



Meeting Minutes

MEETING **Central Public School Council**

DATE Wednesday, April 13, 2022

LOCATION Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/ivo-cfvq-ekw>
Or dial: (CA) +1 778-748-9424 PIN: 488 773 630#

TIME 6:30-8:00pm

PRESENT Donna MacMillan, Tia Winters, Angela McHolm, Shannon Gorr, Tristan Brookes,
Michele Collins, Clara Cho

DISCUSSION ITEMS

ITEM #	DESCRIPTION
1	Welcome and land acknowledgements (Tia)
2	Approval of Agenda (motion made by Angela, seconded by Tristan) - Review last month's minutes (motion made by Angela, seconded by Tristan)
3	Principal's report (Donna): - It has been a few months with a lot going on, a lot not going on - Covid restrictions lifted but didn't jump right into extracurriculars; and now the board is advising caution given how it is unfolding - The school is moving cautiously

- Currently, the threshold of 30% absentees has been reached; the baseline was from September-December 2021 (fairly high baseline)
 - o It may not be Covid necessarily; may be tummy bugs
 - o Encouraging masking; asking students to wear a mask when working in small groups; such requests are happening more in class
 - o There is good ventilation; windows open; nonetheless, a worrying trend
- The library project is moving ahead; new shelving, flooring, etc. Learning commons
 - o Makers space; use microbits
 - o Lots of robotics to purchase to add to coding
 - o The little room next door (currently a hub room) will be used as seminar room
 - o After March break, lots of classes went back to grouping, giving you floor space; truck is picking up pieces of furniture that are no longer needed
 - o There can be a multi-faith room
- Donna will retire on June 30th
- Principal leadership survey (what are the characteristics looking for)
 - o Angela mentioned that the survey comes out every year; it is a standard process
- Angela asked about extracurriculars especially those that occur outdoors; track and field
 - o Donna replied that it is probably difficult to overcome staff exhaustion
 - o Staff worked really hard; reaching deep down to energy reserve to these types of things; have had discussion but have not finalized anything
 - o Extracurriculars are in the considering stage
- Looking ahead
 - o Looking into pizza days; pizza pizza as one of the vendors
 - o A parent can organize rotation of people; volunteers help and distribute to class; people can do one or two weeks
 - o Grade 6 farewell; but will be a simpler version; come together as a community; more of a mixture as during Covid times and formal ones
 - o Students are currently writing compliments to each other; filling up with ping pong balls; from the book "I am enough" by Grace Byers; "You are enough" and "We are enough" "Stronger together"; school celebration around ping pong balls
 - o Plan to have the community to come together; another school is planning to do artwork showcase at school; can plan something similar where parents can get in the building to do art gallery walk after hours
 - o Some teachers wanting to do field trips; but don't have plans for extracurriculars at this time
 - o Angela noted what has been done traditionally around this year such as track and field
 - o Can do picnic rather than barbeque; because of diverse school population
 - o Food trucks are not work for anyone; as they involve just bringing a paycheck

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Angela asked about attendance being hit; is there access to rapid tests - Donna said the school has some rapid tests and can be made available for those requiring tests; if there are students with symptoms and ask if parents would like some tests then send them home - The expiry date is 2023 so this is good - Shannon mentioned that mixed messages exist regarding tests being handed out to parents etc.
<p style="text-align: center;">4</p>	<p>Fundraising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planet Bean update- Sales & coffee morning (Angela) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Lots of moving parts; went out ok; coffee morning hasn't been launched before; lots to coordinate such as how to bring brewed coffee to school; organize the carafes; table cloth on; \$80 for coffee for the coffee morning; Planet Bean donated that to us o Coffee morning was well-received; it was lovely to gather as a community; coffee went out fast o Heart-warming; Donna mentioned it was like the old days o Julie was great; cash online o The fundraiser made close to \$900 ! o Sold more chocolate than coffee (which is different than previous years selling more coffee than chocolate); overall, Planet Bean was delighted o Timeline has not been confirmed; chocolate needs to be in stock o Shannon can coordinate a thank you poster for Planet Bean and Chloe; acknowledged properly; a poster that can be put on display o Donna mentioned that Planet Bean did donate something similar last year - Future plans/end of year (Tia, Donna, All) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Tia mentioned about coffee for staff as part of staff appreciation day; something for May and June o Find opportunities to come together as a community in a simple way o Table this fundraising discussion; end of the year something; make a motion via email* - \$500 school council school based funding (Tia, Donna, All) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o There can be different ways you can use this funding for o Host coffee/breakfast; some ways to bring parents in o In the past, there was a parent information night; expert on online/social media safety for children; social meet and greet o Shannon suggested expertise in mental health, anxiety and butterflies o Donna can reach out to wellness lead or someone who might be interested to talk about anxiety to see what is available o Shannon noted that such an opportunity would be both community building and community sharing o A spring event on diversity; bring a board staff; the cost would be print materials; coffee or cookies etc.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Donna brought up games night as a possibility; purchase games for a family games night; and can be part of math learning materials for the school
5	<p>Treasurer's Report (Tristan)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - So far, it has only been Planet Bean that changed the account balance - The balance went up to \$2200.30 - No greening costs have been reflected
5	<p>Greening (Update by Tia, from Nigel's written report)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The board has issues with the plan for greening; meeting over the weekend to come up with solutions; have to pick different plants; work with Heather - Kindy area clean up this weekend - Upcoming spring clean up; looking for volunteers for Sunday the 24th for cleanup; will reach out to all parents - The buddy bench has not come to fruition; reinvent the ones we already have <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hopefully made available in the fall ○ All metal for the bench; Tia offered to come in during clean up to paint the bench ○ Can plan to bring/purchase primary colours and mix colours; cost per quart is expensive
6	<p>Meeting Adjournment (All)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council to review email sent regarding Principal Leadership Survey - Tia will email relevant groups to organize staff appreciation and Donna's retirement celebration - We will all miss Donna

*Due to the insufficient number of attendees, the Council will be emailed to discuss/approve.