

MEETING: Central Public School Council

DATE: Tuesday, September 27th, 2022

LOCATION: Central Public School OR Google Meet link: <u>https://meet.google.com/hci-bobs-gtb</u> Dial: (1) 414-909-4389 PIN: 783 504 665#

TIME: 6:30-8:00 pm

PRESENT: Amy Ewing, Shannon Gorr, Tia Winters, Jennifer JJ Jupp, Angela McHolm, Janine Buisman Wilcox, Juan Hinojosa, Simone Butters, Michele Collins, Claire Brown, Tristan Brookes, Brina, James, Natalie, Annie

Discussion ITEMS

Item #.	DESCRIPTION
1.	Welcome & Land Acknowledgement and Anti-Racism Statement (Tia & Amy)
2.	Approval of Agenda (Motion + approval) - Review last month's minutes - Motion to approve the minutes made by Angela, and seconded by JJ
3.	 Principal's Report (Amy) Amy's background: Amy was the Vice Principal (VP) at Kortright Hills Public School for 2 years. She was VP at Waverly Drive Public School for 3 years and was then the Principal for 3 years. She adopted a little boy, two years ago. He's 7 years old now. It has been a great start to the school year! The students know what they are doing. They are a friendly group. Amy thanked the new families that have joined and is glad to see they are settling in well. We recently went through a reorganization – which all schools do. She thanked the families that were affected by the reorganization.



	The Terry Fox run last Friday went well. She will find out the amount that we raised. It was a really positive activity that we were excited to get back to.
	The teachers are currently completing diagnostics to assess the students' learning level. They are working on IEPs (Individualized Education Plan) for students that require an IEP.
	Mr. Brady has taken a position at Rockwood Centennial Public School, and his last day was today. Mrs. Plunkett has also taken a position at Ken Danby Public School. There has also been a shuffle in our Education Assistants (EAs). These positions will all be filled soon.
	Tomorrow is Rowan's Law day, a day where we raise awareness re: concussions. The school will wear purple shirts to celebrate.
	Tomorrow is our open house. Our students are really excited to show their classrooms and teachers. Please come!
	Orange shirt day is Friday Sept. 30th. We will wear orange shirts to recognize the impact of residential schools. We have excellent resources and are presenting this information to students in an age appropriate way.
	CCAT (Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test) is a standardized test for grade 3 students. It will take place from Oct. 11th to 14th. It gives us an idea of how our students are doing. It helps us know what we can do to help students. We can also find students who are gifted, so they can attend a gifted program at Waverly Drive Public School.
4.	Brief 'revote' for all Council roles - Clara's position <i>needs</i> to be passed on to existing/interested member-could be divided between 2 people to decrease workload and commitment.
	• Chair position: Tia was nominated by Angela. Tia accepted the nomination. Twelve votes in favour.
	• Secretary position: Tia nominated Michele as co-secretary. Angela nominated Janine as co-secretary. Twelve votes in favour.
	• Treasurer position: Tristan was nominated by Tia. Tristan accepted the nomination. Twelve votes in favour.
5.	Brief Treasurers Report- Tristan



	- Current balance in council funds
	Our current balance is just under \$11,000 (\$10, 957.63). It is slightly more than last year's balance. The greening project is approximately \$4000. Ten percent of the balance is to be held back for maintenance of the playground. The equipment is getting older.
	The greening money was obtained via a grant from TD. The money is still there because the project was delayed - and then the pandemic happened, which caused further delays.
	Amy said we might need the Board to approve the greening project. Amy said that the woman at the Board who would give approval has left. So we need to find out her replacement.
	JJ said she'd like to start with something really simple to meet the basic criteria of the grant. She requested it be added to next meeting's agenda. Tia said she'd add it to next month's agenda.
	Off Topic:
	*A planter (near the fence) was removed the other day because it was rotting and unsafe.
	There is orange caution tape around the fence. A section of the fence didn't pass the code. Mr. Schultz (the janitor) is trying to figure out how to get the orange temporary fence down.
	Tia wanted to know what happened with the big rock in the wood chips. The rock isn't allowed to be there any longer. We looked into removing it. But it never happened. Donna was looking into it.
	JJ said that the rock passed the inspection this year. So it is not currently an issue.*
6.	 Fundraising outlook/future plans (Tia) Open house refreshment table (assign duties and gather volunteers) Spirit wear, fundraisers (Fresh from the Farm, greenery, chocolate, etc.)
	In the past council has had a presence at the open house. We've had a sign-up sheet for people to get emails from School Council. We've had a refreshment table, and a bushel of apples. Shannon said that we have bushel baskets in the office.
	There was a motion that we'd have a refreshment table and apples at the open house tomorrow. We could have volunteers at the table for 15 minute intervals. We'll use the council funds. The motion was approved. JJ suggested that we have name tags so that people know that we're with School Council. Parents can also sign-up for events via a sign- up sheet; they don't have to be part of School Council in order to volunteer at events.



	It was decided that we would run the Fresh from the Farm fundraiser again this year. JJ has championed Fresh from the Farm before, and offered to do it again this year. The orders have to be in by Oct. 14 th . Forty percent of the sales go to the school, which is really good. JJ will enroll in the Fresh from the Farm fundraiser tomorrow.
	Shannon said we have talked in the past about making a fundraising calendar, with subcommittees taking on each fundraiser. Tia agreed that this is a good idea. Tia will put together a calendar.
	Simone said there was an email last year that parents could just donate to the school, rather than participating in so many different fundraisers. Is that something we can do again as an alternative to fundraisers? The school would get 100% of the funds that way. Tia said that there is red tape around that – the money has to be earmarked for a specific thing/project. Amy said you can donate to UGLF (Upper Grand Learning Foundation) in general or you can donate specifically to Central Public School (via UGLF). Or we could set up School Cash Online to accept donations – but the money goes to School Cash Online before the school receives it, so it isn't immediate.
	Tia asked what do we want to focus our fundraising efforts on? Shannon said greening.
	Shannon also said that there is a serious lack of play/sports equipment for both recess and gym. Tia will message Shannon directly for more details re: what specific equipment we need.
	Tia and JJ have contacted Walmart and Amazon in the past. Tia said she could talk to Simply Wonderful.
	JJ made a motion that \$500 can be split for recess and gym equipment to be purchased immediately. Tia seconded the motion. Everyone in attendance voted in favour.
7.	Set future dates for meetings January-June (All)
	October 18th
	November 22nd
	December – no meeting
	January 24th
	February 21st
	March – no meeting



	April 18th
	May 30th
	June – no meeting
	Re: tomorrow's open house
	People that can volunteer for 15 minutes tomorrow: Simone 5:30-5:45 pm, Tia 5:45-6 pm, Tristan 6-6:15 pm, Janine: 6:15-6:30 pm.
8.	Meeting Adjournment (All)