

Meeting Minutes

MEETING: Central Public School Council

DATE: Tuesday, April 18th, 2023

LOCATION: Online

ATTENDEES: Tia Winters, Amy Ewing, Norah Whitfield, Michele Collins, Jenn Jupp, Tristan

Primessing, Shannon Gorr

TIME: 6:30-8:00 pm

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, May 30th, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m.

Discussion ITEMS

Item #.	DESCRIPTION
1.	Welcome & Land Acknowledgement and Anti-Racism Statement (Amy)
2.	Approval of Agenda (Motion + approval) Approved by Tristan, seconded by Janine.
3.	Principal's Report (Amy)
	Had Safety Patrol Recruiter meeting end of March. Good turnout. Family Games Night was a great success/turnout.
	ERT - Early Reading Teacher. Barb Caunter joined staff - working with students struggling with their reading, mostly in grade 1 and 2. Also working with staff. She's at Central until mid-June. Helpful as some need the support.
	Junior Floor hockey tournament end of March- co-ed team. Thanks Ms. Crichton for coaching. Thanks Ms. McNabb for organizing the tournament.
	Land tribunal meeting started on April 3. It was a google meet. Amy Ewing testified on that day. She got called back for more information on April 14. There was a move by the city to give parents an opportunity to have their voices heard, as the school wasn't representing them. It was adjourned on April 14, coming back May 25-26.



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Grade 6 students team of 4 participated in Skills Canada Lego Mechanics event at U of G. They won! Moving to provincial level. They will receive medals. Thanks Ms. Brenaugh for coaching.

They've received TVs in the main hall and in the classrooms. A few are yet to come, but should be up and running soon.

They got a message that they can ask for mulch. Get 4 yards for free and then every time you get another yard it's another \$60.

It has to be used up after May 23. It'll just show up one day. It will come between April 24-May 5.

Peace garden does need to be cleaned out.

Did we want to put some more armour stone in there?

Maybe time clean up with mulch dump/earth week.

Not allowed to put pollinating gardens up a walkway because of bees, if we only put milkweed in it will hopefully pass.

Kindy planters - Hailey was trying to see them with some perennials. Buy some annuals with School Council funds. Grasses? Same in fall - Mums or something. Amy - can you give us a list and we'll shop and get some for May?

There's a shrub in the front garden that might need to be trimmed too.

River Run for grade 5/6 classes next week

Administrative Professionals Appreciation Day (Office Coordinators) - April 26

April 27 - Spring art show/story walk

May 1-5 – Education & Mental Health Awareness week

May 10 - Ultimate Frisbee tournament, EQAO writing can begin - Grade 3 and 6.

Transition meetings are starting for grade 6s moving to grade 7 and for JKs.

May 16 - World Education Support - EA recognition

May 17 - Special Olympics - 4 students participating at St. James + peer coaches and staff.

May 19 - Kindergarten going to Butterfly Conservatory

4. Brief recap of Family Games Night (Janine)



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	4 classrooms + library. It was very well attended, easy and fun.
	Suggestion to offer tea/coffee/cookies - pay what you can. Maybe could offer them in the rooms.
5.	Treasurer's update (Tristan)
	The only thing paid for out of the greening fund was mulch from last year.
	Playground allowance is \$4000 or \$3000
	Remaining cash is \$7640.00. \$3500 of this would still be set aside for greening.
	Playground likely needs to be replaced. We need a subgroup to organize. Might need to plan to install in 2024. Send out a message!
6.	Continue discussion regarding plans for the remainder of the year - Finalize plans for the Art Show and Story Walk - Just using hallways for displaying art and Learning Commons. - Refreshments - Norah, Simone and Tia - Story Walk posters outside. - 'No More Plastic' book - Amy is picking up the story boards tomorrow. - Bring a long spool of paper for kids to 'graffiti'. - Consider 'card exchange' in future? - Any fundraising ideas or initiatives - Planet Bean fundraiser/coffee cart. Somewhere in May. - Begin discussion on end of year plan (event, bbq etc.) - Pizza. popcorn, freezies. - Temporary tattoo, bubbles, face painting, CAF. - June 16 at 5pm? June 9? - Subcommittee?
7.	Meeting adjournment (All) Janine supports, Norah seconds.

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