**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL**

**September 15, 2015 --- 6:00 – 7:30pm**

*A meeting of Central Public School Council was held at Central Public School in the Library at*

*175 Main Street East, Cambridge, Ontario, Canada.*

**In Attendance:**

Carolyn Baechler, Principal

Alison Bell, Teacher Representative

Becky Betts, Chair

Susan Nixon, Co-Chair

Kelly Stedman, Secretary

*General Members:* Georgina Zymerman, Meagan Apon, Tricia Fournier/Ford, Fia Mohammed, Kate MacNaughton, April Parlee, Kathryn Tarrant, Shawn Newton, Jenn Newton, Faye Zevenbergen, Scott McQuaig.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**Establishment of Council Executive Members**

At the beginning of the meeting Carolyn Beachler asked the attendees if there was anyone interested in the positions of Chair, Co-Chair, Secretary or Treasurer. Motions were carried to re-appoint both Becky Betts and Susan Nixon to their positions for the upcoming school year. A second motion allowed for Kelly Stedman return as Secretary. April Parlee offered her assistance as a back-up Secretary. Cheryl Reeves was not in attendance at the meeting, so Carolyn would like to speak to her about whether she is interested in returning to the position of Treasurer before a vote takes place at the following meeting. Faye Zevenbergen offered her assistance as back-up for the position.

The meeting minutes will be shared on our website (<http://ctr.wrdsb.ca/school-council/>) and also filed in a School Council binder held in the office at the school.

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**Terry Fox Update - Wendy Ecclestone (Phys Ed):**

Due to the current labour action in process by the teacher’s union, they will not be facilitating the National Terry Fox Run Day fundraiser this year. However, Wendy will be running an educational Terry Fox Awareness Event on October 1st. She is asking parents and families to participate in this special event which will focus on health and fitness and education and awareness for Terry Fox and his fight against Cancer. The school will not be collecting any donations, but you can donate online using the following link that connects Central School to the Terry Fox organization <https://secure.e2rm.com/registrant/TeamPage.aspx?EventID=166394&LangPref=en-CA&TeamID=592752> . You can also choose to donate at your bank. Please check the school website for more information on how families can join us in our quest to FINISH THE RUN FOR TERRY.

**Principal’s Update – *Mrs. Baechler*:**

Carolyn expressed how proud she is of the staff at Central and mentioned how caring and committed our teachers are, in light of the current job action which impacts greatly what is happening in the office. Everyone is professional and is doing their best to work through the job action restrictions. Job action is specific to the administration activities and does not affect the student learning.

At this time, all fundraising activities are postponed until job action is settled. This means that activities like fundraisers including pizza and milk days will not occur. Due to the sensitive nature of the work being done in the office parents cannot provide assistance to alleviate some of the work load.

Carolyn also explained some of the reorganization plans for classrooms and what we might expect moving forward. Enrollment is higher than original numbers in March and even in June. Reorganization of classes occurred right before the school year began, and may still have to be altered if more students enroll at Central. This is due to the stringent requirements of classroom caps on student numbers. She is also working on a plan to obtain an ECE to spread the kindergarten students across three classes evenly. Currently, the classes are two classes with 32 students and one with only 16. The class with 16 does not have an ECE. Class makeup is determined by the Regional School Board and must be adhered to.

Teachers are available to parents. Parents can call, email, approach teachers before, during and after school. We were reminded to use our communication books to get updates and information as needed.

**Treasurer’s Report – *Susan Nixon*:**

No update for this meeting.

**Fundraising Update – *Susan Nixon*:**

All fundraising activities are currently post-poned.

**Lice Check Update – *Fia Mohammed*:**

Lice checks begin next month. Letters are being prepared to be sent home to families to obtain permission to complete the lice checks. Look for the form to come home with your youngest child and fill out the form for all your family members. The first Lice Committee Meeting is October 15th. The first check is October 19th. Volunteers needed, please contact Fia for details. There are lots of jobs to distribute, if you don’t want to actually check for lice.

**NFL- Nutrition for Learning – *Tricia Fournier/Ford*:**

NFL began this week. Tricia used up some of the remaining food from earlier in the summer. Program officially begins next week. NFL is for everyone, please encourage kids to draw from their classroom basket if they are feeling hungry.

**Other Business – Strong Start – Becky Betts:**

The Strong Start Program is used in our school to provide additional reading support to Kindergarten and Grade One students. In order to volunteer, you must take the training program. Program is free, dates and locations vary for the training. You can pick your schedule and have lots of say in how you participate. http://www.strongstart.ca/

**Next Meeting:**

Meetings fall on the Second Wednesday of the month. Meetings will not be held in December, March nor May (due to Mayfair event).

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 14th

**Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Kelly Stedman – Secretary 2015 – 2016, Central Public School Council

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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