

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

June 11, 2019 | 6:00 – 7:30 pm

*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  
Heather & Cuyler Morra, Chair & Co-chair  
Kelly Stedman, Secretary

General Members: Tricia Fournier, Jessica Lindlau, Amanda and Colin Telford, Kate McNaughton.

## AGENDA ITEMS

### Call to Order

- Review of April Minutes:
  - Approval of minutes was motioned by Jessica and seconded by Kate.
- Outstanding from April:
  - Bylaws - Will be deferred until September 2019.
  - Bathroom Decals - Will attempt to get these done in early September, if possible.

### Event Review: Expenses, Feedback, Lessons Learned

#### **Mayfair**

Financials included in email with agenda. In general, the fair was a success and over \$3800 in profit was generated.

#### **Considerations for Future**

Rides:

Historically, these always result in a financial loss, as it costs more to rent them than it gets in ticket sale returns.

Some questions to ask:

Are rides in use all of the time? Yes, it seems that they are, with line ups.

Can we increase the price per ride? Possibly, but it might not help. At a higher ticket cost even fewer people will ride.

Ferris wheel was not a good fit, so it will not be rebooked.

Can we do anything differently?

How can we price tickets in future?

The committee feels that the event was successful overall, and that the community was happy.

Food area was great, especially the seating area. Food vendors were more generous in their donations to the school than previous years. This may have been the result of a less structured agreement about their donations to the school when booking the vendors.

### **Game Night**

This was a first for the council. There were about 25 kids plus parents in attendance.

This event was planned and may have not benefited from extensive marketing.

Could the turnout be related to the time of year? Is there a better time per year, perhaps, when families are not as busy?

\$127 spent.

Everything purchased can be re-used in future.

### **Boston Pizza Fundraiser**

Approximately \$334-336 donated back to our school. This event seems to draw a consistent turnout. Funds will go towards the NFL Program as per our recently approved Legacy Plan.

### **Kindergarten Info Night**

The only expense for the evening was \$25 for popcorn. This year we offered a different set up. Including some Mayfair prizes to give to the kids and a large colouring mural.

**Future Action:** Ask to add us to the Kindergarten Passport (Ms. Munroe).

Side note: The council advertised Mayfair at this event and someone from the info night showed up at Mayfair.

## **Council Programs: Year-end Summary**

### **Strong Start**

Many more volunteers are needed. How do we do this?? We need to get involved with a church? Kinbridge Community Centre? Conestoga College ECE students. Please get in touch with Kate or Mrs. Morgan if you have ideas or would like to volunteer.

### **Walk to School Wednesdays**

It's difficult to keep the program up without volunteers. It is also very challenging because the teachers are too busy to manage the program. We discussed ways to get the interest into the program. Ideas included creating an award for kids to get recognized for walking so many times and using the announcements to recognize or highlight walking Wednesday participants.

### **Lice Squad**

Unfortunately, we missed the last planned lice check. This is a highly valuable service provided by the council and helps a lot to reduce the spread of lice in our school. Volunteers are always needed.

### **Pizza Lunches**

Pizza – No specific updates.

Milk – Some complaints of the smell of sour milk. Could be that the smell is not that the milk is gone sour, but that a spill in the storage containers or crates is causing the outside of the containers to smell off. If your child has any complaints, they must bring them forward to the school. More volunteers are needed to assist Jessica who has typically been doing most of this work.

### **NFL**

The last delivery of the program is this week. Program officially ends next Friday. Trish is wrapping up for the year. We have mostly only grains and raisins left.

If needed, Trish must use funds to buy extra items prior to the 21<sup>st</sup> so that the expense can be reported in the current academic year. Good volunteers this year.

## **Principal's Report**

### **Calendar**

Beach Day – June 24

Talent Show - June 21

French Plays – TBD

Kindie Picnic – June 25

Canada Day- June 26 wear your Canada Day clothes/gear

End of year assembly - June 27 – 9:30

Grade 6 Graduation - June 20 (Lunch at 11am; Ceremony at 12pm; 2pm is Volleyball Game)

### **Staffing**

Pretty nearly completed for the upcoming year.

Some changes include a Kindergarten teacher (LTO), a Kindergarten planning position and we also have a couple of teacher's going part-time

### **Teacher Wish List**

Too many little things were requested so the group came up with a large item that could be advertised as purchased by Parent Council fundraising efforts.

The first item suggested is called a Gaga Pit. It is a game space meant for the yard outside and it is approved by the WRDSB. It costs approximately \$4000 including installation.

An alternative wish request was a small set of ukuleles. Approximately 6 to 10. Each instrument is about \$45 dollars each.

Other items suggested are:

Wall of Fame for Art

Multicultural sets – books, for example

We have about \$5965 in our council fund. We have already committed some of this funding to the St. Jacob's trip planned for November 2019.

**Action:** Everyone research the Gaga Pit and we can plan to carry out a fundraising campaign for next year.

We voted to purchase a class set of ukuleles for the school. A motion to purchase up to 20 ukeleles was presented by: and seconded by: . The entire council voted in favour of up to 20 ukuleles at \$45 per unit, approximately. We revised the quantity to purchase to 28 to purchase for a full class set, if needed.

**Action:** Mrs. Morgan will speak to Mrs. Cook to confirm the ideal quantity to purchase and then we can move forward with the purchase.

**Tabled for Next Year:**

- Establishing Council Bylaws (Kelly)
- Bringing forward researched Fundraising ideas (All members)

Thank you to everyone for the enjoyable treats, especially the cupcakes provided by Mrs. Cook's grade six class. Have a great summer, everyone!

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Next meeting will be on **September 18, 2019**.

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