

#### MEETING: Central Public School Council

DATE: Tuesday, November 22, 2022

LOCATION: VIRTUAL ONLY via link <a href="https://meet.google.com/pxv-xoun-cov">https://meet.google.com/pxv-xoun-cov</a>

TIME: 6:30-8:00 pm

ATTENDEES: Shannon Gorr, Janine Buisman Wilcox, Tia Winters, Amy Ewing, Simone Butters, Matt Mulhern, Tristan Brookes, JJ Jupp, Michele Collins

### **Discussion ITEMS**

Item #.	DESCRIPTION
1.	Welcome & Land Acknowledgement and Anti-Racism Statement (Amy)
2.	Approval of Agenda (Motion + approval) Janine approved. Tristan seconded.
3.	<ul> <li>Principal's Report (Amy)</li> <li>CUPE - can get info on board and school website. Members will votes on whether or not to take the contract between Thursday and Sunday this week</li> <li>Bullying awareness and prevention this week. <ul> <li>Spreading kindness bulletin board → students and staff writing acts of kindness they've received on sticky notes on board.</li> <li>Posters about kindness.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Parent-teacher interviews started last week.</li> <li>PA day Friday for parent-teacher interviews</li> <li>Call the school if having difficulty accessing report cards/booking parent-teacher interviews</li> <li>EQAO results from last year are in: Grade 3. Math - 77% level 3-4, Reading</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>85% level 3-4, Writing 77% level 3-4. Incredible results. Board numbers are lower → 70-72%.</li> <li>Grade 6. Math - 47% at level 3-4. Reading 95% at level 3-4. Writing 89% at level 3-4. Going to evaluate further with the board to understand the math results better - possible that students were at level 2.7 or there were glitches in</li> </ul>



	<ul> <li>submission. Really assesses the whole school. The process of 3 years of teaching. It's also just one snap shot, one assessment. First time they did the online format for the test - might need to take results with a grain of salt. Were also able to exempt kids who wouldn't benefit or chose to opt out, that also skewed data year over year as in the past these kids would have received a zero.</li> <li>Snow hill was open for a few days last week - now closed for ice/mud, will be opened if possible. One at a time, on bum.</li> <li>Playground equipment is closed</li> <li>Remembrance Day Assembly - bulletin boards/displays - amazing. Assembly - fantastic. Student voices singing/speaking, guest singers/musicians. Great parent attendance. Great student behaviour.</li> <li>Kindergarten classes went to the Art Factory this past week. Lots of messy fun!</li> <li>New tutoring program through board → Reading Rocks - for Grade 1-6 an 8 week one-to-one literacy program. Matched with trained tutor who's developing hands-on activities and games. Teachers will mention it if it's a good fit for students at parent-teacher interviews.</li> <li>Tennis court development - Amy was contacted by the school board and lawyer to represent Central PS. Just had to submit paperwork. Submitting witness statement. Tribunal supposed to take place in April, 2023. Not a lot of detail as to where it's at currently.</li> <li>Coming up: pizza day continuing, primary and junior classes going out at the same time on pizza day lunch, Dec. 1 River run trip for grades 2/3, 2/3 and 3/4. Police presentations - Kindergarten, grade 1, grade 4/5. Dental Screening Dec. 7 (JK/SK, Grade 2 &amp; 4, can opt out if desired). Pizza Safety Patrol lunch. Conversations around Holiday Spirit days. Last day - Thursday, Dec. 22 before holidays.</li> </ul>
4. B	<ul> <li>Brief Treasurer's Report- Tristan</li> <li>Current balance in council funds after Fresh from the Farm + update from JJ if in attendance</li> <li>Tristan - Fresh from Farm - funds raised = \$1237.20</li> <li>Greenery - \$2568 in sales - unsure on funds raised yet.</li> <li>Bank balance - \$ 13 261.88 - doesn't take into account greenery allocations or final cost of greenery fundraiser</li> </ul>
5. D	Discuss plans regarding Holiday Sing-A-Long (Tia, Simone, All)



	• There was a lot of uncertainty around the labour situation as to whether this
	would happen
	• Simone was able to get the old playlist, but it's pretty conventionally
	Christmas-y
	• December 1st is off the table
	<ul> <li>Lots of brainstorming Could it be an outdoor event? Sunny Acres + hot chocolate + thermos + caroling? At Sunny Acres? How can we make it accessible to all celebrations/cultures? Winter holidays vs. just Christmas. Does it have to be singing? Meeting at the skating rink downtown?</li> <li><u>Decision</u> = Central Social at Sunny Acres - just let kids play and bring hot</li> </ul>
	chocolate.
	• Everyone lights a candle - JJ can do something to bring people together.
	• <u>Monday, December 12 at 6pm.</u>
	<ul> <li>JJ - candle social plan</li> <li>Janine - hot chocolate</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Janine - hot chocolate</li> <li>Bring your own mug</li> </ul>
6.	Discussion regarding plans for New Year + establish committees and sub-committees for upcoming events.
	Committees:
	• Storywalk - end at the school with Family Games night in <u>Feb</u> .
	• Janine and Shannon can be part of organizing
	<ul> <li>Looking for a few people who want to work on the games night in Feb</li> <li>who wants to sign up?</li> </ul>
	• Art show - <u>April/May</u>
	• Spirit wear - this one doesn't need a committee - Tia started working on artwork last year. Time of year doesn't really matter. She'll show some ideas to council to vote on. She's trying to get it as affordable as possible. Option to donate towards other spirit wear things. Make it clear that it's not a fundraiser.
	• End of year event - <u>June</u> - barbecue/carnival?
	• Who wants to help out? if we want to look at food trucks
	Playground Plans
	Put the call out for help to sign up for committees. Just looking to help organize, not to be in charge of it.
	Fundraiser



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	Chocolate? Planet Bean?
	• Should we do a direct ask at some point?
	• On school-cash online - there is a way to get a receipt too.
	• Can we make a 'world-vision'-like flyer Shannon is willing to take the
	wishlist on.
	• 'Fundraiser Thermometer' QR coded flyers go home in kids backpacks
	• Get teachers perspectives on needs
	• Playground is an unknown - we're on borrowed time with it.
	• In years past - put the cost of 'what is a tree', 'what is an armour stone' 'monkey bars', 'slide'
	• Board only allows certain companies. Are we talking 30K or more?
	• Need to ask the neighbourhood for support for the playground too.
	• Another agenda for greening items from JJ for next time. Plant milkweed + professionally-made sign about pollinators on fence = fulfilled TD grant. Just between the Kindergarten fence and walkway. Then don't have to worry about wasps and bees, but grant requirements will then be fulfilled. Need to get plan approved. Amy will look for the documents.
7.	Meeting Adjournment (All)