

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

January 9, 2019 | 6:00 – 7:30 pm

*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, Ms. Kerri Steele
Heather & Cuyler Morra, Chair & Co-chair
Kelly Stedman, Secretary

General Members: Tricia Fournier, Jessica Lindlau, Amanda and Colin Telford, Becky Betts, Susan Nixon

AGENDA ITEMS

Call to Order

- Bathroom decals - started in the upstairs bathroom
Would also like to do the two bathrooms downstairs and the boys too but we need a couple of people to do it. Suggestion that the paint and protection to be done quickly together.
Action: Jess, Cuyler, Kelly will try to work out a time for this job (can be done after school).
- Minutes of the Last Meeting
Approval deferred to next meeting.

Event Review: Expenses, Feedback, Lessons Learned

Central Workshop

- great night, good feedback
- 90 - 100 people
- Have some better idea for next year

- Lesson learned: ornaments to be used for Gift Giving bazaar unsuccessful. Many were not 'gift-worthy' and are left over. Ideas for next time: more take home ornaments for participants, donate ornaments to local retirement homes.
- To be decided next year during ornament night planning: what to do with leftover ornaments - try to reuse bulbs from this year for next year, donate?
- Spending - \$284
- Free events are great and inclusive

Gift Giving Bazaar

- Successful with lots of new items donated
- Made over \$200 in profits that were donated to Central Cares
- Thanks to the volunteers

Concert / Bake Sale

- Some negative feedback shared about the Kindergarten students having their concert during the daytime. Some on council facebook page
- Gym was still very full
- \$900 in bake sales
- There were still two sales: one in the daytime and one in the evening - everything sold out
- More donations would be have been better. Can we aim to communicate that better in the future; possible idea: have teachers incorporate into their classroom calendars

Santa and Elf

- Santa travelled around the classes
- It was good to have Santa in the gym, saw many students at one time
- Feedback: Maybe not include the older students, since they have a tendency to try and detect who is in the Santa suit
- Cuyler was Santa this year

Mrs. Morgan advised that the work done by the Council made a big difference to probably 9 or 10 families. Thank you to everyone.

Principal's Report

Calendar

January

11th Gr 5s - Internet Safety at Safety Village
 14th Gr 6s - Safety Village
 17th - PACK assembly
 18th - Lock Down Drill

21st - Rocks and Rings (all students)
22nd - UW - Goal Setting
23, 24, 28th - Snowshoes with Ecclestone
24th - School Dance - Hawaiian, Summer theme
25th - PD Day
31st - Gr 6 - Blair Outdoor Education Centre

February

4th - Kindergarten Vision Screen
13th - Bus Safety
14th - PACK assembly
15th - Report Cards
18th - Family Day
21st - Dental Screening, Gr 2, 3, 4

Pizza & Milk

Mrs. Morgan clarified that the profits for pizza and milk actually end up into the school funds account rather than the parent council operating account. This change was made last year when School Day started to be used for ordering/payment as a result of the excess work now done by Heather MacNeil. This change was made before Mrs. Morgan came to our school and she was unaware it was not communicated to council at that time. Mrs. Morgan proposed that the money gets transferred to another fund specifically for Field Trips.

- Approximately \$200 profit per month
- Cleaning of milk bags need to be cleaned regularly
- Mrs. Mogan will ensure this gets done
- Voted: all in agreement

Council Sponsored Field Trip

Mrs. Morgan had an idea for a 2019-20 school year field trip that would include the entire school in November 2019 to attend a play at the St. Jacob's Playhouse.

The play would be: Sleeping Beauty - The Panto at a price of \$18.08 per child. Suggestion that families pay approximately \$5 per kid, to make it affordable.

Proposal in to the WRDSB to request if there can be financial support (\$550) with this event.

Work on getting payment and forms in in October.

Motion - \$10 per student towards to charge from council

1. Jessica - motion forward
2. Trish - supported
3. Voted: majority in agreement

After motion was carried, concerns were brought forward that this may not be an enjoyable trip for all students. Mrs. Morgan agreed to put in the minimum deposit of \$100 for the Sleeping Beauty tickets, but is open to consider other options that would be good for all students in the school.

Future Plans

Next Family Engagement Night

- Hockey Night with the Redhawks - February 9th - 7:00pm, Galt Arena Gardens
 - \$6 per ticket, sponsor tickets for \$3
 - Choir organized by Mrs. Azzapardi will sing National Anthem including her class and the newly formed Kodaly Choir

Outdoor Classroom - Suggestion for the chalk boards to move up to Kindergarten area

Indoor Wellness Possibilities - Heather researched special floor activity graphics and brought forth to Sharon. Sharon conferred with facilities person and found that we unfortunately do not have the appropriate floor for this type of graphic. Alternatively, a digital option for the gym was just too expensive, and Mrs. Eccelstone was not interested.

Action: Sharon will speak to the Special Education teacher to see if there are things they need. She will also check with Mrs. Ecclestone to see equipment (update/new) needs for gym classes that council could possibly fund.

Family Game Night

Council agreed to move forward with this game night, with Kate taking the lead. This will be a family engagement night, not a fundraiser. Discussion was had on how the event could be organized (large group game/bingo on half of gym, small group games on other side; should we have prizes/door prizes? Snacks?) Such details to be finalised with the event lead. Anyone interested in helping with the event should connect with Kate. Council to vote on budget for event next meeting.

Can we have the gym on either of the following weeks:

1. Week of February 25th
2. Week of March 25th

Math Night - *Jump2Math*

- Event would cost \$849 plus tax and would be held in the gym
- Package includes 2 staff
- 10 - 30 volunteers required
- Half day - \$1980 plus tax for afternoon and night
- *Family participation night and math focus
- Motion forward - Becky
- 270 kids
- More details needed before we vote
- Can we get teacher involvement?

Spring Fundraiser Options

Not enough time, so we must discuss at the next meeting.

1. Seed Fundraiser
2. Reids
3. Other ideas

Mayfair

Request to have an updated letter for requesting gifts and donations.

Update the letter to include current fundraising usage for Mayfair.

- Cuyler - Chair of the Committee
- Amanda - Silent Auction Lead

Tabled for Next Meeting

1. Kindie Tarmack - Action items (Mike please contact Mrs. Morgan directly)
2. Proposed Council sponsored monthly award at PACK assembly
3. Grade 6 Graduation fund approval
4. Next Boston Pizza Fundraiser

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 14,, 2019

*Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm.
Meeting Minutes scribed by Kelly Stedman.*