

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

September 19, 2018 | 6:00 – 7:30pm

*A meeting of **Central Public School Council** was held at Central Public School in the Library at 175 Main Street East, Cambridge, Ontario, Canada.*

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## **In Attendance:**

Sharon Morgan, Principal

General Members: Susan Nixon, Tricia Fournier, Amanda & Colin Telford, Culyer & Heather Morra, Kate McNaughton, Jenn Newton, Kelly Stedman, Jessica Lindlau, Matt Laur, Courtney and Michael Sampson, Kelly Stedman

## AGENDA ITEMS

### Principal's Report

#### **Elections -**

Heather and Culyer Morra approached Sharon to inform her that they were interested in being the Chair and Co-Chair of the Parent Council this year since Jessica must step down, since she is working for the Board now (you can't hold the Chair's position on the council when you are an employee of the board). No other members of the council indicated interest.

Amanda Telford approached Sharon with interest to provide support to the council in the role of Treasurer. We did not have an appointed treasurer for the last few years, but this position is valuable in helping the council understand its financial situation.

Kelly Stedman was reclaimed to the position of Secretary, as there were no other volunteers for the role.

Teachers have offered to rotate their attendance at School Council and will share the responsibility, unfortunately, they could not be at our first meeting.

## Calendar Updates -

There are many great events already underway or commencing soon. Some highlights:

- PD Day - September 21
- Lunchroom and Office Helpers - already in place
- WLU Football Game - October 12
- Cycling Into the Future (Grade 5) - 3 week program, Oct 17 start
- Orange Shirt Day - September 28
- PACK Assemblies - various over the next few months
- Terry Fox School Run - week of September 27th
- Safety Blitz - week of September 24th

## Strong Start

This program relies on trained volunteers who work through a prescribed program with children in Grade 1, sometimes 2 and Kindergarten. It is flexible and can be as little as an hour or two per week.

This program lost its Coordinator last year and requires someone to take the lead. Please speak to Sharon.

## Walk to School Wednesday

Kate is working with the Phys Ed teacher to get this operational. They will need to pick a date and promote the event with posters.

**Action:** If there is a date provided to Sharon, with reasonable notice, she may be able to get our appointed Police Safety Representative to come to the event and support the school.

## Pizza/Milk

Pizza this year Cheese Pizza will be provided at \$1.50 per slice by Boston Pizza on Wednesdays beginning in October. Parents must order through the School-Day system. Discussion about selling white and chocolate milk. There are times when the volume sold does not meet minimum order requirements. Unfortunately, we don't have the space to order milk in bulk, in advance.

Concern from the group about the value of selling chocolate milk to the students.

Action: Sharon will look into the healthy food policy and we can review the ongoing sale of chocolate milk for our next meeting.

## NFL

Sharon thanked the parents and staff that have been working hard to provide the students with healthy food options in the classrooms since our NFL program does not officially start until the third week of class.

Trish shared some statistics about the cost of our program here at Central and our dire need for donations to keep this program serving in our school. We are lucky to have a great amount of community support to subsidize this very expensive program. Currently, we fundraise about \$1000 per year and need well over \$7000 to cover the costs. Historically, we get that funding from multiple sources. The NFL Program offers a sizable donation of about \$3000 per year. Fundraisers in the Community like Tim Hortons' Smile Cookie Campaign are examples of other ways we get this funding.

## Lice Checks

Four tentative dates set for the upcoming year. Volunteers are always needed. Please contact Jessica. Checks will be planned for Tuesdays.

- Oct 16
- Dec 4
- Feb 5
- Apr 16

## Field Trips

Small discussion about field trips and how they are arranged. Sharon explained that it is up to the Teacher's to seek approval for a field trip. Parent Council always contributes financially to the school field trips, especially, by helping with the cost of bus transportation.

**Action:** Sharon will ask teacher's what they are planning this year and if they are seeking support from Parent Council funding.

## Kindie Area

We are looking for ideas about how we can enhance the Kindergarten play space.

**Action:** Please bring ideas to our next meeting. How can we change/update/improve the area for the students?

## Fundraising

### **Boston Pizza Night**

This fundraising is specifically for the NFL program. During the event 15% of gross sales gets donated back to the school. The event usually runs from 5:30 – 8:00pm. We are going to plan for two nights this school year (one in the fall and one in the winter).

**Action:** Dates to be scheduled.

### **Kernels Campaign**

- Order form coming home – chose your flavours
- 1 bag (3 cups) - \$2.25 - \$2.50, we pay \$1.50
- Campaign will run from Thanksgiving Weekend – October 4<sup>th</sup> and conclude October 26<sup>th</sup>
- Mid – November delivery (2 weeks)
- A Coupon will be provided with purchase (2 for 1)
- Flavours: Creamy caramel, white cheddar, dill pickle, butter-salt, kettle corn
- We will be donating a pizza party to the winning class (sales per capita) - thanks to Culyer and Boston Pizza for the generous offer.

### **Fire & Ice**

This campaign includes the sale of a variety of Candle Products and each piece has a jewel inside. We are required to sell a minimum of \$ 500 in gross sales to make this a success. Dates will run in the fall as well with a target delivery date of the fall (to be confirmed).

**Action:** Jess will contact vendor and follow up for details and catalogues and confirmed campaign timelines.

### **Reid's Chocolates**

We are tentatively considering a Spring fundraiser of Reid's Chocolates.

**Action:** Someone will have to take the lead and approach Reid's about possibilities for this fundraiser.

## Bathroom Decals

One of the teachers in the school approached Sharon about posting motivational/inspirational art and words on the walls in the bathrooms as a way to brighten the moods of our students. Jessica had also been doing some research about this as something that can be provided through Parent Council funding. The cost should be minimal, so Sharon will connect the two parties and they can source some options for this small project.

Action: Pricing (Jess), Stencil Pricing (Courtney)

**Other Action Items:**

1. Post future meeting dates on the Central Public School website calendar for the entire year.
2. Encourage everyone to Like our Facebook Page: Central Public School Council.
3. Post the minutes of our meetings on our Central Public School - School (Parent) Council Page: <https://ctr.wrdsb.ca/school-council/>

## Tabled for Next Meeting

1. Halloween Events - ie: Pumpkin Carving, Costume Parade: Sharon will talk to staff
2. Family Engagement Evenings – Bingo, Games
3. Google Docs – Possibility of a parents' learning night
4. Dreambox License - reviewing whether this licence is going to be renewed for the school
5. Stemonics – If this was to be hosted at the school, the operator should contact the principal

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Next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 10th, 2018

*Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.  
Meeting Minutes scribed by Kelly Stedman.*