

Central Public School - Bowmanville
School Council Minutes
Monday, June 20, 2022 in the Learning Commons

1) Welcome

In attendance

Linda Cole, Megan Elliott, Heather Gust, Dan Welsh, Anne Pridie, Leisa Rook, Ashley Clarke

2) Adoption of Minutes

Minutes accepted: 1st: Anne Pridie; 2nd: Dan Welsh

3) Principal's Update

Class Trips

Several class trips have occurred, e.g.:

- Grade 8s – Rock of Ages at the high school
- Wilmot Creek
- Outdoor Education Centre
- Scientists in the School
- Peterborough Zoo
- Cedar Park – upcoming this week
 - Superintendent approval – requiring swim test for all students attending.
 - Many students couldn't pass the swim test and will have to wear a life jacket while at the park, will not be allowed in the deep end.
 - Maybe could look into getting the swim program back in the school.
 - Jumpstart (with Canadian Tire) – would they have funds the school could access to pay for a swim program?

School Photo

- Panoramic photo should come this week.

Big Brothers/Sisters

- Has been running since May.
- Have one on one sessions.
- Also have groups – boys group and girls group.

School Population

- Had kindergarten orientation - 26 new registrants for kindergarten.
- 15 students will be graduating from the school.
- Some students will be coming back from virtual school next year.
- Population for next year will be over 200.
- Still have an empty room in the school so still have space.
- We will have 9 classes next year.

Staff Changes

- The following teachers will be leaving this year: Jason Pyper, Sarah Wells, Patricia Oldman, Phillip Parkinson and Kristen Fernandes.

- New teachers returning/starting next year: Kelly Stefanek (Kindergarten), Megan Watson (Grade 1/2), Elyse Wuerth (Grade 2/3), Ian Dewell (Grade 7/8).

Indigenous Education Focus Group

- There was a PD Day self directed group to learn about Indigenous Education.
- Ms. McGillivray, Mr. Parkinson, Ms. Ward – have same teaching book and showed how they would use across the different grades/ages.
- Jessica Outram – Principal of Indigenous Education – shared resources available.
- Consultant is going to come work with each teacher one on one to figure out how they could further their Indigenous Education.

Wellness Day

- Was held last Friday.
- Wellness Committee created in the spring.
- Students got to choose activities they wanted to do for the day – different options for different ages.

Buddy Fest

- Held last Friday
- This was the first time it was held – plan to continue in future years.

Grade 8 Grad

- This will be the first grade 8 graduation.
- Janet Fox will be coming back for it.
- School wide event for students and staff.
- Bell ringing at 2:30 – standing room only for families
- Celebration in the school at 3:30 followed by pizza and dance for the grads.
- Leaving staff will also ring the bell.

Code of Conduct

- There will be changes to the Code of Conduct next year.
- They will be printed in agendas, which will be returning next year.
- Remaining guidelines will primarily focus on having indoor shoes, dressing properly for the weather, no drug paraphernalia or swear words.
- Hats will now be allowed; strict rules will be gone.
- Will be updating references to technology (e.g. pagers).
- Head lice – will inform parents if child has lice, but won't force child to leave or have rules about being nit free.
- Parents will be asked to sign and return.

4) Staff Update – Leisa Rook

Report Cards

- Have been submitted by the teachers, Linda is now looking them over.
- Will be sent home on the last day of school.
- Will also be available electronically on Edsby.

School Trips

- Buses are really expensive now with the cost of fuel.
- Bus to the Peterborough Zoo was \$500-\$600.

Council Funds

- Should start to think of where council funds could be used next year.
- Could possibly contribute to transportation cost of field trips.
- Scientists in the School may not be worth it if they remain virtual (sessions are shorter and more expensive than before).

Police Checks

- Should remind parents to do a police check so they can help in the school/with field trips.

5) Regional Chair Update

- No update – there has been no meeting since our last meeting.

6) Treasurer's Report

- No update.

7) Springfest Update

Finances

- Cost of popcorn/cotton candy machine, jumping castle, pizza was \$950.
- Final earnings: \$4205.76 (net after expenses).

Prizes

- Some prizes are still in the office waiting to be picked up.
- Some silent auction money is still due to come in.

Feedback

- Treasure Hunt – a lot of kids liked it, though some were confused.
- Could have map of activities in future so people know where everything is.
- Would be good to have a tent for cotton candy and popcorn in case of rain.
- Long lines for tickets – maybe could sell tickets in advance or have multiple places to buy.
- Could display baskets ahead of time and people could buy/put in tickets ahead.
- Should have a deadline for donations – some people brought the day of.
- Would be good to announce winners on Edsby or something so people know when the draw has taken place.
- Could have one volunteer coordinator that is stationary at the event.
- Pie in the face – ask more staff next time. Kids liked it and many staff said they would have done it if they'd had the chance.
- Could have a teachers vs. students game of some sort.

8) PRO Grant Update

- Final report submitted to the board – will send money to the school.
- \$191.40 was spent on books
- Also paid for yoga instruction for day of yoga at the school as well as at Springfest.
- Cost was \$982.40 altogether (yoga and books).

- Learned that yoga at Springfest doesn't really work – was poorly attended.

9) Finalizing the year

- Nothing specific needed to be finalized.

10) New Business

Playground Maintenance

- Board will pay any costs over \$1000 this year.
- Will find out if more needs to go into the fund.

Hot Lunch

- Made \$565.30 in May from Healthy Hunger.

Event Ideas for Next Year

- Art Festival in the fall
- Art and Literacy night
- Art sale of students work.

Buddy Benches

- May need to pay installation – have funds if so.

Council Child Care

- Next year at council meetings Amelia is going to volunteer to do child care.
- Need to try to get more parents to the meetings.

Fundraising

- Leisa and Ashley both reached out to Papa's Pizzaland but got not response.
- Might want to reach out to Domino's.
- Parking fundraisers – Maplefest, Applefest, Santa Claus Parade.
- Plantables
- Kernels
- Krispy Kreme

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm