



# Meeting Agenda

MEETING: Central Public School Council

DATE: Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024

LOCATION: HYBRID meeting in-person and via link:

<https://meet.google.com/nrp-puwn-ekf>

Or dial: (CA) +1 647-736-8118 PIN: 104 940 689#

TIME: 6:30-8:00 pm

Attendance: Amy Ewing, Tia Winters, Shannon Gorr, Brad Gerard, Tristan Brookes, Michele Collins, Kim, Emily Vamplew, Jess Ross

## Discussion ITEMS

Item #.	DESCRIPTION
1.	Welcome & Land Acknowledgement and Anti-Racism Statement (Amy)
2.	Approval of Agenda (Motion + approval)  Tristan approved and Emily seconded
3.	Principal's Report (Amy) <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Several classrooms have had or are planning to have 'Scientists in the School' - collecting \$5.00 from each student (very appreciative of the offer from School Council to offset the remaining cost)</li><li>Staff discussion about use of funds from School Council How would they appreciate seeing money spent? - they are discussing with one another and will share responses Each division continues to spend the \$1000 that was provided by School Council - work in progress, they're working on it</li><li>Art Cards Fundraiser Update: support the Arts at Central - Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> (6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.). Acorn, the company/app that we've used in the past for the art cards fundraiser is no longer operating. However, Art Cards by Kids (located in BC) provides same options as Acorn. We have to mail in the original art (rather than submitting it via an app as we did most recently with Acorn), however the quality is better when you mail in the originals. We'll get the original artwork back. It takes 4-5 weeks to complete, including 5-10 days</li></ol>



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	<p>for production. Staff would appreciate knowing: Specifics of the art that can be created - criteria they need to follow</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Staffing: We're in the midst of assigning teachers to their assignments for the next school year. We have 11 homeroom classrooms for next year (tentative until the first couple weeks of September)</li> <li>5. Junior floor hockey tournament: We're proud of our players because they showed sportsmanship, were enthusiastic, had great behavior, and represented the school well.</li> <li>6. PA day: The teachers learned about math, small group instruction, and also learned from a trauma informed lens.</li> <li>7. Geese Update: The students did a great job avoiding the geese when outdoors. Amy requested a permit from the Federal government to take the eggs and the nest in an attempt to get the geese to relocate (due to safety concerns in our yard).</li> <li>8. Island Lake in Orangeville: Several classes (Gr 5 - Galbraith) (Gr 3/4 - Stark) &amp; 4/5 - McNabb) have gone/are going in the next couple of weeks to their Outdoor Education Centre - excellent program, with Indigenous learning</li> <li>9. International Day of Pink (April 10<sup>th</sup>) – Wear pink to promote anti-bullying and anti-homophobia.</li> <li>10. Administrative Professionals' Day (recognizing our amazing Office Coordinator, Mrs. Borghese)</li> <li>11. River Run Centre trips are coming up - gr. 3/4 - April 25; Gr. 1, 1/2, 2/3 - May 2nd</li> <li>12. Autism Presentation by Michael &amp; Marcel Jaques: Michael, who has autism and can't read, is coming on April 29<sup>th</sup> (A.M.) to present to the school. We have purchased his picture book for all of the primary classes to read. His other book "Can't Read, Can't Write, Here's My Book – this has also been purchased for the junior classes.</li> <li>13. Empowerment Day: Sleeman Centre – Grade 5/6 classes</li> <li>14. Education and Mental Health Awareness week: May 6-10<sup>th</sup></li> </ol>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Brief Treasurers Report (Tristan/Tia)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- General Fundraising Account: \$11,335.86</li> <li>- Playground Fundraising Account: \$4,986.31 (does not include the amount collected in UGLF)</li> <li>- Playground Maintenance Account: \$3,656.48</li> </ul>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Food insecurity/Pantry &amp; Clothing Share- (Emily)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Central Clothing Share:</b> There will be a 6 week period (April 15-May 24th) where we collect clothing donations at the school. Emily will store the donations at her store. The hope is to have a Fall clothing share. It will be pay what you can. The Central Clothing Closet would house the clothing remains to be accessed throughout the year. Sharing clothes is good for families in</li> </ul>



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	<p>need as well as good for the environment. Email address for the clothing share/closet: <a href="mailto:centralshares@gmail.com">centralshares@gmail.com</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We are also starting a <b>Food Pantry</b> to collect items that would help supplement meals. We will get a list of most wanted items. Can also collect donations of gift cards to grocery stores and Walmart. The Food Pantry would run all year; there would be an ongoing opportunity to donate/receive.</li> <li>- This would be in addition to our existing food programs: 1) Food and Friends = Snacks for kids at school; and 2) Food for Kids = weekend bag program</li> </ul>
<p>7.</p>	<p>School Council Playground Committee update (Brad &amp; Kylie, etc.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Brad talked to Krystal, a member of Arthur Public School’s School Council, who recently raised money for their playground. She had lots of tips. She recommended that we leverage local businesses; the bulk of her funds came from local businesses.</li> <li>- Amy will connect with the principal at Arthur PS to find out what they would have done differently.</li> <li>- We have to determine if we are repairing our playground or doing a new build. Once we know that we can get a better sense of how much money it will cost.</li> <li>- We will gather ideas from the students and community.</li> <li>- A large part of the budget is the removal of the old playground equipment and the landscaping.</li> <li>- We need guidelines re: what kinds of business can donate (i.e. can Sleeman etc.).</li> <li>- Condos are going to be built next to the school (where the tennis courts are) – how will that effect our playground (with shadows etc.)?</li> <li>- We will be having a playground inspection soon.</li> <li>- The subcommittee will meet soon (after fundraiser is over on April 19<sup>th</sup>) and report at our next council meeting.</li> </ul>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Future Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Art show will happen on May 9<sup>th</sup>. We will try to get food donations for the event that we can sell. We could have a mural that kids can contribute to.</li> <li>- Begin end of year celebration discussion – Deferred</li> </ul>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Meeting Adjournment (All)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A motion was made by Tristan for the meeting to adjourn, and was seconded by Emily. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM</li> </ul> <p>Next Meeting: Tuesday May 14th</p>



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