

Cedarbrae School Council Agenda & Meeting Minutes

Tuesday February 8, 2022

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm



Agenda

Welcome and Introductions

- Kora, Melinda, Erin, Birgit, Katrina

New business:

- Parents Reaching Out (PRO) grant proposal
 - We did not apply for it last year but have in the past
 - We have received a reminder, due date is February 18
 - There are criteria that must be met to apply - safe and inclusive environment. It is for projects supporting the school community.
 - Welcome sign and wall murals - face lift for main hall, could get up to \$750 to support this project.
 - Birgit was involved in a similar project at Mackenzie King.
 - Cedarbrae has scripting on the walls but we want to focus on something that the students could relate to and includes the Truth and Reconciliation CTA as well as inclusivity/diversity, past and future, etc.
 - It would be a large showpiece and in a place where everyone could see it.
 - Birgit will collect the information and submit the grant.
- Courtyard Project
 - Planning to makeover this area
 - \$1500 grant from Waterloo Region School Food Garden to grow their own produce. Lynn McNabb is leading this initiative.
 - Large planters are there and will be getting soil and seeds and other things so that students can get involved. Chalkboard, seating, fruit trees.
 - Use it as an outdoor classroom
 - Investigating things to grow over the summer with minimal support
 - Courtyard is currently gravel which is not ideal for play. Other ground cover options are being investigated.
 - Grant will be used for the food aspect and other school funds will be contributed to make the outdoor classroom.

Principal's Update

- COVID protocols
 - Ontario School Screener has been updated. Some of the questions and criteria have changed.
 - Staff needs to verify that they have screened. Students must also screen
 - WRDSB does inform parents when there is a positive case in the class with the date the case last attended school. This asks students/parents to self monitor.

Parents can keep their children home if concerned and can estimate when to return to school based on the date of last attendance.

- Overall protocols are the same since the return to school in January.
- Reno updates
 - Furniture is supposed to arrive on February 14th
 - Several small items on the punch out list - doors replaced, eye wash station needs to be plumbed, glass wall to be replaced, etc.
 - Need approval for occupancy before moving in.
- Valentine's Day on Monday
 - Teachers will share with parents if there are activities planned for the class
 - Focus on inclusion for these special days/events and use these as learning opportunities to learn about other cultures and traditions.
 - Teachers are mindful of financial implications for participation.
 - Valentine's day cards are ok but no food or food sharing. Cards can be shared within cohorts but not beyond.
- Picture Day
 - It was successful for individual photos. Unfortunately class photos were not able to be taken due to COVID protocols.
 - It is likely that there will be a picture retake day, date TBD
 - Remote learners were also included

Follow up on other business

- Skating Rink
 - No response on inquiries yet. Erin is still pursuing it.
 - Katrina will reach out to her contact as well.
- Gaga Ball
 - No commitment need yet
 - Facilities and Grounds persons will tour the property to see if there is an appropriate location. They will also solicit quotes on the schools' behalf.
 - Pricing has increased ~\$3,000.
 - Erin will report back on cost and design so a decision can be made.
- Schedule next meeting
 - Proposed - March 8, April 5, May 10