

Cedarview School council meeting Oct 11, 2023

In Attendance: Margaret Ferrall, Tracy Radbourne, Krystal Dodd-Wass, Nick Wakeham, Krista MacIsaac, Laura Bloom, Brendan Ziolo, Dan Bloom, Cristin Graham, Wenser Estime, Shelley Neill, Jennifer Stadler, Laura McLellan, Heather Moulton, Diane Rivard

Virtual: Amy Montiel, Sarah Wise, Donna Owen, Sara Homme, Nadine Gagnon

Regrets: Cheryl Strautman, Stefanie Rowan

Agenda Item	Discussion/Decision	Action Taken/Person responsible
Welcome and introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm 	Shelley Neill
Approval of Agenda/Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion to approve the agenda/minutes made by Laura Bloom, second by Krystal Dodd-Wass. All in favour, none opposed. Laura McLellan has agreed to council Co-Chair - no objections. 	
Principal's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion about current events and how we are managing our multicultural and diverse CMS community. Resources have been provided by the board to support staff with how to manage conversations should they come up. Staff are listening for conversations and <i>interrupting</i> any unsafe or unwelcome conversations- nothing said can come across as hate. Board has an anti-hate protocol. If students are feeling unsafe it violates our human rights code. Police report can and will be filed if the anti-hate protocol is broken. Suspensions can happen, meeting with parents to outline expectations, superintendent is involved, violent threat risk assessment team is involved. Students can wear cultural wear so long as they are not expressing hate towards others. So far, no negative back and forth talk or tension has been observed by staff- parents please let us know if there is anything of concern coming home from students. Respectful, accepting behaviour only. If there is an issue, the proper channel to seek support starts with teacher and loop in administration, parent or student can report, investigation by administration to find out details. We have strong support with our community leaders. They are willing to come in and support when necessary. Rabbi Blum and Imam Zijad have both been contacted. CMS is going to dismantle the spin room (the bikes). They are costly and students/teachers aren't sure how to use them properly. Bikes are not working and break easily. 	Shelley Neill

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● They are building a physical body break room geared towards an intermediate level (getting out energy or frustrations) 2 bikes will go in the body break room. The resource room at the bottom of the ramp will be the body break space and the bike room will become a flexible physical education space for teachers to use with their classes. ● Bikes will go in a few classrooms (requested by some staff) for body breaks but will require training for students and students cannot interrupt the class or teaching while using bikes. ● School will offer the other bikes to the feeder schools if they want them. ● Budget is coming soon- no details yet but we are not in the red. ● Reorganization of the school has gone smoothly. It is difficult to close a class, teachers are unionized and have seniority numbers based on years of experience as an OT and as a contract teacher. Someone is always at the bottom (French and English are separate). The people at the bottom are unfortunately the first to leave in the case of a reorganization. ● School had to collapse a small grade 7 class and the students are adjusting to their new class. ● Timetables were all revised because there were too many scheduling conflicts, so they all needed to be redone. Minor changes happened with some of the subjects, only 2 classes had teacher changes (one grade 7 and one grade 8 class) ● Things were more complicated this year, so it took more time to figure out what needed to happen with regards to the reorganization. Contract teachers ended up bumping some of the LTO (long term occasional teachers) because so many schools were affected, and many schools had to collapse classrooms. ● We are facing OT shortages across the board. The VP is responsible for filling absences. Cedarview is facing the shortage too. Keep an eye on emails and listen for the phone calls in the morning to let you know about class closures. Board did a large hire of OTs in September and another one last week. If classes are closed it is because they have already pulled teachers from their support positions and from their preparation times and they are still short staffed. They have also already called emergency supply teachers (people who want to come and stand in front of the class but are not teachers). The administration keeps track and tries not to always close the same classes. Decisions are made in consultation with the superintendent. ● Daily Occasional Teacher- the board has only given us one, but hopefully we will have another one assigned to us given that we are a big site. ● We have 676 students as of right now, but it constantly changes. ● Meet the teacher is next week October 18th 5:30-6:30 	
<p>Teacher's Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Terry Fox run was at Lytle park- Students and staff walked over to the park for the run and it was very successful. Students had a great time. ● Pizza lunch starts tomorrow. 	<p>Cristin Graham</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pita Pit on Tuesdays • Cross Country event happening October 12th- lots of kids signed up. • Many clubs are starting up in October/November • Dungeons and Dragons, French Club, Chess Club (will happen when it gets colder) • Request from Phys Ed teacher Ms Filion- to be able to start selling popcorn. She would need volunteers to pop popcorn and bag it, and they will sell through cash online once a week. 3 hour a week time commitment. • Maggie- The price of popcorn for the machine has gone up a lot so it isn't likely feasible- Papa Jack's is a good alternative. The school will investigate options. • Communication with parents and students- Two students chosen by Ms. Blunt (runs the Student Council) will be going to see Ms. Graham to review the minutes from the Parent Council meeting to then bring the information back to the Student Council and to classrooms. • Maggie will visit one of the student council meetings to talk about Parent Council • Students are asking for dances again. • Equipment for gym is needed (dodgeballs etc) • Teachers have been asked to post the clubs and sports on the public calendar (website) for parents to see. Admin will also add the list of clubs and sports to the weekly email when possible. • Open gym is popular but might have a time change based on intramural schedules. It will continue to be offered as long as it is popular. • Ski club- will investigate partnering with Pakenham. Any program offered needs to be equitable for the kids who have zero interest in downhill skiing. Must be put through the board risk assessment to see if we qualify. Pakenham can offer tubing, cross country skiing as well as downhill. We need to look at other options if it is not accessible. • We do not offer night ski programs anymore- not supported through the board. 	
<p>Chair Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report from the questionnaire • Chocolate fundraiser interest- 72.7% yes 27.3% no • Preference to do one main or many small? 81.8% various small fundraisers 18.2% one big fundraiser • Many suggestions were given (Purdy's, Little Caesars, Epicure meal kits etc) • We have a list of people interested in a sub committee for Grad. Let us know if you are interested and didn't have a chance to respond to the survey. • Wenser volunteered to be our OCASC representative (Ottawa Carleton Association of School Councils) • Board has a PIC committee that has 2 representatives from OCASC. Board has decided they want to remove the parent representatives and only have board members on the committee. • Amy Montiel- would like to review the CMS constitution and head up a subcommittee. Let her know if you would like to help. 	<p>Margaret Farrell</p>

Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Since last meeting found that there was a separate donation acct ● \$5484.52 current balance ● \$1778.60 (donations from grad and bottle drive) ● Spent \$5419.38 on Grad 2023 ● When you make purchases for council we need to use debit cards not credit cards so that parents do not get rewards points (board requirement) ● Once committees are established, Sarah in the office can help organize accounts ● We had allocated funds at the end of last school year for the school wish list. Should be earmarked or moved to the school- Maggie and Amy will look into this ● Krista- PIC money- did our PIC money come into the council account? Sarah (Office) needs to look into. Should be automatic. \$500 every year for every council. Krista asked if the money was sent and where it was sent. ● Pro-grant hasn't come out yet- we will work on application as soon as it comes out to plan something for this school year 	Amy Montiel
Allocation of Funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● None this meeting. 	
Fundraising Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chocolate fundraiser- Purdy's has a Christmas option (orders gets shipped to one location, orders go in online) we get 25% back with options of bonus based on sales (Maggie) ● Little Caesars kits (pizza, breadsticks, meal kits)- order online and kits arrive in one place and picked up by parents. Approximately \$6 per kit back to the school with options of bonus based on sales. Kits need to be picked up the day they arrive at the school because they are frozen. (Krystal) ● Pickle and Myrrh- Merrickville boutique, family-owned business, handcrafted caramels. Fundraising option for schools 30% back in sales. Maggie brought samples of the caramels for us to try. ● Cotton Candy \$1.47 per bag cost. Can be a one-time sale for grad. Will be delivered to the school. ● We will try to outline the fundraisers all at once and advertise them together so that parents can plan their participation and have an idea of our plan for the year. ● We need to fill out a report about our fundraising plans. We set our fundraising goal at \$5000 for the year. ● Little Caesars- Krystal will run it and will investigate a 2024 date. ● Purdy's- (Krista) and Pickle and Myrrh- (Maggie) to go out as a winter holiday fundraiser 	
Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grad committee to be established by Krista Maclsaac - will update council as per committee protocols. ● Will there be a Halloween dance for this year? Student council hasn't brought it up for this year yet so it likely will not happen at Halloween. Student council usually runs the canteen for events, but 	

	<p>council might be able to run some to be used as a fundraiser for the parent council. Canteen funds from student run events usually go towards a foundation (Terry Fox etc) determined by the student council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food trucks were brought up as a suggestion for Meet the Teacher night or a night throughout the year. We are too late to get them for the Meet the Teacher night this year but will consider them for another event throughout the year. 	
Next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting - Wednesday, 8 November 2023 - 630pm in person with virtual option. 	
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to adjourn meeting made by Laura Bloom and seconded by Dan Bloom at 8:23p.m. 	