# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE

**CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL**

**SEPTEMBER 10th, 2014 AT 6:00 PM**

A MEETING OF CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL WAS HELD AT CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL (LIBRARY) AT 175 MAIN STREET, EAST, CAMBRIDGE, ONTARIO, N1R 1W5

IN ATTENDANCE: Becky Betts, Chair 2014-2015

Susan Nixon, Co- Chair 2014-2015

Kelly Stedman, Secretary 2014/2015

Tracy Wegener, Past Chair 2013/2014

Lori Hilborn, Past Secretary 2013/2014

Carolyn Baechler, Principal

Alison Bell, Teacher Representative

Tricia Fournier/Ford

Sheena Hahn

Jenn Newton

Fia Mohammed

Georgina Zymerman

Cheryl Reeve

Meagan Apon

Michelle Albrighton

Tony Albrighton

Trisha Unwin

Faye Zevenbergen

Karen Cluett

Gillian Ullhorn - Kudlik

1. Approval of Agenda:

***Agenda was presented but not approved.***

2. Approval of Previous Minutes:

***Previous Minutes were not tabled for discussion.***

3. Introductions:

As it was the first meeting of the Central School Council brief introductions were made around the table. This year we welcome many new members.

4. Principals Report:

The Principal reported that she is very impressed with the interest from the school community for wanting to sit on Central Public Schools council. Central School Council will be involved in a broader way than simply fund-raising.

We were introduced to the P. (positive) A. (accountable)C. (cooperative)K. (kind). behaviour code that students and teachers have begun working on. The Wolf PACK sign is gaining spirit with the students and helping to demonstrate a new way of communicating. It is geared at getting the attention of students at a level everyone can use and all understand.

The principal collated student “I” statements that represented each of these core values. Council was invited to identify 3 phrases in each category that best characterize the culture in a school that we want our kids to be part of. This will also be done with the teachers and once collated, will be compared with parent responses to find areas of commonality. Those shared values will then forge our new positive behaviour code.

Safe Welcome was implemented at Central at the end of the last school year. All students and parents are asked to please honor the use of the doorbell and please do not slide in the door as someone leaves the school. Once you have rung the bell and have been allowed to enter the school you must go directly to the office and sign yourself in. At that point you will be given a visitor badge to wear and please make sure to sign back out at the end of your stay. This is done as a safety measure, as in the case of an emergency the principal can account for everyone that is in the school.

Parent Council Meetings will be held in the Library every 2nd Wednesday of the month, from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. You may bring your child as care for them is available in the Lego room.

Council now has a designated resource space in order to carry out the on-going business of Council.

Our school web site will be updated on a regular basis. Please make sure to check on it often. The school’s office staff will be assessing how we share information with our community to ensure that messages are sent and received.

5. Financial Report:

The Financial Report was not available for this meeting. Council did ask to have it for the next meeting.

7. Other Business:

September 18 the Pizza and Milk order forms will go home and will need to be sent back by September 25th.

This year we will focus on lots of interesting volunteer opportunities; this could include Hot lunches, NFL, Strong Start, Year Book, Santa, Pizza, Milk, May Fair and QSP.

A question was posed about Book Fair and the Principal asked if this could be tabled to discuss another night.

8. Elections:

The principal presented the slate of officers for the new school year, and asked if there were any names to be added prior to the secret ballot.

By acclamation Cheryl Reeve will sit as the Council Treasurer and Faye Zevenbergen offered support, if needed.

By acclamation Kelly Stedman will sit as the Council Secretary.

Four names formed the ballot for Chair and Co-Chair. The Principal instructed that each council member had only one vote. The member with the most votes is declared Chair the second most votes is declared Co-Chair.

By ballot vote your Central Public School Chair is Becky Betts and Co-Chair is Susan Nixon.

Tracy Wegener had other commitments, and left the meeting. The council expressed their thanks for her years of service with heartfelt applause.

9. Up and Comings:

Once again there will be a coffee connections group that will start at Central school for parents. This was a big hit last year and offered a lot of great advice for Parents.

Volunteers are always welcome for school events to help in the school and on council.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Central Public School Council Meetings every 2nd Wednesday of the Month. Hope to see you there!

Meeting Adjourned at 7:10

Lori Hilborn – Secretary 2013/2014 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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