

CCPS SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

September 12, 2016

Present: Kendra Mihell, Andrea Larsen, Debbie MacKinnon, Tammi Principi, Laurie Eastman, Erin Holloway, Tracey Antonioni, Mike Thompson, Tiffany Sutton Taylor, Mimi Wiseman, Stephanie Daoust

Regrets: Mike Creasey, Bob Conlin

1. Proposed agenda was approved.
2. Minutes from the May 30, 2016 meeting were approved.
3. Acclamation of the new 2016-2017 School Council. All members were acclaimed since we are still under our 15 member maximum. Nominations and elections of school council executives were as follows:

Chair: Mimi Wiseman

Teaching Rep: Andrea Larsen

Vice Chair: Bob Conlin

Non-Teaching Rep: Stephanie Daoust

Secretary: Erin Holloway

4. Ratification of CCPS Constitution - Our constitution states that we require a minimum of 6 and maximum of 15 members to form our council. In the event that more than 15 parents apply for membership, the election committee will gather all applications and nomination forms and hold an election. Each applicant and nominee will get one vote by secret ballot. Results will be kept on file for one year. When decisions are made during council meetings where unanimous agreement is not reached, a majority vote of all members present at the meeting is required for quorum.

5. \$500 Parent Involvement Money

We used our money provided by the Ministry to host a pizza night and open house. We had 120 free slices from our pizza sales last year and then Topper's donated half of what we had to purchase. In the end our cost for pizza was \$103.96 and Kendra also purchased beverages and cookies for a cost of \$59.05. We still have over \$300 left to use for future events. We had nothing but positive feedback about our event and it was easier and a lot less expensive than running the BBQ.

6. Information Items

a) Strategic Directions 2016-2020 Board Policy "Mission, Vision and Values": We reviewed the Board's publication and discussed the slogan, "Reaching minds. Touching hearts." The text inside the brochure expanded on the Board's direction and how they were going about achieving their vision and mission. It was pointed out that the focal point is not just literacy and numeracy which

may not be perceived as a positive by some parents. Kendra pointed out that we need to have all the other components in place for students first, such as "nurturing physical, mental, social and emotional well-being" before they are receptive to learning. We looked at the layout inside and how it suggested that education was about the people and not just the bricks and mortar. This suggestion coincides with the current accommodation review process that is underway.

b) We reviewed the Capital and Accommodation Plan Initial Staff Report. A public meeting will be held on October 17th regarding the decisions being made for Lively district schools. Questions that arose from our review of this process were as follows:

What percentage of the overall budget do we have to draw from the reserve?

How big is our budget?

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Are we earning interest on our reserve funds?

Are we losing funding because of declining enrollment? (This was answered "yes, and also because of excess surplus space".)

What time frame are they basing the liability savings on? 1 year? 5 years?

How often do we do an accommodation review?

Does it depend on further decline in enrolment?

Who calculated these numbers and how?

Why does our floor plan include spaces that it shouldn't include such as the hub, ISP classrooms, etc.? This is currently under review.

Can we close underused rooms or rent out spaces such as the computer lab?

What kind of partnership could we form in our community to offer the unused space in our building?

How much would the board charge per square foot for rental prospects?

What about opening a nursery school?

If one room was multifunctional, like a library/computer lab would the other blocked off rooms no longer count?

Has the RDSB looked at consolidating the 4 school boards to find savings?

Could they cut down on administration costs by consolidating?

Shouldn't every school be able to have a library and not have it counted against them?

Have studies been done on the effects on the students from moving grades 7 and 8 into high schools? Is it beneficial or detrimental? If it is beneficial then why do they make such an effort to separate the two groups?

Does the board want comments on their process? (This was answered that “yes, the board does want to hear questions on the process. We will be sending a copy of our meeting minutes to the board”.)

c) Parent Involvement Committee - an Annual General Meeting and School Council Orientation has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 18 at Sudbury Secondary School. If any member of our council is interesting in sitting on this committee, please send Kendra an email.

8. Fundraising

We will need to come up with new ideas to fund student activities. There is a box of assorted greeting cards we could sell at a cost of \$30. We will find out what the profit would be and discuss it at the next meeting. Mr. Moxam's class will be running the Little Caesar's Pizza Kit fundraiser again this year to fund the grade 7 and 8 year end trip. We have one more spot to fill for our September bingos.

9. Mark Your Calendar

- Wear pink to stand up to bullying on September 15th
- Terry Fox Run will take place on September 29th
- Picture Day October 4th
- P.A. Day September 30th

10. New at CCPS

- Carpet in junior/intermediate classrooms for small group discussions
- 20 Chrome books, 10 iPads and charging cart/tubs for devices from our bingo profits
- 300 new chairs for the gymnasium

11. Council meeting dates for the remainder of the year are as follows:

October 17, November 21, January 16, February 13, April 17 and May 15

12. Proposed agenda items for the next meeting:

- 1) Fundraising Plan
- 2) Bingo dates for November
- 3) Kendra will confirm social worker support for 2016-2017

Our next meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2016 at 7:00pm in the library.