

**AGENDA**  
**Castor Valley Elementary School Council Meeting**  
**March 1st from 6:30pm - 8:30pm**

Meeting began at 6:35pm  
Meeting was chaired by Kim Chen

**Attendance:**

**Voting Members:**

Kimberly Chen, Cynara Corbin, Elli Kapsalis, Sarah Slater, Tara Starzomski, Stephanie Pagan, Natalie Elliott, Melissa Ekdom-Delorme, Tamara Legris, Trish Bezaire, Catherine Yang, Lisa Multari

**Non-Voting Members and Guests:**

Chris Toinoven (Principal), Deborah Tomlinson (Teacher), Wendy Anderson (Teacher), Gloria Mackie, Karen Percy, Jodi Forrest

**Non-Voting Members:**

**1. Welcome, Attendance (Quorum)**

Kim Chen welcomed everyone and noted Quorum reached.

**2. Approval of March agenda**

Motion to adopt February 2018 Agenda  
Moved by Sarah Slater, Seconded by Cynara Corbin. Motion carried

**3. Approval of January minutes**

Motion to approve January 2018 Minutes  
Moved by Sarah Slater, Seconded by Cynara Corbin. Motion carried

**4. Chair's Report**

***PRO Grant Workshop #1***

Kim Chen stated that she had received a lot of positive feedback after the February 28<sup>th</sup> Mindfulness Workshop hosted by Janine Hogg who is a CVES parent. It is something we should look at doing again next year.

***Gazebo***

Kim Chen approached Dan Fournier at the OCDSB for further information on purchasing a Gazebo for the yard. Unfortunately the cost would be \$80,000.

There is another school in the district that purchased wind shades for \$30,000 however due to improper storage they were destroyed. We could still consider exploring this option and get more details on it. It required take down at the end of the season and need to be stored properly.

Another option is to consider planting trees for long-term shade.  
Karen Percy to look into the tree grants and send info to Kim Chen.

### ***Sanitizer for portables***

Kim Chen looked into the cost and determined that it would be approximately \$5000 per year to stock the portables. Decision is that parents should provide their own child/children with personal sanitizer.

## **5. Boundary Review Update-Cynara & Nat**

Cynara Corbin provided an update with the good news that all CVES students can stay at the school and younger siblings born in 2017 will be grandfathered in. Unfortunately in the long term, this solution is not sustainable. Thank you to Natalie Elliott for her perseverance until the very end. It was a difficult fight.

Melissa Ekdorn Delorme--support for affected families wavered throughout the process. The conversations on the Facebook group were disappointing at times. Conversations on the CVESC group needs to be better moderated with reminders to users to show respect for one another.

Chris Toivonen- The review was not a smooth process for relations in the community. Moving forward in the near future we hope it will be easier and not divide the community as much.

## **6. Principal, Teaching & Support Staff Reports**

Teacher Update: None

Principal update:

Everyone is excited that March break is around the corner. The warm weather has helped to encourage outdoor play.

CVES hosted junior division 1 volleyball for girls and boys. Opportunity to showcase the school with respect to our layout and different learning environments

3<sup>rd</sup> ski day took place this past week. Thanks to Mr. Mitchell for organising.

### ***Upcoming***

Staffing and allocations will occur in early April.

M. Lalonde is retiring.

EQAO and education week later this spring

## **7. Treasurer's Report**

### **Financial Reports**

Due to Tina Clarmo's unavoidable absence, the financial reports will be deferred until the April 2018 meeting.

### ***Ad-hoc requests***

Kim Chen sent a vote by email for an ad-hoc request submitted by Emma Frechette in the amount of \$75 to purchase supplies for the ambassadors to make sandwiches for the Shepherds of Good Hope. The request was approved by email.

There is a new ad-hoc request from Alka Moorjani for 15\$ per student for grad. Discussion ensued. Instead of providing an arbitrary amount, perhaps we should fund a gift such as grad shirts.

All agreed. Kim to speak to grad committee.

## **8. Fundraising/Programs/Events Report**

### ***Talent fest***

Talenfest deadline is Monday. Jen Danby has helpers and has not indicated the need for more help yet at this time. Things are rolling along.

### ***Family Movie Night (Tamara)***

Revenues from the February movie night were \$838.00 but costs need to be deducted (popcorn and movie rental). All profits will go to the ambassadors as agreed to in the fall. They are donating the funds to the WE foundation and CHEO. 107 kids and 73 parents attended.

### ***Fun Night (Kim)***

Kim Chen indicated that planning is under way with many vendors already secured including Junkyard Symphony.

Lots of people are helping out with same activities as last year. Jenni Bell requested the RCMP bear from work -is there a family member who would like to be in the costume (male)?

Glowspport could run a whole dodge ball game but it won't work for the sky light in the gym. Elli will reach out to iu-Jitsu in Metcalfe to possibly do a demonstration/run a workshop.

We can do touch a truck again but move the trucks closer.

## **9. Inclusive, Safe & Caring Schools Committee**

Elli Kapsalis updated that the ICSC committee did not undertake a project for kindness week but would like to do “kindness rocks” as a ICSC /environment cmte joint project.

#### **10. New Business**

Karen Percy-Grade 1 had a field trip to museum and some teachers organised lunch lady lunches to get to the kids. Thank you to Gail!

Benches constructed by OTHS need to be fixed or replaced. We can discuss at next meeting

There is a need for more picnic tables at the school as they are very popular.

Cynara Corbin moved motion to purchase 10 additional tables, seconded by Kim Chen. Motion carried.

It would be very helpful to have a similar mindfulness workshop for intermediate students.

It is best to not plan multiple events in the same week (i.e. workshop and council meeting).

#### **11. Important Dates**

April 10th- Dr. Yoni Freedhoff

#### **12. Adjournment & Next Meeting: T**

Moved by Trish Bezaire, Seconded by Tara Starzomski . Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

**Next meeting scheduled for Thursday April 5th, 2018**