

Central Public School - Bowmanville
School Council Minutes
Monday, November 7, 2022 Virtual Meeting

1) Welcome

In attendance:

Heather Gust, Linda Cole, Leisa Rook, Megan Elliott, Ashley Clarke, Joanna Paraschos

2) Adoption of Minutes

- Minutes from previous meeting adopted
 - 1st: Megan Elliott
 - 2nd: Leisa Rook

3) Principal's Report

CUPE Labour Dispute

- Kids will be back in school tomorrow.
- Will continue to be rough for CUPE members – they have had loss of wages.
- Hoping things get resolved.

Character Award Assembly

- Gym too small to fit the entire school now, so assemblies are done virtually.
- Family of award winners are sent a link to join the assembly.
- Can now include distant relatives.
- Easier for parents to attend now as well.

Indigenous Education

- Huge priority for the school now.
- Celebrated orange shirt day.
- Kindergarten class made a heart garden.
- Other schools posted and shared pictures of the heart garden.
- Jennifer Cowie is the Indigenous Education consultant with the board – she will be coming on Nov. 10 to work one on one or in small groups about incorporating Indigenous Education into the classroom.

Indigenous Film Festival

- Organized by the Indigenous Education Focus Group.
- Indigenous Education Department recommended videos.

Staffing

- Ms. Fil is still off – Julie Manerowski is covering.
- Head custodian position has been posted.
- Two applicants had been offered the position, accepted, and then ended up declining.
- A woman has been hired to cover, but she will be on mat leave until September.

- Looking to hire a temp, but currently Jacob Baggs is covering and we are hoping he will be able to continue covering until September.
- Planning Time position has been filled by Kylie Tamblyn – she works the first 100 minute block every day.
- Elyse Wuerth has returned from her maternity leave.
- Shannan Andrews, who was covering for Elyse Wuerth, has left.

Special Days

- Custodial Workers Day
- National Teacher Day
- ECE Appreciation Day
- Bus Driver Appreciation Day

Band

- Mr. Young is working with the band every first recess in the breakfast room.
- Preparing for the Santa Claus Parade on Nov. 19.

4) Teacher's Report

Open Houses

- Kindergarten class is back to having open houses.
- Second one was in October.
- Had about 80% turnout of parents.

Remembrance Day

- Friday there will be a virtual Remembrance Day service.
- Not sure yet if anybody from the school will be going to the cenotaph.

Holiday Concert

- Still working on figuring out what that will look like this year.
- Not sure if it will be virtual or in person.

Bus Safety

- Bus safety training is coming up.
- Will be done virtually this year.
- Teachers have a video that they will show in class before November 24.

PD Day

- Mrs. Rook and Ms. Mansfield went to the reading PD Day.
- Looking forward to sharing what they learned with the other staff.

5) Regional Council Report

- First meeting was on October 26.

Trustee Report

- From the two trustees
- Spoke about Clarke High School about schooling and French Immersion.

New school

- Going in the North Glen area of Bowmanville.
- There will be some boundary changes, but not sure if that will impact us at Central.
- Plan is for it to be done in less than two years.
- Will be a modular building.

Next meeting to be held Nov. 23 – open to the public.

6) Treasurer's Report

	Balance Forward	Expense	Revenue	Balance
Buddy Bench Fundraiser	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1357.00	\$1357.00
Hot Lunch Program	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Kernels Fundraiser	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$137.25	\$137.25
Playground Fund	\$7510.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7510.30
Poinsettias	\$1223.16	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1223.16
School Council	\$7430.96	\$1701.50	\$0.00	\$5729.46
Umbrella Total	\$16,164.42	\$1701.50	\$1494.25	\$15,957.17
Umbrella Type Total	\$16,164.42	\$1701.50	\$1494.25	\$15,957.17
Grand Total	\$16,164.42	\$1701.50	\$1494.25	\$15,957.17

- Not sure why the Hot Lunch account is currently at zero

Playground Fund

- Do we need a minimum amount of money in this account? Linda will look into this.
- Can we accept wood chip donations rather than purchasing?

Buddy Bench

- Can we go forward with the bench installation?
- Waverly set up benches inside the school to avoid the installation costs e.g. for when a teacher needs to talk to a student.
- Would the fire marshal be okay with the bench in the hall?
- May not be room inside
- Could also consider one inside and one outside
- Could we chain them rather than install with cement?
- Could look into whether school volunteers could do the installation (e.g. Mr. Young)

Poinsettias

- Revenue is from last year.
- Can the balance be moved into another account since we are not doing poinsettias this year?

School Council

- Previously paid for Scientists in the School.
- Staff aren't necessarily interested in doing again – expensive, and virtual is not nearly as good as the previous program.
- Maybe could use to pay for bus costs for trips.
- Cost of buses is very expensive now, and often the buses need to be back much earlier than they used to be (e.g. 1:30pm).

Fundraising

Upcoming Fundraisers

- Parking Lot fundraisers
- Kernels
- Plantables

Use of Funds

- Is there anything else council could help purchase?
- Equipment for outside? Students are not overly respectful of school equipment – often get left outside or damaged.
- December Wellness Day – could use money to purchase supplies for the activities.
 - Allocated \$500 for use towards Wellness Day
 - 1st: Heather Gust; 2nd: Megan Elliott

Springfest

- Rentals are expensive. Could we consider purchasing? E.g. cotton candy machine, popcorn machine.
- Linda's previous school had a popcorn machine and would have fundraisers selling popcorn every few weeks that were successful.
- Need to consider storage – room downstairs not appropriate for storage of food equipment.

Kernels

- Send another reminder to parents.
- As a school we need to order a minimum of 25 bags of each flavour to be sent.
- Can send a report breaking down purchases by classroom.

7) EQAO Results

- Results were released publicly last week.
- Scores are down across the province.
- Central is about the same as others, or possibly a little worse.
- Lots is planned to help get scores up in the school.

Results were as follows:

Grade 3

- Math: 46% level 3, 0% level 4
- Reading: 50% level 3, 12% level 4
- Writing: 42% level 3, 0% level 4

Grade 6

- Math: 36% level 3, 0% level 4
- Reading: 67% level 3, 0% level 4
- Writing: 47% level 3, 20% level 4

- Trying to address academic challenges.
- Math coach (Melissa Woodcock) on staff 50% of the day – helping out primarily with the junior division, but also makes time for other grades.
- Junior division teachers had board office coaches come while supply teachers covered their classes.
- Will have two more days with coaches.
- Staff had two PD days about reading and coding/math.
- Those teachers will share what they learned with the other staff.

8) Other Business

Police Checks

- Can get at a reduced rate when being done for the school.
- Paper required to get this discount will be posted in Edsby.

Parking Fundraisers

- We are allowed to use the grass.
- Had plenty of volunteers at the last parking lot fundraiser.
- Last one was raising funds for the Buddy Bench installation – will do the same for Santa Claus Parade parking.

Winter Songs

- We will be doing this again this year.
- Past years this was done every morning the week before winter break (except morning of the concert).

Spirit Days

- We will have some spirit days coming up e.g. pajama day.

Plantables

- We have decided to push this to the spring.
- Parents are given a code to enter when ordering to direct the money to the school.

- Turnaround is about one week.
- April to June is the delivery window.
- Will talk about again in February.

Kernels

- Ashley and Megan will pick up the popcorn Thursday evening for distribution/pickup Friday morning and after school.
- Won't get a firm pick up date until our order is submitted.

9) Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 7:36pm