

Central Public School - Bowmanville
School Council Minutes
Monday, April 24, 2023 Learning Commons

1) In attendance:

Ashley Clarke, Megan Elliott, Linda Cole, Heather Gust, Leisa Rook, James Rook, Leah Gust, Marcia Strong

2) Melissa Woodcock – Math Coach Presentation

- One of 6 math coaches in the board.
- Gives scope and sequence for each math topic to teachers.
- Looks at student data and makes a plan to address any identified gaps in learning via activities/games.
- Meets at the board office once a month to learn about scope and sequence for math topics, how to coach other staff, and resources that can be used.
- Runs after school workshops for teachers that want to attend.

Math Up

- Purchased for grades 3, 6, 7, and 8 but can also be accessed by others.
- Helps supplement materials in school.
- Includes letters to parents about what kids should be doing.
- Has grading resources for teachers to determine grade level students are at.

3) Adoption of Last Meeting's Minutes

- Minutes adopted (1st: Megan Elliott, 2nd: Ashley Clarke)

4) Principal's Report

Chill Fair

- Held Chill Fair recently - put on by students in Ms. Mansfield, Mr. Petrany, and Mr. Dewell's classes.
- Head of mental health from the board came to see (Deanna Swift) along with a BSA (Behaviour Support Assistant) Heather Thompson.
- Organized by Child and Youth Worker Ms. Schneider.
- Kids shared strategies for coping with stress and anxiety, presented on poster boards.
- Was attended by other students in the school as well as parents.
- Large variety of strategies presented such as baking, music, reading, writing etc.
- 6 winners chosen from the fair that all got to have lunch with Ms. Schneider.
- Based on a number of students saying they like writing, Ms. Tamblyn started a writing club.

Celebrations/Spirit Days

- Beach Day
- Autism Awareness Day
- International Day of Pink
- Earth Day

- Ramadan (observed by several students in the school) and Eid

Events/Class Trips

- Junior basketball tournament – our team coached by Ms. Mansfield and Mr. Petrany, placed 4th in Bowmanville (team made from just our students).
- Marc Hamilton from Hamilton Honeybee Holdings came and did a presentation about his bees and pollination.
- Movie trip – all classes have now done a trip to the movie theatre.
- Skills Ontario – did presentations about trades and technologies for all ages.
- Durham College – Mr. Dewell's class had a trip to Durham College to learn about the programs they offer.

5) Teacher's Report

- Thanks for the \$300 per class from Parent Council – has not been used yet, so can't report on what it has been used for.

Universal Screener Project

- K-2 teachers have been asked to help the board screen students.
- Students being asked reading/language questions to see where they are lacking/identify common problems.
- This information will be used to identify what is working or not working to implement new programs across the board next year.
- Currently being done twice a year to see improvement over time (could be increased to three times per year in future).

Math Research Project

- Being done by Mrs. Rook and Ms. McGillivray in regards to fractions.
- Introducing math language in younger kids – via games in kindergarten.
- Currently only officially doing with five kids from the class.

Not a Box

- Temporary addition to the kindergarten classrooms.
- Tool kit with plastic screws and child safe tools for constructing things out of cardboard.
- Tied in with focus on skilled trades.

STEM Workshop

- Three classes were able to participate in these workshops through Ontario Tech.
- Mrs. Rook – Osbot – coding robot that they will then teach to Ms. Stefanek's class.
- Ms. Miner – learning about floating and buoyancy.
- Ms. Ward – Coding exercise that involves playing capture the flag with robots.

Class Photos

- Class photos have arrived for photo taken the Tuesday after Easter.

- Need a code to download – codes are going to those that ordered individual pictures.

Upcoming Events

May 4th – Star Wars Day (spirit day)

Grade 7/8's are going to BHS to see Peter and the Starcatcher play

Staff Wellness Day – Yoga Jungle class

6) Update from Regional Council

Last meeting of the year was last Wednesday.

Colin McKeen

- Education Topic presented by Colin McKeen, the Senior Manager responsible for finance, was school generated funds.
- Reminder that these funds belong to the school and the board.
- Large fundraisers should have a 3 – 5 year timeline associated with the generated funds.
- Reminder that people are not to count money alone.
- Most of the information given was things we are already doing.

Stephen Fisher

- Stephen Fisher spoke about strategic plan for primary virtual elementary school.
- Thought Exchange – online tool that allows feedback from parents and allows people to rate the feedback of others.

Trustees Report

- Spoke about upcoming new north end elementary school.
- Cathy Abrams spoke about Bill 98 – still lots of questions about what that will look like (will allow the minister to have more say in what trustees can do).

Superintendent

- Spoke about incident at Courtice Secondary School.

7) Treasurer's Report

- Numbers are the same as last month.
- The \$300/class has not come out of accounts yet.

Springfest

- Budget needs to be approved – hoping for \$2000.
- \$1200 has already been accounted for (jumping castles, popcorn machine and supplies).
- \$2000 approved (1st: James Rook, 2nd: Leah Gust)

8) Other Business

Springfest

- Have 25 volunteers from the high school signed up – will close this down now as this is plenty.
- Volunteer form coming for parents and teachers.

- Ashley and Leisa will be responsible for volunteers at Springfest.
- Staff can discuss their involvement at their next teacher meeting (e.g. pie in the face, one-on-one basketball).
- Ms. Watson, Mr. Dewell, and Ms. Tamblyn will be playing music at Springfest.

Maplefest

- Need volunteers for parking fundraising event.
- Three shifts – approximately 8:45 – 10:30 (Leisa and Leah can volunteer here), 10:15 – 12:15, and 11:45 – 2:00.
- Probably need about five people per shift, especially for the early shift.

Talk of the Town Fundraiser

- Planning for possibly end of May/early June, week night.
- One night will have either a code you give or a certain meal available that will have a portion of funds going to the school.
- Ashley will speak to them again probably this week.

Welcome to Kindergarten Orientation Night

- Thursday, June 1 – need a representative from school council to let parents know about it (approx. 5:30 – 7:00).
- Goodie bags – would like to put in a poster about Springfest and maybe a free game ticket.
- Would like \$100 for snacks – approved (1st: Megan Elliott, 2nd: Ashley Clarke).

Year 2 Farewell Celebration

- Year end open house for year 2 only, to be held Tuesday, June 26.
- They will get a certificate and some treats and there will be a photo booth.
- Would like money for purchasing snacks – yes, but amount will be determined and approved at next meeting.

Grade 8 Graduation

- Still in planning stages.
- Will talk to Mr. Dewell to see if he needs anything.

PRO Grant

- Drumming booked for June 13.
- Maximum of 80 people per session.
- Will group students into groups of about 60 to allow room for parents.
- Should ask about rain date.

9) Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm

1st: James Rook, 2nd: Heather Gust