

Cameron Street School Council September Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2017

Present: T. Comish (Principal), L. Saunders (Vice Principal), L. Collard-Jenkins, L. Guzzwell, K. Geddes, C. Abaza (Staff Rep), J. Walters, M. Liotta, M. McCulloch, K. Purdy, J. Hollah, L. Hayes, A. Kinley, C. Laarman, F. Dobson, S. Robinson, L. Fox

1. Approval of June 2017 minutes
 - approved: L. Jenkins
 - seconded: J. Walters

2. Welcome back and hello!

3. Principal's Report - T. Comish
 - September staffing means we reduce a kindergarten class this year (4 to 3 classrooms) and the students affected will be redistributed with a K/1 created. With this change, Madame Orr will be leaving and M. Colbourne will be teaching FI Grade 2, and S. Gervais (DECE) will also be leaving. D. Shackell took a ministry position so now we have posted 0.8 K/1 position. Tuesday September 26th is the turn around day (all changes occur this day). The K/1 class will move to Mr. B.s room and that team will move to Colbourne's with extra classroom to be determined
 - we are encouraging a cashless school this year and want all to use cash.net/cashonline (food, pizza, booster juice) = accountability and less cash
 - pizza continues Thursdays (School Council project) and we are doing booster juice (fruit and juice) which will be a grade 7/8 fundraiser this year
 - popcorn sales continue Tuesdays (grade 7/8 fundraiser)
 - snack shack coming (glass fridge) only nutritious snacks kids can choose throughout the day. We were given a Loblaws grant of \$1800. and this will help stock this fridge
 - fundraising goals for the school this year: school enhancements (outdoors), designing spaces for innovation (standing desks, seating, etc)
 - walking school bus at new location at 10th and Walnut Street (great response and numbers seen)
 - new trustee Suzanne Ley would like to come visit in the near future. Time to be determined
 - school council admin profile needs to be complete for end of October
 - renovation plans: start in April? No firm date at this time, yet portables have been relocated as of now

4. Student Rep
 - no interest at this time

-idea: google form of ideas from 7/8s (L. Saunders to speak to 7/8 teacher)

5. Community Events

- Meet the Staff Night: Thursday September 28th 5-7pm
- *volunteer table - sign up if interested or have time to give to events like the Howler - L. Jenkins to set up schedule and L. Guzzwell to set up table
- *coffee and cookies? - M. Liotta and L. Jenkins to call
- Tech Night - not this year...
- Fall/Spring cleanup: garden committee? (T. Comish to look into)
- Family Skate: February 3rd?
- Giving Tree: My Friends House given proceeds last year ... new lead for this - J. Walters...needs to be on fundraising plan (T. Comish to add) ... think about adding other items (we can ask)
- Freecycle Event: Grade 7/8s are doing a garage sale as a fundraiser this year so this event to be decided upon next year

6. Fundraising Events

- Dance-a-thon: Admin shared that this Admin-led event will be occurring March 23/18
- Howler: Thursday October 26th 2017 5-7:30pm (M. McCullough to do bake sale ... L. Guzzwell to do haunted house ... need a lead(s) for this event
 - subcommittee organizes this event and coordinates the volunteers, activities
 - first meeting for those interested Wed. September 27th 7pm at Starbucks
 - meeting October 4th (post this at the Meet the Staff Night)
- Spring Carnival: Thursday June 7th 2018 (start thinking about what you would like as last year was a huge success ...)
 - money from Howler: to go to student subsidy/transforming learning spaces
 - money from pizza/milk: tech/sound system, student subsidy
 - Carnival: outdoor enhancements/tech/student subsidy
 - last year: School Council gave \$10/student for field trips and \$100 to each classroom teacher for classroom expenses (continue this year? - YES ... this year \$100 to each teacher (pro-rated) and \$10/student)

7. Parent Reaching Out Grant

- submitted in May ... should find out in October if successful

8. PIC event in October - volunteers to attend?

- L. Jenkins will give you information if interested in attending ...date TBA

9. Council Business

- last year we had 2 co-chairs ... L. Saunders does the meeting minutes and posts to school website (transparency and keeps community informed)
- communications officer needed this year?

-this year: T. Comish will bring financials to the meetings and L. Saunders will continue to take the meeting minutes; communications officer C. Laarman; chair L. Jenkins; Howler subcommittee lead TBD, Giving Tree subcommittee lead: J. Walters, Carnival subcommittee leads: J. Walters and J. Hollah

10. New Business/Old Business

-healthy cooking club? (Lisa to let L. Guzzwell know the future of this program after HKCC Meeting Thursday - note: they are waiting on funding to see if they can proceed)

Meeting Schedule proposed: November 6th 2017, February 5th 2018, April 9th 2018, May 7th 2018, June 4th 2018

-approved: J. Walters

-seconded: M. McCulloch

Meeting adjourned...

Thank you to all who came tonight!