

# CCPS SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

**April 16, 2018**

Present: Kendra Mihell, Tammi Principi, Erin Holloway, Mike Thompson, Mel Douglas, Mimi Wiseman, Laurie Eastman, Sarah Haywood

Regrets: Tiffany Sutton Taylor, Debbie MacKinnon, Sean Dempsey

1. Proposed agenda was approved.
2. Minutes from the February 12, 2018 meeting were approved.

## Discussion Items

3. Education Week May 7-11 – We are planning to host a Zumba activity on a morning during Education Week for students and their families. We will offer a healthy snack in the gym afterwards. The Entrepreneurial Fair will be on Thursday May 10<sup>th</sup> in the gym for the 7/8 class. Parents and families are invited to attend.
4. We reviewed the feedback received from council members to update our current Principal Profile. We also discussed that we need to add some information in our newsletters about our student council and the activities they plan throughout the year. Our Facebook page has proven to be a useful tool for informing many families of events and sharing pictures of school activities. We had a discussion about the pros and cons of paper newsletters and calendars vs. online versions. We heard that the idea of another school was to give parents the option of opting in for a paper copy of the calendar/newsletter and then the teachers would just receive that many hard copies addressed to the students whose families requested them. Currently we do have paper copies still available in the office for families who would like them. We discussed the usefulness of agendas as well. It seems that there is not a lot of consistency between classes as to which teachers are using them and how often. Some teachers convey information electronically instead either by email or different platforms such as See Saw or Class Dojo. Kendra will have a discussion with teachers for next year about the direction we want to go with information sharing and whether or not agendas still serve a purpose and for what grade levels they work best.
5. We only have one more Bingo date coming up during the current school year on June 25 and already have volunteers in place. Kendra will send an email in August for volunteers for the September dates. There are four Tuesdays to fill for the 6:30-8:30 time slot. Mimi has generously offered that she will continue to help us out with the bingos even after she no longer has students in this school. Thanks Mimi! We have been able to purchase 12 Spheros and two Dashes and a Dot (programmable robots) with Wonder Kit accessories with our Bingo profits. These devices give the students a chance to learn and use code. We looked at the 10 reasons why we should teach kids to code. Reasons included that it is one of the most commonly used languages; it stimulates creativity, introduces problem solving and critical thinking and allows ideas to take shape. Also, as the students will readily agree, it's fun!
6. Kendra presented information about a Maple Syrup fundraiser from a farm in Quebec. They will provide us with 1L bottles of maple syrup with a custom label with our school logo for \$13 and we can sell them for \$20. There is no minimum order and free delivery so we will give it a try to see how it is received. We can also repeat our Fresh from the Farm fundraiser in the fall as many families enjoyed the value and usefulness of this fundraiser.

## 7. Information Items

- a) Tim Horton's Camp second trip is May 1-4. This is for the 5/6, 6/7 classes and integrated students.
- b) A CBC article was passed around about the problems some schools in the province have with lack of lunchtime supervision. Our school does not seem to be affected by this issue as children eat in their classrooms instead of a large cafeteria. We have supervisors in the primary classes at all times and rotating supervision by teachers and EAs upstairs as well. We also have Sue who volunteers regularly as a lunch monitor with the primary grades. Recess supervisors have walkie talkies as do Kendra and Steph. There are a minimum of 2 supervisors outside at recess at all times. Schools receive a financial allocation for supervision based on their numbers. Teaching staff have 40 minutes of supervisory duty for each 5 day cycle.
- c) JK Orientation will be Thursday, May 2 from 5:30-6:30. There will be a scavenger hunt. There will not be a book fair this year as the date does not fall during education week. Sarah and Tammi have volunteered to come in to talk to new parents about joining our school council.
- d) Our enrollment is slightly down for next year with 10 new JK students enrolled but 22 grade 8 students leaving.
- e) Classroom Organization for 2018-2019:
  - JK/SK (one class) – Mrs. Levielle and Mrs. Luopa
  - SK/1 - Posted
  - 1/2 – Mrs. Nadeau
  - Grade 3 – Ms. Veevers
  - 4/5 – Mrs. DeLuca Belcourt
  - 5/6 – Mrs. Ricci
  - 6/7 – Mrs. Labine
  - 7/8 – Mr. Jouppi
  - Primary ASD – Ms. MacKenzie
  - Junior/Intermediate ASD – Ms. Blais
  - ISP – Mr. Moxam
  - Music – Mrs. Whitehead
  - Primary Phys. Ed – Posted
  - SERT – Mrs. Douglas
  - 4-6 Prep/Numeracy/Social Studies/Science – Mrs. Bischoff
  - Special Education Prep Coverage 0.5 hours AM- Posted

## 8. Mark Your Calendar

- Tim Hortons Memorial Camp May 1-4
- EQAO assessment May 22-28
- Grade 8 Graduation June 28 at 7:00pm
- Volunteer Appreciation/Talent Show June 8 at 11:25am

**Next meeting will be Monday, May 14 @ 7:00 in the library.**