

CPS School Council Minutes



Date: Nov. 18th, 2024

Time: 7 PM

Location: School Library (and Google Meet for online attendees as needed)

Attendees:

Principal – Sara MacNeil

Teacher Representative – Sherri Cochrane

Co-Chairs – Katie Misener (absent) & Rebecca Hallman

Treasurer – Gena Braun

Secretary – Kristin Kent

WRAPSC member – TBD

Parents – Jeremy Young, Corrine Denbock, Kim Hart, Alicia Gross, Mark Edwards, Caitlin Carpenter

Agenda Review & Approval

Minutes – review & approval (delayed to next meeting after review of proper minutes)

PRINCIPALS REPORT – Ms. MacNeil

- Clubs and sports - 7 & 8 Volleyball; 4-6 floor hockey intramurals
- Gr 1-3 nature club
- Gr. 4 drama club to end of November
- Field trips & speakers:
 - JK/SK – butterfly conservatory loved it
 - Fire station (primary grades)
 - Nov. 8th – gr. 4-8 gym presentation from Canadian Army ranger about rules of war, the oath they take and the role that they play in peacekeeping
 - Remembrance Day assembly – many classes involved – singing, presenting, tech team, emcee, slideshow, etc.
 - Consent workshop – grade 6, 7 & 8 – proactive skills on hearing “no”
 - Nov. 26th – Woolwich Community Services – Kindergarten to grade 4 building community relationships, etc.
 - New French teacher got a grant so the Grade 7’s are going to French Greg LeRock concert (Nov. 27th)
 - Anthony Lee – KW Titans member (basketball) Grade 4-8 – developing good character, followed by a shoot around with the grade 8s
 - Gr. 1-2 organizing CanSkate programs (4 weeks @ RIM Park) Beginning January 9th
- Nov. 27th retake day for pictures (class photos in May outside)

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- Two spirit days upcoming: Nov. 29th – Decades day with Conestogo Colt group activity; Dec. 20th – comfy cozy day for the last day of school
- Mrs. Bauer organizing “out of the cold” collection – Dec. 2nd to the 18th – Cold weather gear and toiletries, and socks for people in need and the unhoused
- Winter Concert – Dec. 17th and 18th 12:30 to 1:30 pm on both days; dress rehearsal for kids on Dec. 16th
- Winter break – Dec. 21 to Jan. 5th
- Extended day available with 4 week notice for Jan. 2nd and 3rd
- Professional Development:
 - K-2 – early reading resource teacher from the Board here for 6 weeks to support learning strategies, etc.
 - Grades 4-6 – Lexia whole class licenses comes with a WRDSB itinerant worker works with teachers on how to pull small groups and what to teach
 - Coaches Corner for Math – Mrs. Rudd trained last year and is teaching grades. 2-6 with skills, consolidation learning, etc.
 - Three (3) teachers volunteered to be leads – K, Junior and Intermediate for literacy program work
 - Principal and three other staff undertook a three (3) yr project for dismantling racism – this began in October
 - Yr 1 - Building capacity in our school for dismantling black racism
 - Yr 2 - Focus on students and dismantling black racism
 - Yr 3 is bringing it all together
 - Supports involved: former black teachers in our board, Family & Children Services, Black Families that have/had kids in our system

TEACHERS REPORT – Ms. Cochrane

Field trips – Gr. 7-8:

- Eastwood CI – integrated arts presentation Nov. 20th
- French field trip – Greg LeRock concert Nov. 27th
- Crawford lake – Jan. 10th with learning focus on indigenous perspectives, snowshoeing
- May 16th – RARE Conservation in Blair
- Looking at the ROM for April 16th – still pending
- Ms. Cochrane is interested in putting on a non-competitive science fair – planning starts in January; proposed date is Wednesday March 5th (classroom visits and evening for families). Will be an “at home” passion project, not during school time; support from parents required; involvement from local STREAM organizations (Mad Science, Let’s Talk Science, UW Science Outreach).

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BUDGET – Gena Braun

- Expenses:
 - fun fair items went out
 - money for busses
 - Council banner
 - Small costs for craft show (e.g. \$70)
- Revenue:
 - Craft show revenue – approximately \$2300
 - Estimated 200 shoppers (paid admission) this year (slightly down from last year)
 - Profit the same as last year – more vendors offset the bake sale revenue

Overall we are on track for revenue/expenses for this year.

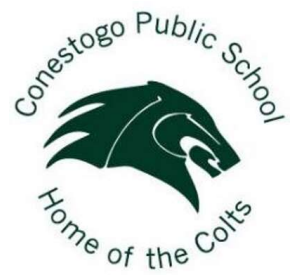
WRAPSC – Corrine Denbok

- 3 speakers
 - Indigenous Equity group – dept. in schools to include concepts in classrooms, classroom supports, up to schools to decide what supports they want; still working on long term plans for this Department; System Navigators work in schools depending on various needs; What affinity groups do we have at our school? We have none currently.
 - Multi-language (not called ESL) – resources for families and students that are still learning English; resources are available for translation (for families)
 - Trustee – Madith Raylan – talking about what Trustees do?
 - Strategic planning, policies
 - Letters to minister on behalf of parents
 - Parent Involvement Committee
 - Group Discussion regarding letters to home after incidents school
 - Corrine to attend next WRAPSC meeting

CRAFT SHOW – wrap up

- Feedback survey from vendors – generally positive
- We had a sponsor do free coffee and hot chocolate
- If food vendors are present Public Health needs to approve
- Lawn signs were critical to getting people in the door & advertising on social media and “What’s Up Woolwich” for example
- Radio advertising for next year?
- Need to get more families from the school community to attend – kids are free and entry is \$2

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PRO Grant & PIC Grant

- \$500 that school council can organize a parent night
- \$500 or more or PRO Grant – last year we got \$700 and put them together for a night
- We can pool the money and do both together (e.g. include a child-minding event)

Ideas for family nights:

- Mad Science or Scientist in the Classroom
- Joint science fair and outreach program event for families on the same night?
- E.g. 6-8 pm or 6-7:30 pm
- Look at cycling program topics over 4-5 years (e.g. online safety, math night, literacy, STEAM, etc.)
- Binary Tattoo for online digital fingerprint – Rebecca to reach out for pricing

SOCIAL NIGHTS

- Movie night for kids and families – Sara to look up licensing costs, rules, movie availability, etc.
- Skating afternoon – proposed for February and request St. Jacobs arena
 - Corrine to reach out for 2 hour ice time requests for February Weekends

SPIRIT WEAR

- Is there any interest?
- Need a person to run this from parent council
- GMP is a new possible vendor – Mark to reach out to Gus for info on timing

ADJOURNMENT

Gena motioned first and Mark seconded. Motion passed.

NEXT MEETING: Monday January 13th, 2025