



CLEMENS MILL SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 13, 2022
Virtual Meeting

ATTENDEES (V=Voting member)

Vinay Tiwari (Principal)	Kim Fowler (Community Rep.)	Jennifer Butler (V)
Shemira Sheriff (Vice Principal)	Alanna Rand (V)	Jennifer Hendry-Lynn (V)
Bibi Corbeil (Teacher Representative)	Amanda Strickland (V)	Jocelyn Jarvis (V)
Cora Wilson (Teacher Rep.)	Hayley Hamilton (V)	Zac Jones (V)
	Jackie Fraser (Chair)	

REGRETS

Alana Bowering (V)	Jennifer Sime (V)	Asra Baig (V)
Morin Thavaesa (V)	Wendy Bowman (V)	Dawn Mills (V)
Linzi Dalton Schmidt(V)	Shona Majuery (V)	

1. WELCOME – J. Fraser

- Meeting kicked off at 6pm.
- MOTION to accept February meeting minutes not approved; not enough voting members in attendance.

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

- Mrs Medencevic on family leave for the remainder of the year
- COVID-19 school screening daily is still requested
- Corsi-Rosenthal boxes have been assembled by grade 8's and are ready for distribution to classrooms tomorrow
- New front door will help with temperature control
- Painted tarmac is giving students new activities to enjoy when outdoors
- Emergency drills have been on the go; fire drills planned for the next few weeks
- Pink Shirt Day was Feb 23rd
- Unlearn murals have been installed
- School pictures were on March 8th; grad photos were March 22nd
- Extracurriculars have started
- Food drive is ongoing until next week
- EQAO is returning, will be electronic
- Staffing assignments for next year are in the works
- Desks have moved back together in classrooms, everyone is excited to have some pre-pandemic experiences
- Question about a local Catholic school that had to close due to staff absences - are we close? Luckily no, our absence rates are not at the level that would require a closure.

3. **TEACHER UPDATE** – B. Corbeil, C. Wilson

- See slides here:
https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1SbRMSUmq_rLSn1dljRw9oY3mGIOp6GW3NZhYT8sc6A/edit?usp=sharing

4. **WRAPS-C MEETING UPDATE** – A. Strickland

- April meeting update:
 - Guest speaker from Transportation, discussed safe alternate dropoff locations, similar to the presentation given to Clemens Council a few months ago
 - Parking lot barriers at Clemens have made the parking lot safer, Kiss & Drop process is working well. Drive to 5 approach is not running yet, but can be considered for next year.
 - Equity and Inclusion Officer discussed the dress code policy. Currently the policy is very open and leads to different interpretations across schools, goal is to have all schools following same approach. Rules need to be considered with different cultural traditions. Rules also seem to be more heavily weighted towards females. New policy will look to encourage students to wear what they feel comfortable in, not allow undergarments to be substituted as outerwear, avoid promotion of any violent/criminal/harmful activities.
 - Mr Tiwari shared that the approach at Clemens is not to teach girls to be ashamed of their bodies, but to teach all students how to be respectful.
 - General approach is that if parents/guardians are happy, then school admin is happy, within reason.
 - Small group discussions about PIC. Focus on parent volunteering in school, but was premature as schools are just starting to open up again.

4. **UNLEARN MURALS**– C. Wilson

- Murals were installed over March break and were chosen by student votes. They look great!
- UNLEARN community sessions range from \$1000 (1hr) to \$1900 (3hr). 75 min session is recommended (\$1150 plus 10% off). Timing for a session would be good now to tie it in to the new murals, but could also consider September when perhaps we could open it up in person. No cap on participants, could also be open to community members beyond student families. Mr. Tiwari would opt for the fall, use it as a community open house, perhaps tie to Meet The Teacher night and a food truck event.
- Question whether we have any diversity issues apparent at the school. Biases can come from home, but students are very open in recent years to challenging biases. It cannot be said that there are no issues, but students are being respectful, owning it when a mistake happens, and classrooms have homegrown respect rules that are helping to promote positivity.

5. **FINANCE REVIEW** – Z. Jones

- Minimal changes since prior month
- \$500 received from Zac's workplace grant; it was already expected
- No proceeds from Bingo due to lockdown measures in February. \$1300 was received for March volunteering (not reflected in the slides as it was not known at the time of the slide preparation).
- Current fund balances is \$33,000.

6. **PROJECTS & FUNDRAISING UPDATE** – J. Fraser, A. Rand

- Bingo has opened back up for volunteers. We only have two qualified volunteers and need more in order to keep our shift. Sunday nights 9pm-11pm.
 - Kim F is available, Bibi Corbeil is taking the training, Jennifer Butler will also volunteer, Amanda is trained and available
 - Other shifts are available and will gain us \$800-1200 - if you're only available at other times this could be an option.
 - Contact Jackie Fraser if you're interested.
 - It's very well run and easy! There is a dress code, t-shirts are required but can be purchased through Council funds.
 - We'll ask teachers as well.
 - Zac has challenged volunteers in a step challenge. Beat 7012 steps!
- Traverse wall is not looking good from a Board perspective. Concerns about liability. Proposal is to divert funds to Gaga ball pits. We would need to return the funding that we have received from Fiddlesticks; but Kim F believes we would be able to keep it and apply it to the Gaga Balls.
 - We have applied for a \$5000 grant towards a Gaga ball pit (estimated cost of \$9400). Two pits would cost \$17000.
 - The group likes the idea, but we'll have to approve when we have enough members - will vote next meeting. To prepare, we'll ask if Bingo funds can be used to fund. Wouldn't start to be built until next fall.
- Pizza is approved to go ahead.
 - New Orleans pizza will charge \$10 for a large, 10-slice pizza. Comparable to previous arrangement for \$8, 8-slice pizza.
 - Alanna will continue doing pizza order summaries for each class.
 - Looking for in-school volunteers Wednesdays 12-2. Email will be sent to parent community.
 - Gluten free and vegan choices will be available. We'll seek out a Halal option as well.
 - PALS can help deliver
- Projecting to be higher than budget for fundraising now that we'll have pizza proceeds; Grade 8 grad no longer requires funding, but we can consider perhaps subsidizing a bus for a field trip at end of year. Unlearn murals are due to be paid Apr 15th and we still haven't heard back from Bingo so we'll need to pay cash.

7. **MEETING ADJOURNMENT** – J. Fraser

- Meeting ended at 7:20pm

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, May 11,, 6-7:30PM via Google Meet