

Cedarview School council meeting September 21, 2022

In Attendance: Shelley Neill, Cheryl Strautman, Jennifer Stadler, Gabe Rother, Dan Bloom, Laura Bloom, Margaret Ferrall, Tracy Radbourne, Donna Owen, Ilana Shore, Sarah Wise, Jennifer Demone, Krista MacIsaac, Animesh Bandyopadaya, Carole Laporte

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 6:32pm</li> <li>Shelley welcomed all new parents and discussed plan for agenda for this evening's meeting</li> </ul>	Shelley Neill
Approval of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not required for today's meeting as not a formal agenda</li> </ul>	Shelley Neill
Principal's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussion about challenges around School Cash Online - will need to be addressed by the OCDSB as it is beyond Cedarview's issue</li> <li>Meetings to be held 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month</li> <li>Review of council positions - Chair, Co-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary</li> </ul> <p>Council Positions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chair: no volunteer</li> <li>Co-Chair: no volunteer</li> <li>Treasurer: Dan Bloom - volunteered - no opposition</li> <li>Secretary: Cheryl Strautman - Tracy Radbourne (back up)</li> <li>OCASC Rep: no volunteers</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School year is off to a good start, recognize the gaps in literacy and emotional adjustment,</li> <li>Trying to encourage engagement in the school to encourage strong spirit and behaviour,</li> <li>Central focus is literacy as a district to address any major gaps,</li> <li>Using OCDSB program called Lexia for students struggling with literacy,</li> <li>Trying to manage the gap in where the kids are at in terms of social skills, playing, using a program called The Third Path to optimize learning environment and safety</li> <li>Discussion about Empower program for Literacy and at this point it is not used at Cedarview</li> <li>School budget - significant amount in budget as couldn't spend it all, will be allocated their budget in the fall</li> <li>Question from parent - what is the purpose of the parent council - response from Shelley - trying to engage the parent and students into</li> </ul>	Shelley Neill

	<p>the school community, completing fundraisers to support school initiatives that can't be met otherwise,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent read definition from provincial website</li> <li>• Question from parent around school improvement plan - response from Shelley - the district wide school improvement plan is focused on literacy and focusing on gaps. School Improvement plans right now are focusing on social/emotional well being and literacy. It is not the same as it was prior to COVID,</li> <li>• Question from parent - how is the school measuring steps towards improvement? Response from Shelley - measurements include OSRs, report cards, academic measurement, and the report back from teachers regarding student well being,</li> <li>• Response from another parent that it also feeds back to the Third Path</li> <li>• Question from parent around school buses - are there many buses that are running late? Response from Shelley - there are many double routes happening at the end of the day. Please take feedback to OSTA</li> <li>• Parent reports that there is a "Try to Drive a Bus Day" in Kanata to try to recruit drivers</li> <li>• Parent suggestion - is there something that Parent Council could do to support the kids stress with the bus?</li> <li>• Can bring the OSTA/bussing concern to next Parent Council?</li> </ul>	
<b>Teacher's Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No representative at this time</li> </ul>	
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See attached from Carole Laporte - end of year report</li> </ul>	
<b>Allocation of Funds</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None today</li> </ul>	
<b>Other Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fundraising - Pre-COVID years - would often earn approx. \$12,000 through chocolate fundraiser, and then food programs</li> <li>• Potentially doing the Lamontagne/Laura Secord fundraiser</li> <li>• Carole's info - typically would make \$20,000, each box nets \$40, sold approx. 500 cases, student population at that time was 800, Carole did say that it was sometimes manually challenging to conduct,</li> <li>• Carole reports that fundraising money has also sometimes gone to Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony, and in previous years had used it for library upgrade,</li> <li>• Would need a purpose and intention for the fundraising,</li> <li>• Comment from parent is that it would make sense to have a monetary goal or project to work towards,</li> <li>• Potential for some parent volunteers willing to take this on,</li> <li>• Questions around chocolate fundraiser - ? school cash online vs. cash payment - Shelley to ask Sarah</li> <li>• ? if kids are allowed to go door to door - Shelley to inquire with school board if this allowed,</li> </ul>	Shelley Neill

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cheryl to send a Survey Monkey by September 28, 2022 to request vote on Chocolate Fundraiser and to ask if people are interested in participating in a sub-committee,</li> <li>• Carole to ask question to company about cost of return to company? Also to inquire if can do both Laura Secord and Lamontagne?</li>   <li>• Question about Calendar - Shelley to look at updating the online website calendar to ensure all meetings are posted - will list virtual and/or in person.</li>   <li>• Discussion around fundraising for technology - although Cedarview does not support 1:1 device to student they would still like to increase the amount of tech in each classroom, the teachers are requesting top off of tech in classroom, no firm numbers/percentage for students bringing their own tech,</li> <li>• Wishlist would be to increase the ratio of tech to student, teachers have had to shift as well to more online and would like to bring the teaching back to a mix,</li> <li>• Discussion from parent to not purchase large amounts at a time so that tech doesn't all become obsolete all at once</li> <li>• Other wishlist suggestions - servicing of the Spin bikes - they are not in use right now - but would need someone to check all the bikes</li> <li>• Discussion from parent - in previous school, they would get a wishlist by 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting and then prioritize accordingly</li> <li>• Shelley to discuss with teachers to see if there are Phys Ed, Science items wishlists, potential field trips to ensure that field trip costs are minimal</li>   <li>• Tracy and Carole agreeable to continue as Administrators on the Facebook page - Cedarview Middle School Community</li> </ul>	
<b>Next meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next meeting - Wednesday, October 12, 2022 - 630pm - plan for in person - location in school TBD</li> </ul>	
<b>Adjournment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting adjourned at 809pm.</li> </ul>	

