

CAPTAIN R. WILSON COUNCIL MINUTES

Captain R. Wilson Public School Council Meeting

Monday, October 2, 2017

In Attendance:

Council Representation: Kathy Fournier (Principal), Nancy Trainor (Vice Principal), Andrea Bays, Susan Murphy, Milena Hadzieva, Denise Bassett, Sue Samarasinghe, April Brown, Sarah Vidic and Aimee Mack

Teacher Representative: Mille Cardamone

Members at Large: Michelle Fung, Adrienne Polumbo, Stephanie Clark, Amy Ramsay, Nader Ziada, Kevin Middleton, Kristen Killeen, Jen Cunningham

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm, by Susan Murphy.

Introductions

Being that this was our first meeting everyone briefly introduced themselves.

Council summary last year

Annual report highlights of events supported by Council last school year: Annual Fun fair, 'Caring Cards by Kids' by the Behavior Resources Class, and a Chapters Night featuring musical appearances by students. We also supported a Dance-a-thon to raise money towards the purchase of Chromebooks, a PIC event Numeracy Night focusing on the achievement chart, a Family Movie Night featuring Moana, Pita Pit lunches, Terra Cotta cookie fundraiser, and the Winter marketplace.

Our previous year carry over was \$11,300. Our school year income was \$38,782 against expenses of \$39,460, leaving us with a budget of \$10,060 for this school year. We have received approval for a \$1000 PRO grant as well as the \$500 PIC Grant for a Health and Mental Wellness Event (we need to start brainstorming to develop a parent centered event).

Finalizing Council Roles

We had 8 self-nominations for the 8 council positions. Here are the official positions:

Susan Murphy will be Council Chair and Co-Parent Involvement Committee Representative

April Brown – Council Secretary

Andrea Bays - Events and Fundraising Chair

Milena Hadziena – Communications Coordinator and Newcomer Liason

Sue Samarasinghe – Co-Parent Involvement Chair

Sarah Vidic, Aimee Mack and Denise Bassett – Parent Representative

Principal's Report

- 721 students, 33 classes this school year. We have added 1 Full Day Kindergarten Class, 1 Grade 1 Class, and 1 Grade 2/3 combined-grade class. There are now 3 additional portables which required the basketball nets for intermediate students moved to the back blacktop area.
- Staffing – Colette Ruddock is new superintendent, we have a new ESL teacher Nancy Ahrens, who will continue the new comers group, but they do require more mentors.
- PA Day Sept 25, and Oct 6 – continuing capacity building around literacy and moving deeper with mathematics with the staff in future development days. Resources have been purchased for staff to focus on having students with appropriate reading materials for levelled literacy. As a result, there are already 4 home reading carts set up this year for the primary classes.
- Math – instruction program leader introducing assessment planning, furthering the staff understanding of a triangulated approach to student assessment & evaluation practices. Kristen (IPL) will continue to work with math teachers to get deeper into those strategies.
- So far, the school has spent \$400 for additional playground equip. Students may sign out this new equipment at break time. Senior students are administering the sign out process.
- Halloween Hoot & Nanny will take place on Oct 31 led by our Grade 7 and 8 students.
- Terry Fox run happened today.
- Grades 3-6 have started cross-country, boys and girls senior basketball has begun, and intramurals will begin in October.
- Sign up for twitter - @crwps
- Milk and pizza closed and will start Oct 16/17
- Spiritwear currently available for order, sizing available for pirate picnic. New vendor is 'Tate'.
- The Pirates' Picnic will feature the same vendors as last year but no ice cream truck as they do not have a license.
- School Cash Online usage it up to @ 85% compared to 65% last year this time.
- Oct 17 is Picture day – and there will be a new photographer Edge Imaging.
- The school has allocated \$500/grade team for field trips again this year.
- **CRW is renovating our library to 21st century learning standards** – the school has set money aside from fundraising to begin the process. The plan is to remove the half wall and flooring and re-purpose the computer lab area for maker-spaces. Kathy is suggesting that the year's fundraising can go towards helping with the library renovations. The board's library services dept. has helped to map out the plan to develop a maker space area, bookcases, storage cabinets, tables and chairs, meeting and learning spaces, a Lego wall, a robotics area, a craft area, etc. \$40,000 - 60,000 will be needed for the complete library renovation, which the school is hoping to complete during this school year but potentially will remain ongoing as additional funding becomes available. They have to use board-approved vendors and go through a quote system for the whole process.
- Last year we gave \$10,000 at the beginning of the year. Susan suggests that this year Parent School Council can donate \$5,000 at the start and donate all Dance-a-thon money to the library renovations. Kathy will direct any school fundraising to help make up for the rest and will keep us posted on progress. >>>Andrea motioned, April seconded the motion and all voted in favour <<<

- Andrea proposed that as part of the renovations we install refillable water bottles stations as another fundraising opportunity, potentially an opportunity to get a grant to support (Kristen to investigate grants available).
- Susan to call Professor Jamz and book the dance-a-thon and Fun Fair.
- School got \$10,000 from the board for it's Information Technology budget and it has gone towards the purchase of additional ipads and Chromebooks; in addition to the 30 Chromebooks from dance-a-thon profits, the school has purchased 35 so there will be a 2 chrome books in each Grade 1 to 8 classroom and 3 ipads in each FDK class. Due to the difficulty with getting computer carts outside, each portable gets 7/8 chrome books to stay in those classrooms. Altogether, there has been \$30,000 into tech expenses and \$10,000 into literacy resources since the spring.
- School improvement plan due end of October and Kathy will share it has been submitted to the board.

Upcoming Fundraising and events

There will be 1 table for spirit wear and 1 council table looking for volunteers – from 5-6 at the Pirates Picnic.

CHAPTER'S NIGHT is Nov 27 (a prior year approved activity). Mr. Flynn coordinated using the stage and Mr. Shae helped with the music part of the event, will wait to hear from them what we are able to do this year.

TERRA COTTA INITIATIVE – Steph got a delivery date for Oakville for November 22 delivery, which means the orders will be due November 8, so we will need to get the program launched in late October. We will also need to determine the pick up strategy for that day. Sue and Andrea and Susan will be able to help from about 1:30 to 2:45 to organize orders and parent pick up will begin at 2:45. Steph will do the organizing and determine whether we can use School Cash Online. Susan passed a motion to launch the Terra Cotta event again, Andrea seconded it and all were in favour.

PITA PIT – As a Council we decided that we would try it again for another term. Susan will be coordinating efforts to start Pita Pit Thursdays. The Student Leadership team is going to help organize the distribution on Pita Pit Thursdays.

Alternative options were discussed. That said, Lunch Lady is going to be explored in more detail.

>>Susan suggests a motion to start with Pita Pit pass a motion, Sue seconds and all voted in favour.

FUNDRAISING QUERY

Jenn C– Are there new/different ways for fundraising? Purdy's Chocolate's was brought to the table and should be explored in more detail. Possibly an idea for next year.

PIC EVENT: Saturday, October 14th. The event is open to the entire community, and other boards have been invited. The event is aimed at providing parents with an overview of curriculum whys and hows, and provides some ideas to support learning at home, and helps demonstrate how you can take parent involvement to the next level. It will take place in Milton at Craig Kielburger Schol with an 8:15 am start. There will be keynote speaker, three breakout sessions with over 60 workshop options. Child minding is included with ECE and EAs, and a light lunch and breakfast included. Please see the board website for registration. They are still looking for student volunteers as they need 40-50 – this event will count towards volunteer requirement hours.

KEY TAKEAWAY SUMMARY

All – All voting Council members are to review the CRW constitution for the next meeting. This is a document that outlines everything that we as a Council does and needs to be approved every year.

Steph – To get Terra Cotta Fundraiser up and running

Susan – To book professor Jamz for our Dance-a-thon. She is going to see if she can get a date close to Valentine's Day.

Susan/Andrea – To touch base with Mr. Flynn for the Chapters Night event

Susan – To get Pita Pit organized and started as soon as possible.

Kristen – To look into how/if CRW can apply for a pre-fillable water fountain grant

Meeting adjourned at 7:41pm.