

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

October 10, 2018 | 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:

Sharon Morgan, Principal
Teacher Representative, Nancy Cook
Heather & Cuyler Morra, Chair & Co-chair
Kelly Stedman, Secretary

General Members: Susan Nixon, Tricia Fournier, Colin Telford, Kate McNaughton, Jenn Newton, Jessica Lindlau, Courtney and Michael Sampson, Sky Finn-Dunn and Becky Betts.

AGENDA ITEMS

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Minutes were approved by the board.

- Motion presented by Jessica and seconded by Kate.

Recap of Items Tabled from Last Meeting

Halloween Events

- The school will provide Halloween themed Math activities - '*Mathoween*' for the last block of the day. Students are permitted to wear their costumes, or participate by wearing black and orange.
- School would request that parents DO NOT SEND IN Halloween treats.
- Council was approached to provide a special something for the student body. Suggestion was made to offer non-food items like glow-in-the-dark/reflective gear for safety in the evening.
 - It was suggested to the board that they might like to provide an item (not a sugary sweet) for the students such as a reflective bag or snap-on-bracelet.

Motion was presented by Kelly and seconded by Mike. Max of approximately 50 cents per child.

Google Doc: Parent Learning Night

- Action:** Sharon has agreed to find if there is a document/handout and share a 'how-to' handout for parents, which will help them access their child's Google learning space.

Dreambox License

- Action:** Sharon will investigate the idea of providing licencing on a larger scale (to all the applicable students).

Stemotics

- No follow up from the business (no further action required at this time). As always, direct any inquiries like this directly to the Principal's Office.

Bathroom Decal

- We are still waiting on pricing.
- Action:** Jessica will follow up with Mrs. Azzapardi for next steps.
- We will send out an email to ask for help getting the decals up on the walls once we have the product in place.

Principal's Report

Calendar Updates

There are many great events already underway or commencing soon. Some highlights:

- Terry Fox - The school raised just over the target of \$600; Since our goal was met, the students earned an extra recess.
- Fire Drill (Safety Week) - didn't like the longer walk to the park, so we will not try that in future drills. As a result, a new plan has been created with an adjustment to where the children gather to keep them in a safer location.
- Kevin Phillips (Carizon) - here on a weekly basis to meet with parents and provide guidance and referrals.
 - Tools for Life Program -This program helps with self-regulation and emotional intelligence. This delivery is a recap program and refresher which is eight weeks in duration.
- Friday, October 12th - Laurier Football for Juniors
- Cycling into the Future starts next week
- Photo Day - Oct 24
- Mathoween - October 31
- Remembrance Day - since the event is on the weekend, the school will be presenting their assembly on the preceding Friday - November 9th
- Bus Evacuation Drills - bus drill training at all schools
- KW Symphony Trip - Primaries - Nov 20

- ❑ Laurier Hockey Game (Juniors) - Nov 21
- ❑ Christmas Concert- December 13

EQAO Results

- ❑ Sharon provided an overview of this past year's results. In both grades tested (Grade 3 and Grade 6) our scores are below the Regional and Provincial averages and below the Provincial benchmarks.
- ❑ As a result, the school will align its goals with further strengthening these scores.

Teacher Fundraiser

- ❑ Laura Secord Chocolate Bars to be sold.
- ❑ **Action:** Dates to be confirmed.

Walk to School Wednesday

- ❑ Week two went without the additional community volunteers at way-points to the school. Some students asked for their stickers. Nancy suggested that teachers provide stickers to the students who walk upon entry into their classrooms.
- ❑ **Action:** Kate to provide stickers to classrooms moving forward.

Pizza/Milk

So far, pizza has been going smoothly and feedback regarding the pizza is good. For now, we will continue to sell white and chocolate milk, since we were able to sell our order and we are not restricted by the board from its sale due to the healthy food guidelines.

NFL

So far, the program has been going smoothly. Trish has onboarded several new volunteers. Nancy made mention of how very helpful this program is to the classroom learning processes.

- ❑ Motion presented to confirm that fundraising that is raised at the Boston Pizza events be directed to Nutrition for Learning.
 - ❑ Presented by Jessica and seconded by Colin.
- ❑ Boston Pizza Fundraiser Date: November 5th - 5:30 - 8:00 pm
 - ❑ **Action** - Heather will get signage, etc

Lice Checks

Jessica heard from eleven new volunteers. No change to the dates at this time.

1. Oct 16
2. Dec 4
3. Feb 5

4. Apr 16

Field Trips

The teachers brought us some ideas for field trips or events that can be brought into the school:

- Guest Speakers (motivational)
- Nova Pizza
- Idea Exchange - Discovery Centre
- Brantford Zoo
- Playfit
- Play With Clay
- Bowling Activity
- Shade's Mills: Snowshoeing/Cross Country Skiing
- Blue Jays Game
- Chicopee Day Camp (tubing/skiing)
- Tim Hortons' Camps - 6 six (Kelly - get information from Christina)
- Things kids wouldn't experience - Scientists in the School, Children's Art Factory, Theatre, Bublology Show, Science Workshop
- First Ontario Robotics Competition - U Waterloo in March. 21 - 24, 2019. Free for the audience.

Discussion regarding concerns about field trips.

As students get older, it is more difficult for classes to recruit enough volunteers for the trip's ratio requirements. We need to find ways to get enough people interested in coming out to supervise the children. *A suggestion was made to cover the costs of the trip for the volunteers.*

Parents and family members must be reminded of their purpose on the field trip; that they are supervising a group of students for the enjoyment and safety of everyone on the trip.

A suggestion was made to utilize the Volunteer Tab available on the School-Day Web App.

Another suggestion requested that teachers provide clear instructions to the volunteer about their role and responsibilities for the day in advance.

Action: Please get the teachers' to reach out to the Parent Council when they are in need of volunteers.

Kindie Area

We did not get into detail about this. At a minimum, the painted items on the tarmac are faded and need to be replaced.

Action: Mike is bringing forward some costing and ideas to our next meeting.

Fundraising

Campaigns are in progress.

1. **Kernels Campaign**
2. **Fire & Ice**

Reid's Chocolates

Even though the teacher's are leading a Laura Secord Chocolate Fundraising Campaign, we may still do a second chocolate fundraiser in the Spring.

- ☐ Action: Someone volunteered to contact Reid's about a Fundraiser with them.

Other Action Items:

1. Post future meeting dates on the Central Public School website calendar for the entire year.
2. Encourage everyone to Like our Facebook Page: Central Public School Council.
3. Post the minutes of our meetings on our Central Public School - School (Parent) Council Page: <https://ctr.wrdsb.ca/school-council/>

Tabled for Next Meeting

1. Confirm December Plans for Xmas
 - a. Gift Giving Bizarre
2. Group Breakout Session - Worksheet
3. Community Engagement Ideas - (ideas must be presented with full plan of action)
4. Kindie Tarmack - Action items
5. Mayfair
 - a. Sub-committee for Mayfair

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 14, 2018

*Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.
Meeting Minutes scribed by Kelly Stedman.*