

Cedarview Middle School Council Minutes
September 13, 2017

In Attendance: 18 - Alain Brulé, Angela Chaplin, Jody Fillion, Andrew Gervais, Jodi Parker, Janice Ballinger, Vikki Orphanos, Amy Kutyma, Lorna Potter, Tracy Budrow, Heather Graham, Chrissy Goyette-Pinto, Wendy Firth, Jennifer Lexmond, Korrina Lindgren, Rowan Hartmaan, Chandonette Arowolo, Cindy Frazer

Agenda Item	Discussion/Decision	Action Taken/Person responsible
Welcome and introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm. 	Jodi Parker
Approval of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please note that the minutes from the May meeting are available on the school website. Addition to September 13th agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New student schedule (Principle to discuss) Comments by Trustee, Donna Blackburn 	Jodi Parker
Comments by Trustee, Donna Blackburn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Donna welcomed everyone and wished everyone the best for the year ahead. School trustee, elected in 2010 and re-elected in 2014. Business cards have been provided to Principal, Alain Brulé, Donna is active on Facebook and further contact information is located on the OCDSB website, please contact her should the need arise. Donna was very appreciative of the donation provided by Cedarview Middle School to Manordale Public School last year. More Syrian refugees are attending Manordale this year, if Cedarview is able to help in any way it would be greatly appreciated. Parents are encouraged to sign-up for the OCDSB newsletter, please e-mail communications@ocdsb.ca to subscribe. 	Donna Blackburn
Chair Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cedarview has one major fundraiser a year, again this year it will be selling chocolate, hopeful many parents will pay on-line in order to reduce the workload on volunteers. Council is open to hearing other fundraising ideas. Members-at-Large: participants were asked to indicate if they are interested in being a Member-at-Large. Depending how the new constitution is written, there are usually attendance requirements to be a Member-at-Large. For example, this may mean members are not permitted to miss more than two Council meetings in a row or they lose their voting privileges. Twelve participants indicated they wish to be Members-at-Large, therefore quorum is seven, therefore in order for a vote to be passed over the duration of the 2017-18 school year, seven Members-at-Large must be present. Elections: The following people will hold the positions indicated for the 2017-18 school year: Chair - Jodi Parker Vice Chair - Janice Ballinger Secretary - Vikki Orphanos and Heather Graham Treasurer - Tracy Budrow Ottawa Carleton Assembly of School Councils (OCASC) - Cindy Frazer and Heather Graham 	Jodi Parker

<p>Principal's Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Principal, Alain Brulé, welcomed everyone to the meeting. The first week of school was well organised. A-Team (grade 8 mentors) did an amazing job. A-Team: students apply indicating why they would be a good leader, there were 60 applicants for 28 spots. They visit feeder schools, lead the tour of Cedarview in June when new students visit. For every grade 7 class there are 2 mentors, they teach the class a lesson every six weeks and host an assembly every couple of months. Students are already asking to be mentors next year!• Parents are asked to contact the office if they are still experiencing issues registering for "School Cash Online". The system has been extremely busy as it's not just for Cedarview. It's a great system, alerts go out to parents, it's a very handy tool as alerts are sent even if no cash is involved.• Mr. Brulé met with teacher's yesterday to discuss the direction the Board is going.• There is a need to look at alternative learning spaces, for example, there is useful space in hallways where comfortable furniture and a white board could be placed for students to work, will look at transforming computer labs as well as visit other schools to get ideas of how to transform "dead" space at Cedarview.• Exit Outcomes - A link exists on the Board website and will be added to the school's website listing five skills / characteristics which are beneficial for Cedarview students to possess prior to going to high school.• Well being / Wellness - The School Climate Survey results from last year show there is a concern, not just at Cedarview, but at other Barrhaven schools, regarding safety. 55% of Cedarview students who completed the survey feel safe all of the time. The goal is to discuss safety with a group of students in an effort to determine why they do not feel safe. It must be noted that this also included safety going to and from school, not only while at school.• New anonymous bullying reporting tool on the school website. Bullying is not an overwhelming issue, however, this is a beneficial tool to have.• Meet the teacher September 20, is not a parent / teacher interview, merely an opportunity for parents to meet teachers.• Outdoor Classroom, the Hawk's Nest winning proposal approved last year, is experiencing a road block, the Board has advised that the rocks, which Tartan Homes were going to donate, are not approved. The purchase of rocks costing approximately \$450 each will be voted on at the next meeting.• New 15 block / 20 minute schedule - Cedarview has been told by the Board for the last few years to adopt this schedule. All middle schools have adopted the new schedule. It appears at first to be overwhelming as there are fifteen blocks in a day, however, many times the same teacher teaches more than one back-to-back block. With the old schedule classes were fifty minutes, however, with math, for example, there must be sixty minutes of instruction per day, this was not possible with the old schedule, the new schedule means that there are three twenty minute blocks of math per day. Students and parents are always welcome to provide their feedback to Mr. Brulé.• There will only be one loud speaker announcement per item, in other words, reminder announcements will not be made. Students and parents are asked to view announcements on the school website. New televisions will also display information.	<p>Alain Brulé</p>
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<p>Teacher's Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orientation week - Luv2Groove put on a dance workshop with each House. An outside pep rally took place. • Luv2Groove - if we would like them again we need to book soon. To be voted on at next meeting. • House t-shirts - lots of orders are being placed. • School Photos - took place today and more to take place tomorrow. • Upcoming Sports - Cross Country & Football. • September 20 6:00 - 8:00 - Meet the teacher. • September 25, 26 & 28 - A-Team Assembly • October 5 - Ramble (Event tied into the Physical Education Program, students and teacher's go to Fallowfield Park, 2K course, BBQ, there is no rain date). • October 6 - PD Day • October 16 - Inside Ride Kick-off Assembly / ride date • November 16 (a fundraiser for Candlelighters Canada, stationary bikes, teams of up to 6, parents and members of the community are welcome, team members dress up. Last year there were 48 teams and \$10,000 was raised). 	<p>Jody Fillion</p>
<p>Treasurer's Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Financial Report was reviewed. Spending between March 30th 2017 and August 31, 2017 was \$2,562.54 on approved wish list items from 2016/17. Committed funds approved in 2016/17 total \$8,900. This leaves a balance in reserve of just over \$17,000. The school will work with Council on how to best use these funds for immediate and long-term benefit of students. • A motion was put forward by Cindy to approve spending on the OCASC membership fee. This was seconded by Rowan and all were in favour. 	<p>Jodi Parker</p>
<p>Other Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chocolate Fundraiser - delivery day delayed due to weather, will advise of new delivery date once known. Distribution to the students will be the week of September 25th. Lots of great prizes again this year, early bird prize of Senators Hockey tickets, a Segway will be awarded to the top seller. Other top sellers will choose the prize. • Constitution - establishment of a Constitution Committee to be discussed at the next meeting. • New 15 block / 20 minute schedule - see Principal's report. • Question by parent: how can we support mental health, not just physical health? The establishment of a Wellness Committee is to be discussed at the next meeting. 	<p>Vikki Orphanos</p>
<p>Next meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday, October 11, 2017 7:00pm - library • Items to discuss: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Luv2Groove - Rocks for Outdoor Classroom - Establishment of a Wellness Committee - Establishment of a Constitution Committee 	

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Adjournment	• Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm	
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