

Central Public School - Bowmanville
School Council Minutes
Monday September 26, 2022 in the Learning Commons

1) In attendance:

Leisa Rook, James Rook, Marcia Strong, Heather Gust, Ashley Clarke, Meagan Butt, Nissa Williams, Ben Jensen, Dan Welsh, Courtney O'Reilly, Leah Gust, Linda Cole, Megan Elliott

Regrets: Stef Shea

2) Principal's Update

School Population/Staffing

- School grew more than expected – we are up to 239 students now.
- Last week a new grade 3/4 class was added that is taught by Raheela Rehmat.
- Having some trouble with filling staff positions.
- One EA, Mrs. Wipp, resigned and hasn't been replaced yet. We have an ECE helping out temporarily as well as a retired EA.
- Ms. Fil is on a medical leave and we are still trying to get a replacement for her.
- Backlog for police checks is worsening the issue.

Events

- Open House was successful.
- Terry Fox Run was done recently and went well.

Nutrition

- Have buckets with snacks in the classrooms that Ms. Schneider is keeping full.
- Food Hub – school nutrition program that is starting next Tuesday.
 - Could use a volunteer to pick up supplies from Village Union school in Oshawa every other Tuesday.
- Healthy Hunger is up and running – has been posted for the whole year.
 - Could use help on Tuesdays with distributing pizza (though kindergarten class is okay to distribute their own).
 - This year the boxes are already organized and labelled by class. There will be only size pizza slice.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

- Orange Shirt Day is on September 30th (National Day for Truth and Reconciliation).
- Want kids to understand story behind the orange shirt.
- Passport to Reconciliation provided to teachers with age appropriate activities.
- Idea is to do something every month.

Swim Lessons

- Trying to see if we can arrange swim lessons for students.
- Last year with the swim test, many kids couldn't swim.
- We have reached out to the aquatic division at the pool this fall to see if it's possible to arrange some swim lessons.

- Maybe could do with one grade (e.g. grade 3).

2) Staff Update

- Start of the year is focused on relationship building and developing routines.
- Lunch helpers has started – grades 5-8 can help out/supervise. Grades 5 and 6 are very keen to help.
- Recess helpers are being used now that all kids are out at the same time.
- Younger kids are in a different area of the school yard.
- Need ideas for equipment that could go out.
- Student helpers assist with bringing out equipment and then go for free play.

Character Assemblies

- Character Assemblies starting again.
- Can't fit the whole school in the gym anymore.
- Will be doing virtual assembly.
- Parents of winners will get a link to join.
- First assembly will be this Thursday for optimism.

Edsby

- Parents should connect with their child's teacher and with Edsby if they haven't yet.

3) Elections

Chair – Megan Elliot (nominations: 1st – Dan Welsh, 2nd – Meagan Butt)

Secretary – Heather Gust (nominations: 1st – Megan Elliott, 2nd – Ashley Clarke)

Treasurer – Ashley Clarke (nominations: 1st – Marcia Strong, 2nd – Heather Gust)

Regional Council Representative – James Rook (nominations: 1st – Ashley Clarke, 2nd – Dan Welsh)

Vice Chair – not filling position at this time. May revisit at a future meeting.

4) Subcommittees

Fundraising

Parking Lot Fundraiser

- \$5 per car for downtown festivals.
- Made \$850 last year.
- Learned it doesn't need to be as long – could probably end around 1:00pm.
- Have shorter shifts that end earlier.
- Can park on the pavement in the back.
- Would need volunteers from about 8:30am – 1:00pm.
- At least six volunteers would be needed for the morning.
- Could do 3 shifts of 1.5 hours each for the day.
- October 15th is Applefest – this will be the first of these festivals for the year.
- Leisa will get vests.
- Ashley will create a sign up form.

- We have signs already that we can put up.

Possible Fundraising Options

- Plantables
- McMillan's
- Krispy Kreme
- Domino's pizza night
- Kernels

5) Update from Regional Council

N/A

6) Treasurer's Report

N/A

7) Business

Book Fair

- Will be running November 28 – Dec 2 in the library

Sports

- After school sports are starting now for students in grades 4 and up

Future meeting dates

- November 7, 2022
- February 27, 2023
- April 24, 2023
- May 29, 2023
- June 19, 2023
- All to be held at 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm