

Cedarview Middle School Council Minutes  
 October 11, 2017

In Attendance: 12 - Jodi Parker, Janice Ballinger, Vikki Orphanos, Tracy Budrow, Heather Graham, Cindy Frazer, Jody Fillion, Alain Brulé, Wendy Firth, Chrissy Goyette-Pinto, Rowan Hartmann, Jennifer Lexmond

Agenda Item	Discussion/Decision	Person responsible
Welcome and introduction	The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.	Jodi Parker
Approval of agenda and previous meeting minutes	No changes to meeting minutes of September 13, 2017. Motion to approve minutes made by Wendy Firth and seconded by Tracy Budrow. Motion passed.	Jodi Parker
Principal's Report	<p>Ramble - Mr. Brulé's first ramble was held Thursday, Oct 5<sup>th</sup> and went very well. A great day was had by all and the weather was great. Having all students in school attend provided opportunity to see just how many youth are a part of Cedarview. A BIG Thank You to Jodi Fillion and Andrew Gervais for organizing such a large event.</p> <p>Field Trip the previous day also went well - Thanks to Mr. Campbell who organized trip and teachers and staff who helped out.</p> <p>PD DAY - productive day focussed on planning for the future which involved staff discussing and sharing of ideas to determine the preferred goals for the school moving into the future. PD Day went very well with staff sharing information and ideas among peers which was great.</p> <p>MATH: There is a big focus on Math outcomes at Board and Province levels. School was not implicated due to no regular Grade 6s last year when EQAO was done; only few gifted students which was not a large enough group.</p> <p>John McCrae Grade 9 scores were looked at to provide feedback on Cedarview's performance in Math learning. Cedarview fared really well. The majority of Cedarview students go into Academic stream in Grade 9, and 90% of students' EQAO results were 3 and over. Of the Cedarview students who went into the Applied stream, 68% scored at level 3 and above. Board/Province average was 50%. Many factors affect why our students did so well including the demographics of Barrhaven, parental involvement, and teacher efforts.</p> <p>ENHANCEMENTS TO CURRICULUM: There will be additional Board funds received by school which will be spent across all curriculums to further develop the 5 priority skills/competencies identified by the Board.</p> <p>MODERNIZE LEARNING SPACES WITHIN SCHOOL: Staff will be using some school-generated funds to create a number of non-traditional learning spaces by purchasing furniture to be put in areas such larger areas like hallways, other corners of larger rooms, etc. Kids will be able to work in groups, using mobile devices while collaborating on various tasks.</p>	Alain Brulé

Outdoor Classroom - Stittsville school just unveiled their own outdoor classroom which is a mixture of rocks, wooden benches, and picnic tables. It was expensive - \$45,000 and included assistance of community partners. Cedarview could create our own "outdoor classroom" without spending a lot of money if we use existing area in yard that has some features already in place. Advantage - currently accessible and quickly actioned so students can enjoy space this school year and staff could book classes to use it.

Jodi P mentioned that it would be good to involve the two girls whose idea won last year's Hawk's Nest.

Optimizing school space: staff brainstorming and thinking outside the box to see how two computer labs could be turned into other usable spaces. Implementing a spinning room can be a catalyst for further changes to the function of various rooms that will allow modernizing of school space.

**Spinning Room:**

Usage and Benefits - this room providing group spinning on stationary bikes would be part of School Phys Ed program, but would also be used by teachers of other subjects when exercise makes sense for their classes; for example, for the short 20 minute blocks, or in the middle of the longer 80 classes. The bikes can also be used when "body breaks" are needed for individual kids who benefit from movement as well as for injured students during rehab in lieu of regular gym activities. CYCs could supervise. Population of school will continue to grow, but have space currently which provides opportunity to make significant changes to usage of school premises.

Jodi P stated that she likes the fact that having a biking option will encourage students to exercise who don't usually enjoy gym or are not able to participate in team sports.

Heather asked about cost of annual maintenance and repairs to bikes. Principal Brulé confirmed that the school would cover maintenance and repairs on an ongoing basis.

Cost Estimate: Andrew Gervais researched this and obtained 3 estimates on different models of bikes which ranged from \$18,000 to \$30,000. Principal is in agreement that the most reasonable and appropriate option for Cedarview is for \$18,349 which provides 30 bikes @ \$800.00 per bike including installation. Higher-end, more expensive bikes have more computerized features that aren't needed at school and may break over time adding to maintenance costs.

Jody F mentioned that biking is a great option that allows gym to be more inclusive for all students. Principal Brulé added that the spinning room could add to a lot of good things happening at school.

\*\*Electronic vote to be held.

	<p><b>Upcoming Visits:</b>          A counsellor from the Rideauwood Addiction and Family Services organization will be visiting each class at Cedarview over a number of days during November. Topic for Grade 7s will be video games addiction and for Grade 8s, it will be introducing info on substance abuse.</p> <p><b>Student total:</b> 656 kids as of today which is about same level as last year. Grade 7s out-number Grade 8s this year; trend will continue in future. Half Moon Bay ES is coming online next year and will continue to be major source of Grade 7s. Projection will be 800 students in 3-4 years.</p>	
Teacher's Report	<p>Oct. 12 - Cross country          Oct. 17-19 - Touch football tournament          Oct. 5 - Ramble - a great day!</p> <p>Sept. 25, 26, and 28 - A-team lessons for each house          Sept. 29 - Yard cleanup</p>	Jodi Fillion
OCASC Report	<p><b>Parent Conference</b> - Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. Register online, various workshop topics including Parent Council and parenting, self-regulation, etc.</p> <p><b>Community donations</b> - Donations to school such as bike racks are not being supported by Board and this is frustrating for schools so the issue is being raised to Board Trustee to bring to full Board.</p> <p><b>OCASC Membership</b> - having trouble getting membership from numerous schools in board; didn't have quorum at first meeting. More interest needed. Cedarview membership payment is due.</p> <p><b>EQAO results</b> - schools to be briefing parents on results for school and board/province.</p> <p><b>PRO GRANT changes</b> - initiatives promoting Equity will be a priority. Details will be coming from province; stay tuned.</p>	Cindy Frazer
Treasurer's Report	<p>\$17k includes an admin fee 3% for using Cash online. \$275 admin fees for payments. Other expenses not yet cleared are also listed as well as other committed funds not yet spent. Projection of chocolate revenue listed as 50% of sales. Yard improvements included as well.</p>	Tracy Budrow
Other Business	<p>Jodi Parker mentioned that Abe from the local Quickie is retiring and that it would be nice if something was made by students to recognize all his service over the years.</p> <p><b>Library books</b> - Rowan will contact Indigo for potential fundraiser opportunities and report back at next meeting.</p> <p><b>Chocolate</b> - Updated Early Bird date is Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> and final deadline is</p>	<p>Jodi Parker</p> <p>Rowan Hartmaan</p> <p>Vikki Orphanos</p>

	<p>Oct 30<sup>th</sup>. Off to a great start but want to ensure kids know about prizes to encourage more sales. Rowan to make some posters. Want to try to sell all due to high cost of returning unsold boxes of chocolate.</p> <p><b>Other fundraising ideas</b> - McDonald's is lucrative possibility; Cindy to research and report back at next meeting.</p> <p><b>Luv2Groove funding request \$2800.</b>  <b>**Electronic vote to be held</b></p> <p><b>Rocks for Outdoor Classroom</b> - very expensive; refer to Principal's Report for more details on outdoor classroom.</p> <p><b>Establishment of a Wellness Committee</b>        Idea to build on OCDSB initiatives - deferred to next meeting due to time; Heather to draft and circulate details.</p> <p><b>Establishment of a Constitution Committee</b> - Cindy agreed to take lead on Organizing the work of drafting a constitution as she has experience from Jockvale. Anyone interested in helping with this task can contact Cindy Frazer or Jodi Parker.</p> <p><b>Boston Pizza</b> - fundraising possibilities Earn back - Vikki to research and report at next meeting.</p> <p><b>Career Paths to High School and beyond - latest initiatives from province</b> - discussion deferred to next meeting; Heather to circulate information for discussion.</p> <p><b>Manordale Elementary School</b> - discussion on adopting as Sister school similar to Mary Honeywell adoption of Crystal Bay school as "sister school". Options of holding individual fundraisers for Manordale vs giving portion of overall fundraising to school. Defer to future meeting.</p>	<p>Cindy Frazer</p> <p>Jody Fillion</p> <p>Heather Graham</p> <p>Cindy Frazer Jodi Parker</p> <p>Vikki Orphanos</p> <p>Heather Graham</p> <p>Heather Graham/ Janice Ballinger</p>
<p><b>Next meeting</b></p>	<p>November 8, 2017</p>	
<p><b>Adjournment</b></p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00pm</p>	