



## CLEMENS MILL SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, Sep 27, 2021

Virtual Meeting held via Google Meets

### ATTENDEES

Dawn Mills  
Jocelyn Jarvis  
Dipesh Patel  
Vinay Tiwari (Principal)  
Jackie Fraser  
Wendy Bowman  
Linzi Schmidt

Zac Jones  
Alanna Rand  
Cora Wilson (Teacher)  
Jennifer Butler  
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Shemira Sheriff (Vice Principal)  
Kimberley Fowler (Community Representative)

Shona Majeury  
Bibi Corbeil (Teacher)  
Asra Baig  
Alana Bowering  
Christine Burrows  
Hayley Gunn  
Kristen Jones  
Amanda Strickland

### REGRETS

Jennifer Sime

Jennifer Hendry-Lynn

Tina Beier

#### 1. WELCOME – Vinay Tiwari

- Principal Tiwari kicked off the meeting at 6pm and introduced himself, Vice Principal Sheriff, and the two teacher representatives, Bibi Corbeil and Cora Wilson.

#### 2. INTRODUCTIONS - Jackie Fraser

- Facilitated introductions of those in attendance.

#### 3. HEPA FILTER PROPOSAL - Kristen Jones

- Provided information related to a request to have Council fund individual filters in each classroom and congregate area. See slides in **Clemens Mill School Council Sep2021.pdf**
- Haley Gunn noted that HEPA filters need to be maintained and are more effective if vented outdoors.
- Mr. Tiwari advised that replacement filters cost ~\$92 and also that Bingo funds would be an option to fund this initiative.
- Dawn Mills raised a question about what the government funding for air filtration has been used for. Mr. Tiwari explained that our HVAC system was funded by the government, but that these HEPA filters would be above and beyond the government funding.
- Dawn Mills also asked whether it would be possible to instead invest in a filter for the HVAC system itself. Mr. Tiwari explained that this would be considered a capital investment and would cost ~\$100k. Individual classroom systems would be more affordable ranging from \$300-\$4,000 per unit. The goal would be for all classrooms to have units.

4. **2020/2021 SCHOOL YEAR CLOSE** - Jackie Fraser and Zac Jones.

- Jackie provided a summary of the various initiatives delivered by Council last year. See slides in **Clemens Mill School Council Sep2021.pdf**
- Linzi Schmidt asked whether the Nutrition for Learning program offers vegetarian and non-dairy options. Bibi Corbeil provided an overview of the availability and types of snacks, and confirmed that vegetarian and non-dairy options are available.
- Zac Jones summarized the funds received, spent, and earmarked for future spend last school year, and shared that our opening balance for this school year is \$26k with \$1k to be returned as it is leftover grant money that was not used for the outdoor playground updates completed last year. See slides in **Clemens Mill School Council Sep2021.pdf** for details.
- **Motion to dissolve 2020/2021 School Council** by Jackie Fraser. Alanna Rand seconded. Motion passed.

5. **COUNCIL OBJECTIVES AND FORMATION OF 2021/2022 COUNCIL** - Jackie Fraser

- Jackie provided an overview of the School Council mission, vision, and yearly goals.
- A draft school year calendar was shared that shows the types and frequency of events held by Council.
- Council roles were described, including Executive Council, voting vs. non-voting members, and subcommittees.
- Jackie shared that voting members are required to attend meetings and to abide by the council norms. Anyone who was unable to commit to the majority of meetings was asked to consider stepping down from volunteering as a voting member.
- Voting members were accepted without a vote as the maximum of 17 members was met. Voting members are:
  - Alana Bowering
  - Alanna Rand
  - Amanda Strickland
  - Asra Baig
  - Dawn Mills
  - Hayley Hamilton
  - Jennifer Butler
  - Jennifer Hendry-Lynn
  - Jennifer Sime
  - Jocelyn Jarvis
  - Linzi Dalton
  - Morin Thavaesa
  - Shona Majuery
  - Tina Beier
  - Wendy Bowman
  - Zac Jones
- Executive council members from last school year agreed to maintain positions as no other volunteers for the roles came forward. Executive Council members are:
  - Jackie Fraser (Chair)
  - Jennifer Sime (Communications)
  - Zac Jones (Treasurer)
  - Alanna Rand (Secretary)

6. **SCHOOL UPDATE** – Principal Tiwari, Vice Principal Sheriff, Bibi Corbeil and Cora Wilson

- Mr. Tiwari shared that Mr. Barecka will be returning from leave soon and that there are no other staffing updates.

- Parents are reminded to continue to use the COVID-19 daily screening tool and to keep students home if showing any symptoms.
- Fire drills were practiced this week as part of health and safety.
- Nutrition for Learning program has begun.
- Terry Fox run happens this week.
- The school will acknowledge Truth and Reconciliation day on Sept. 30th. Students are encouraged to wear orange.
- Ms. Sheriff provided an overview of the Looking Out For Each Other event that our school took part in regarding school transportation safety. Students wrote positive and encouraging messages on the sidewalks in support of safe transportation. Pictures were shared on Twitter and a feature was done in the Cambridge Times.
- Bibi Corbeil and Cora Wilson provided updates by grade. See slides.
- Dawn Mills asked whether textbooks have been reviewed for appropriateness regarding indigenous studies. Cora Wilson confirmed that resources are current and have been sourced via the Truth and Reconciliation Historic of Canada.

#### 7. **BUDGET PROPOSAL AND INVESTMENT ALLOCATIONS** – Alanna Rand

- Guiding principles were shared, primarily that Council should aim to invest back in to the school what they earn each year.
- A plan for projected available funds of \$48,000 was presented. See slides in **Clemens Mill School Council Sep2021.pdf**
- **Motion to approve the \$48,000 fundraising plan** as presented by Alanna Rand. Seconded by Jocelyn Jarvis. Not passed as not enough votes were collected due to technical difficulties experienced by several attendees. No questions were raised or opposition voiced, so the motion will be presented next month.
- \$23,000 in planned spending was reviewed. See slides in **Clemens Mill School Council Sep2021.pdf**.
- Funds currently earmarked for Technology (\$16k) and Outdoor Playground (\$3k) can be released for other items as the Board no longer allows Councils to invest in technology and the outdoor playground improvements are complete.
- \$25,000 in additional funds still to be allocated to initiatives. To be discussed next month.

#### 8. **SUBCOMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS** – Jackie Fraser

- Discussion delayed until next month as no committee work is urgent except for WRAPS-C representative. Amanda Strickland volunteered.

#### 9. **MEETING ADJOURNMENT** – J. Fraser

- Meeting ended at 7:34pm

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, October 13, 2021