



CLEMENS MILL SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 13, 2020
Virtual Meeting held via Zoom

ATTENDEES (V=Voting member)

Vinay Tiwari (Principal)	Amanda Strickland (V)	Shona Majuery (V)
Shemira Sheriff (Vice Principal)	Asra Baig (V)	Tina Beier (V)
Bibi Corbeil (Teacher Representative)	Christine Reiner	Zac Jones (V)
Cora Wilson (Teacher Representative)	Dawn Mills (V)	Irfan Rander
Kim Fowler (Community Representative)	Hayley Hamilton (V)	Shannon Wall
Alanna Rand (V)	Jackie Fraser (Chair)	Kristen Jones
Allison McKenna	Jennifer Butler (V)	Olga Vigil Letang
	Jennifer Hendry-Lynn (V)	Kenayah Kabamba
	Jennifer Sime (V)	Seelochnie Jaipersaud
	Jocelyn Jarvis (V)	

REGRETS

Alana Bowering (V)	Morin Thavaesa (V)
Linzi Dalton (V)	Wendy Bowman (V)

1. WELCOME – J. Fraser

- Meeting opened at 6pm.
- Jackie motioned to accept the September meeting minutes. Approved.
- Jackie asked all voting members to acknowledge that they have read and agree with the Bylaws and Code of Conduct. Acknowledged via meeting Chat function.

2. FINANCIAL UPDATE – Z. Jones

- No change from last month
- Bingo financials would typically have been received by now, but are late this month
- ~\$26000 balance: 19 bingo, 6 cash, 1 WEFI
- Reminder that our goal is to spend all of the funds received in the school year they are received

3. SCHOOL UPDATE – V. Tiwari, S. Sheriff

- Mr. Baracka returning next week in 4/5B
- Ms. Sedori on leave until mid-December. Currently seeking replacement.
- COVID-19: WRDSB reminds parents and caregivers to use screening tool daily. Clemens will follow direction of Public Health and will send children and siblings home who are exhibiting symptoms.
- Plan to upgrade front door at main entrance of school. Seeking a more modern and reliable entrance to the school.
- Terry Fox run raised over \$1k
- The school was a sea of orange for Truth & Reconciliation Day
- Splash our Mascot will be visiting classes this week

- Students are invited to wear pyjamas to school on October 29th for a Spirit Day. Be on the lookout for more information about Bingo and how you can participate for a small fee.
- No classroom reorganizations needed at this time
- Impromptu fire drill went well.
- Still unable to do a lockdown drill as a school, so individual classes are instead asked to perform tabletop exercises.
- Cora Wilson and Bibi Corbeil provided teacher update. See accompanying slides at the following link:
- https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1PTUHsN3SliLduu_1RYjvOSBhOMqsv3Md4mfUi44DGDk/edit?usp=sharing

4. WRAPS-C MEETING UPDATE – A. Strickland

- The Director of Education for WRDSB was a guest speaker at the last meeting. Had an informal conversation with WRAPSC members. Told of his experience with the education system, including his experience with a special needs child. Discussed that we're using an infrastructure that is 200 years old and that we're trying to prepare students for jobs that likely don't exist yet. The keyword of the discussion was TRANSFORMATION. He shared that every meeting should have an empty chair representing the voices that cannot be heard.
- Seeking WRAPS-C volunteers.
- Discussed WRAPS-C goals. Purpose is to assist all school councils to further their support of student achievement through parent engagement. Learn more at: <https://www.wrdsb.ca/our-schools/get-involved/wrapsc/?fbclid=IwAR155iINzxvq61ZywwcFdOq6LwALwUnlj2N-0XUeTfDLC8S1eW3dskoQqI>
- A Trustee guest speaker spoke about a survey that is available surrounding the COVID-19 experience at Ontario schools that parents/caregivers are encouraged to participate in. Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/COVID19andSchoolOntario>
- The Trustee also spoke about the WRDSB Indigenous, Equity and Human Rights department. Learn more at: <https://www.wrdsb.ca/about-the-wrdsb/indigenous-equity-and-human-rights-department/>
- The meeting ended with breakout sessions to identify preferred topics for future meetings, including: French Immersion committee concerns about inclusiveness, use of social media in School Councils, how to encourage diversity and participation in School Councils, Fundraising and equity amongst schools, fundraising guidelines during COVID-19

5. SCHOOL COUNCIL INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES – J. Fraser, C. Wilson

- Jackie proposed that the school bathrooms be updated by painting the stalls and adding decorative quotes and images to the stalls and walls. See accompanying slides in the Clemens Mill School Council Oct2021.pdf.
- Confirmed that both the school and several parents have a Cricut machine, which could be used to print the templates for the bathroom stall quotes/decor.
- Kim Fowler offered to reserve donated vinyl for the project.
- Cora proposed that murals be painted on main hallway walls in the school with tools to challenge our biases and promote 'unlearning'. See accompanying slides here: <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1CNRyN9VPeKgGM9HcO3RyHQjdTZ8whAalz7UARCH2ZDU/edit?usp=sharing>
- Option 2 is recommended at a budget of \$3,400
- Bingo has not been confirmed, but it is a likely initiative that would be approved. Mr. T will ask Kim from the office to contact tomorrow.
- Voting on these investments on hold until later agenda item.
- Mr. T confirmed that he is still working with procurement and facilities regarding the HEPA filter proposal from last month – they are not fully supporting the project due to the necessity to replace the filters annually.
- Pizza day – no updates yet. Waiting for Board approval.
- Nutrition for Learning has started up.

- Question about what Bingo funds might be allowed for. Examples were provided that benefit whole school, but cautioned that we don't know for certain until approved by the City: e.g. HEPA filters, murals, bathrooms, tech, traverse
- Pizza options: Cambridge Pizza (cheeze & pepperoni, regular and GF), Big Slice pizza (halal options)

6. **BUDGET APPROVAL - A. Rand**

- A revenue plan of \$19k was approved. Coupled with carryover funds from last year, we have \$44k available to spend this school year.
- Kim cautioned that with such a large Bingo balance, we may not receive funds in the future as it will be determined that our school does not need to support. We had approval to spend the Bingo funds last year on a Technology investment and on the Traverse wall; however, Technology is no longer allowed to be funded by Councils as per the Board, and the Traverse wall has not yet been approved by the Board due to Health and Safety concerns.
- We have annual commitments that we make every year and some one-time commitments already approved, totaling \$23k. This leaves \$21k in funds that need to be allocated to new initiatives.
- Council approved a total additional spend of \$19,400 over and above the \$23k in funds already committed:
 - HEPA filters up to a cost of \$12k, provided Board approves
 - Bathroom updates, up to a cost of \$2k
 - Sponsoring grade 8 graduation, up to a cost of \$1,500
 - Sponsoring appreciation for parent volunteers, up to \$500
 - The UNLEARN murals, Option 2, at a cost of \$3,400
 - Remaining allocations TBD.

7. **SUBCOMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS - All**

- PIZZA: Alanna will provide the admin/pizza lists by classroom; Dawn will organize and train in-school volunteers; Jenn S available to volunteer on Pizza Days
- BINGO: Jackie will organize volunteers. Jen Butler, Amanda, Zac, Dawn, and Christine Reiner available to take on shifts. Kim Fowler is available as an emergency back-up.
- GRANTS: Jen H-L will continue to Chair this subcommittee
- SPEAKER SERIES: Cora will lead. Olga Vigil Letang available to support.
- WRAPS-C: Amanda will represent our Council.
- TEACHER APPRECIATION: On hold due to COVID-19
- BRAIN-A-THON: Alanna to lead. Shona available to support.
- SPIRIT WEAR: On hold due to COVID-19.

8. **MEETING ADJOURNMENT** – J. Fraser

- Meeting ended at 7:45pm

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, November 10, 6-7:30PM via Google Meet