

**Central Public School - Bowmanville**  
**School Council Minutes**  
**Monday, May 29, 2023 Learning Commons**

**1) In attendance:** Linda Cole, Leisa Rook, Leah Gust, Megan Elliot, Ashley Clarke, Heather Gust, Ashley Pleau, James Rook, Joanne Paraschos

**2) Adoption of Previous Meeting's Minutes**

Minutes adopted

1<sup>st</sup>: Ashley Clarke

2<sup>nd</sup>: Leah Gust

**3) Principal's Report**

Schoolyard Changes

- Both Buddy Benches have been installed – cost for installation was \$1695 for both.
- Entire schoolyard has been fenced in.

EQAO

- Grade 3 EQAO is this week, Monday to Friday.
- Grade 6 EQAO is next week.
- All of it is done online now.

Reading Assessment Pilot

- One of the screeners that was piloted will be chosen by the board to be used next year.
- Our school was given the online version, which has had many technical issues.
- Tech issues will need to be fixed before screener used next year.
- Has been good for identifying students at risk.

Bring Back the Salmon

- Program was done by Mr. Petrany and Ms. Mansfield's classes with OPG (in partnership with the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters/Ministry of Natural Resources).
- Last week they released the fry at the creek.
- Art installation was done outside the school – plaque will be coming to explain.
- Central Public School was on the front page of the OPG newsletter.

### Online Safety

- Community Police Officer, Patrick Jones, came to do a presentation about online safety for grades 4 and up.
- Consulted with teachers and principals about concerns.

### Bullying Prevention

- Program being done with grades 3 and 4.
- Behaviour Support Assistant coming.
- Will help kids with how to identify and handle bullying (experienced by them or as observers).

### Band

- Students from Central combined with Vincent Massey for band (4 students from Central have gone).
- Will be going to Canada's Wonderland for a competition.

### Spirit Days

- May 4<sup>th</sup> – Star Wars Day/Superhero Day.
- May 17<sup>th</sup> - International Day Against Homo/Transphobia.

### Sports

- Junior Ultimate Frisbee team has been practising.
- Junior 3 pitch team – Mr. Young, Ms. Tamblyn, and Ms. Woodcock are coaching.
- Girls Baseball – Jays Foundation has been supporting (provides equipment, hats, shirts).
  - Ms. Woodcock and Mr. Young are running.
  - Focus has been on girls new to baseball.

### Other Events/Days

- Bus evacuation practice was done.
- Grade 8 students went to BHS last week for their orientation.
- Panoramic photo was done of all students.
- Grades 4 and 5 did a pottery workshop
- Scientists in the School have done an in-school program.
- Zoo to You presentation was done for kindergarten to grade 2 (funded by Outdoor Education Funding).

## **4) Staff Report**

### Continuing programs/events.

- STEM programs still continuing in Ms. Rook, Ms. Miner, and Ms. Ward's classes.
- Character Assemblies have still been continuing.
- Kindergarten Open Houses continuing.

### Kindergarten Orientation

- Orientation is coming up on Thursday.

- Still need to purchase snacks.
- 23 students have registered so far.
- Ashley Clarke, Ashley Pleau, and Megan Elliot will be there.

### Tricycles

- Kindergarten students have been getting lots of use out of the tricycles.
- Students provide their own helmets – no sharing allowed.
- Possible wish for future years – could use replacement tricycles.

### Class Trips/Activities

*Long and McQuade* - Kindergarten students walking to Long and McQuade on June 5/6.

- Will have an opportunity to play drums, see staff workshop, see other instruments.
- Parent volunteers needed.

*RS McLaughlin Art Gallery* - Two trips coming up – one with Ms. Ebelthite/Ms. Miner and one with Ms. Ward/Mrs. Wuerth.

- Using council money for bus.

*Scientists in the School* - Mr. Petrany had Scientists come in to the classroom.

*Pottery* - Ms. Mansfield's class used council money for a pottery workshop.

*Police Car Visit* – Will be coming Thursday.

### Wellness Day

- Coming up next month.
- Students haven't picked activities, but some possible options are: tie dye, gardening, bubbles, rock painting, tattoo parlour, sports, playing in the kindergarten room.
- Could use some funds for supplies – still have money left from what was allocated to last Wellness Day, so can use this.

### Accessibilities Week

- Occurring this week
- Our playground and school are not accessible.
- Asked kindergarten kids for ideas about what we could do.
- Red Shirt Day on Wednesday (Easter Seals) – supporting accessibilities and inclusion.

### Staff Wellness

- Did Aerial Yoga for staff wellness day – yoga place ended up donating a gift certificate for Springfest.
- Will be doing Mud Girl in June – money raised will go to breast cancer.

### **5) Treasurer's Report**

- Will revisit next month for end of year.

### **6) Trustee School Council Dialogue (Leah Gust)**

- Leah attended, along with parents from across the board and Trustees.

- Had small group discussions with other parents and board members about academics and inclusion.
- Were able to have one on one time with trustees and discussions with other parents about the successes and challenges in their schools.
- Was a good opportunity to bring up issues regarding special needs, etc.
- Realized that even in bigger schools, the councils are typically small.

## **7) Other Business**

### Additional Classroom

- We will have one more classroom added next year.
- The board has said we will not be getting a portable as it is not cost effective and they suspect this will be a short term issue.
- Linda had a meeting with board representatives to discuss the location – might have extra class in what is now the library and have the library move to Linda's office.
- North school has been delayed a year, which has extended the time we will have overpopulated schools.
- Any concerns can be brought up with trustees Paul Brown and Cathy Abraham.
- New teacher will be coming to teach grades 1/2 - Shelley Miehe.

### Drumming Workshop

- PRO Grant Drumming Workshop will be happening June 13.
- We need to let the company know that we will need to run four sessions (max 80 people/session).
- Running youngest to oldest through the day – younger kids have a shorter session so we will see if they can start earlier and run two sessions in block one of the day.
- No rain date – if it's raining, we will have to use the gym.
- Cheque has been mailed to them.

### Springfest

- Janet Lange has offered her services free of charge for Springfest – will be doing cheek designs for \$5.
- Still need – juice boxes and prizes for games.
- Will have vests and name tags for volunteers.
- May want to get dairy/gluten free pizza as we have some students with allergies.
- Will look into whether we can get shelves in the storage room in the future.
- Meeting at Ashley Pleau's house next Monday at 7:30.

### Grade 8 Graduation

- Have already received about \$200 in donations for their grad, so probably don't need anything more.
- Parent Committee has been organizing.
- Will be having a clap out on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## **8) Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm.