

# CPS School Council Minutes



**Date:** Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Time:** 7 PM

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

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## **Attendees:**

**Principal** – Sara MacNeil

**Teacher Representative** – Sherri Cochrane

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

**Treasurer** – Gena Braun (absent)

**Secretary** – Kristin Kent

**WRAPSC member** – TBD

**Parents** – Corrine Denbock, Kim Hart, Alicia Gross, Mark Edwards, Julianna Oitment, Jenn Metzloff, Megan Maguire, Venassa Purdy, Katherine Brubacher, Caitlin Carpenter

## **Approval of previous minutes: approved**

### **Principals report – Ms. MacNeil**

- BRAVE workshop last week, parent info sent home (all grades) – bullying, conflict, building healthy boundaries/relationships, emotional regulation; teachers had pre- and post-activities
- Lids on Kids – brain health & how to protect it, concussion protocol
- Microforest – located in the back, 100 trees and shrubs planted by Gr 7 & 8; Kindergarteners picked a tree (completed by Region of Waterloo) and will follow until they graduate Grade 8
- Clubs & Activities: 4-6 Junior floor hockey (first break) started today going for the next month
- Cross country club with Ms. Thiel
- Nature Club – initiated by 2 grade 4 girls and designed all activities (grade 1-3 students)
- Grade 4 Drama Club – with gr. 6 helpers – meet 1x per week with Mrs. Carere (e.g. week 1 was Tableau)
- New core French teacher started today (early leave for Mme E for maternity) until Mme Forsyth returns mid-march from maternity leave
- Picture Day: Friday October 18<sup>th</sup> (individual photos only – class photos in the spring)
- Spirit Day – Favourite character day October 25
- SCIS – 7 students on it this year – grades 4-8 volunteering; various topics – belonging, community, mental health, etc. Teachers and speakers participate – first meeting Oct. 24
- Field Trips (buses subsidized by parent council): Benjamin tree farm last week Gr. 1-3; Gr 1 & 2 going to Fire Station (walking field trip)
- Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> – PD Day
- Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> – report cards go home (check Date); no set interview dates – parents/teachers to request and set up
- Sexual Assault support Centre – gr. 6,7 and 8 workshops on Consent – what it is and connect to the health curriculum (no cost); coming in November

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## Teacher/Classroom Report – Mrs. Cochran

- Gr 7 & 8 – University of Waterloo – Engineering Science Quest came for coding workshop related to line coding and creating an adventure; new site “Twinnie” for coding; Grade 4 also had a program that was scratch based
- Microforest – watering is being done before winter
- Stratford Avon Theatre – grade 7 & 8 – Wendy & Peter Pan; Ms. Thiel completed a 2-3 day workshop over the summer so we could get this or free; in school workshop was already completed
- Oct. 25th – Laurel Creek pond study for grade 7s – free trip at the Outdoor Education Centre
- Oct. 29 – Let’s Talk Science workshop coming in Gr 8 re: Cells and to Gr 7 re: Crime Lab (new program to us)
- Guidance is Ms. Cochran – info has been relayed for high school transition – EDSS and Cameron Heights
- Grade 7 & 8 volleyball – waiting on game schedule, tryouts to start soon
- Grade 7 & 8 Field Trip January 10<sup>th</sup> – Crawford Lake
- Grade 7 & 8 singing January 10<sup>th</sup> O Canada at the Ranger Game
- Grade 5-6 singing at Nov. 11 assembly
- JK/SK love being part of the Microforest and love watering and exploring; will be incorporated into curriculum (e.g. math, seasonal changes, etc.)
- Field trip to butterfly Conservatory

## BUDGET UPDATE:

- Fun Fair: Net profit was \$5731 (last year it was \$5450)
- Increased Intermediate budget for saw – budget was \$350 and final cost was \$396
- Other budget items remained the same since
- Sara – Withdraw \$500 request for story walk budget item as we received a Grant to cover this year and next year (grant obtained by Ms. Kellough)

## WRAPSC

- Corrine plans to attend the November Meeting

## FUN FAIR:

- Thanks to everyone for helping!
- Changes from previous years – removed tickets and changed to wristband for games; took away the candy prize table
- Feedback:
  - Edge is coming to do photobooth next year (so no cost)

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- Need more games/activities for older grades
  - Could we include a Cake walk? Like musical chairs with donated cakes (Alicia G. has input on how to run this)
- Must have 2 face painters for the demand and time available
  - Could we ask highschool art students; could also have glitter tattoos done by students while kids are waiting in line
- Monkey bus is well received
- Classroom baskets – give ideas for what to put in each theme basket and what the purpose of the basket is (fundraising for xyz)
- Need to have a spring committee planning meeting to organize for the following year
- Ensure to have enough food (juice, chips, Optimist BBQ, etc.) and account for onsite purchases
- Need to have the food ready for volunteers and teachers for 5:15 pm
- Could we extend teacher classroom visit hours? It was not enough time for families to eat, visit (potentially) multiple classrooms and participate in the activities, etc.
- Ask WRAPSC how to manage funds – e.g. payment options for fundraising events (Square, etransfer, etc.)
- Thank you notes are on order – will need to be completed and sent out asap

## **HANDMADE/CRAFT SHOW:**

- Coming up on November 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Volunteer list/request has been sent out again
- Public Health has not approved our event; several challenges have been identified that need to be addressed by our committee helpers
  - Need a map – Katie to send map to Kim
  - Food vendors need additional forms/approvals – e.g. commercial kitchen prep, etc.
- Road signs to be set up for advertising

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

Mark motioned to adjourn the meeting and Julianna seconded. Motion Passed.