



CLEMENS MILL SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 9, 2021
Virtual Meeting held via Zoom

ATTENDEES (V=Voting member)

Vinay Tiwari (Principal)

Shemira Sheriff (Vice Principal)

Bibi Corbeil (Teacher
Representative)

Cora Wilson (Teacher Rep.)

Kim Fowler (Community Rep.)

Abby Pressman

Alanna Rand (V)

Amanda Strickland (V)

Asra Baig (V)

Dawn Mills (V)

Hayley Hamilton (V)

Jackie Fraser (Chair)

Jennifer Butler (V)

Jennifer Hendry-Lynn (V)

Jennifer Sime (V)

Jocelyn Jarvis (V)

Ms. Schmidt

Shona Majuery (V)

Olga Vigil Letang

Zac Jones (V)

Kristen Jones

Wendy Bowman (V)

REGRETS

Alana Bowering (V)

Morin Thavaesa (V)

Linzi Dalton Schmidt(V)

1. WELCOME – J. Fraser

- Meeting kicked off at 6pm.
- MOTION to accept November meeting minutes - approved.
- MOTION to accept December meeting minutes - approved.

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

- Decosta going to contract $\frac{3}{4}$ of time
 - Welcome back Erin Bell – taking over for Decosta
- C19 new procedure – Exposure advisory communicated through school day
- Building overview – Temp barriers within the parking lot is working well, traffic is calming.
 - Kiss and drop is being used, likely driven by signs
 - Continue to encourage walkers
- Sheriff – End of Feb – Lock down drill
- This coming Friday – Olympic day –
- Staff is working on report cards going home Feb 16
- Week of kindness next week – information to come by the end of the week through school day
- No school reorganization currently to occur.
- Feb 28th – Pink shirt day (against bullying),
- March 7/8 suicide presentation for intermediate students
- March 8th school pic day
- Fans/boxes in the building with Grade 8 kids to start building for the school

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

- See slides here:
https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1GSANRqdmhIUpu4H9b05Xi3tsuixpezGM8l0tOTlwq_s/edit?usp=sharing

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

- January meeting update:
 - guest speaker from BEP Waterloo Region on the topic of helping grade 7 and 8 students explore career opportunities. <https://www.bepwr.ca>
 - Guest speaker on Equity and Inclusion and discussion about the difference between reality, equality, equity, and liberation.
- February meeting update:
 - Guest speaker from WRDSB social media engagement. They can support school councils with social media presence and communication. Contact information: Kylie Penticost at kylie_penticost@wrdsb.ca or Euis Dougan-McKenzie at edouganmckenzie@wrdsb.ca
 - Guest speaker about new math curriculum.
- Minutes from WRAPS-C meetings can be accessed here:
<https://www.wrdsb.ca/our-schools/get-involved/wrapsc/minutes/>

4. **UNLEARN MURALS**– C. Wilson

- Students have selected mural mock-ups. Now just waiting until outside visitors are allowed at the school to do the install.
- The vendor can also do a parent presentation to discuss the objectives of the murals and the importance focusing on diversity, equity and inclusion; student work can also be shared. Logistics still need to be worked out - 75 minute session recommended @ \$1000. 60 minute session would be \$900.
 - Budget availability will need to be discussed.

5. **FINANCE REVIEW** – Z. Jones

- Minimal changes since prior month
- Bingo checks have started to be issued for approved items (JUMP Math, Tarmac painting)
- Bingo proceeds still strong; two months received since last meeting with January revenue lower due to lockdown.
- Reminder that WEFI \$1000 needs to be returned to TD as it wasn't used for the playground
- Small spend of cash for student support.

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

- Pizza day could be starting again soon. Catholic schools have started.
- Traverse wall - need to get 3 quotes, likely to cost \$10k or more. Must be board-approved vendors. Facilities is looking into the ongoing maintenance costs and we're also looking into insurance.
- We're projecting to have surplus Bingo funds of \$5000-6000 by year end.
 - We'll try the Unlearn murals again now that there is a new approver.
 - We could consider a gaga ball pit, basketball net upgrades or volleyball nets, outdoor classroom expansion, Mental health presentations - student assemblies would likely be approved, parent would not but could be funded by a grant, Crazy carpets for each class
 - Group poll showed that Gaga ball pit and mental health assembly are top two choices after the Unlearn murals. We'll seek approval from Bingo and make formal decision next month.

- Could we do more fundraising? Requires parent volunteers to organize, selling by children/families - is there interest? Would be to fund items that we have had to put on hold: Grade 8 graduation and bathroom upgrades.
- Question about whether we could save the cost of the UNlearn murals by having students do them; response that this item was voted on and approved several meetings ago and the vendor contract has already been signed so no opportunity to cancel now.

7. MEETING ADJOURNMENT – J. Fraser

- Meeting ended at 7:15pm

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, March 9,, 6-7:30PM via Google Meet