>Trying to revamp virtual presentation to Gr. 6s to have more student voice in the presentation to send out to feeder schools,</li> <li>Planning for next year still ongoing - potential that 10% of CMS population will still be virtual but still in planning stages</li> <li>CMS still uncertain what/if any restrictions will be on in person learning and trying to plan for various contingencies,</li> <li>Alain and Wendy sit on a committee for new Half Moon Bay school - committee not set on whether Gr 7-8 will be in that school or continue to attend at CMS - Alain is advocating for 7-8s to come to Cedarview to promote being with same cohort to help with transition to Gr. 9.</li> <li>There will be a more in depth review and parent consultation in future,</li> <li>Alain reporting that it feels like school year is in an upturn but also that the end of the school year will come quickly at this point.</li> </ul>	Alain Brulé

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Question from parent - re: Gr. 8 class size/# of Gr. 8s graduating - Alain reports approx. 400 this year and they will include virtual schooling kids in graduation from CMS.</li> <li>• Question from parent - re: transition for students to LDH? Alain reports that there are approx. 40-50 students from CMS going to LDH and that LDH is aware of challenges with CMS students coming into an established cohort at LDH. LDH does take into consideration when planning classes. Still uncertain if students will be able to do an in-person visit to LDH.</li> <li>• Question from parent - re: City of Ottawa move to Red Zone - does that affect restrictions at school - Alain feels that not likely to change at school as OPH documentation does not list changes from Orange to Red for schools. Trying to downplay this to students so as not to increase anxiety.</li> </ul>	
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A deposit of \$566 has been made from the Boston Pizza Fundraiser.</li> <li>• Alain reported that \$15,000 allocated for Library upgrades will be coming out of Parent Council fund as library equipment has been approved. Total cost of Library work is \$20,000 with \$15,000 coming from Council and other \$5,000 from CMS funds.</li> </ul>	Carol Laporte
<b>OCASC Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See link below for full minutes from OCASC</li> <li>• Presentation at February meeting by Carolyn Tanner - Human Rights and Equity Consultant for the school board - talked about her role and Q+A</li> <li>• Report from Carol that PRO Grant is operating somewhat differently - board is offering up some virtual events that councils/schools have opportunity to sign up for, Jennifer Roberts reports that her understanding is that it is not guaranteed that you get a spot, and if not can use the funds to a virtual event of school's choice however cost can be prohibitive. Alain and Carol to review in more detail and determine next steps.</li> <li>• There is an OCASC meeting on 18 Mar 2021 looking at equity and spending across the board and there will be surveying of schools. Carol will be attending.</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://ocasc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/OCASC-Draft-minutes-February-2021.pdf">https://ocasc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/OCASC-Draft-minutes-February-2021.pdf</a></p>	Carol Laporte
<b>Other Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Graduation Ideas from Parent Council -</li> <li>• Discussion that up to \$5,000 has been allocated from Council in the past but given that an in person event won't happen this year and that fundraising wasn't possible this year - will be a different level of contribution.</li> <li>• Some ideas put forward included decorating classrooms, pizza lunch, outdoor games. Discussion around restrictions for food at the school.</li> <li>• Tshirts for Grade 8s will be covered by school funds.</li> <li>• Wendy Firth has agreed to chair a sub-committee for parents and Alain will liaise that committee with the teachers. Carlie Gervais to put something on social media to invite parents.</li> </ul>	

<b>Next meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 7pm.</li></ul>	
<b>Adjournment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm.</li></ul>	