

## CVESC Meeting 17-01-19

- 1) Welcome, attendance (quorum 21): 24 voting members in attendance.
- 2) Approval of January Agenda  
Moved by Natalie  
Seconded by Sarah
- 3) Approval of November Minutes  
Moved by Jenni  
Seconded by Vicki
- 4) Update from Kristeen Kemp: Listen Up!

### Presentation of photos

We have, to this point, been laying foundation of what is really starting to evolve. The program started with the launch on 20-09-18, it was crazy-busy! The whole school was present, along with the Gryphon Trio. A group of students performed with the Gryphon Trio, and the cellist had the idea that maybe they might be able to present a piece that last year's school did. Then they would be able to perform at the Chamberfest inaugural gala, and they did... on the same day! The students had an amazing experience, and were treated like professionals. The gala was very successful, and raised a lot of money for the Chamberfest outreach program. The poet began working with grade 7's, learned all of their names. The poems will be a big part of the culminating performance. The composer started working with grade 8's, inspiring them with different instruments, and students were coming up with little melodies and harmonies. All classes in the school will be, in one way or another, involved in the final performance. We are trying to work in more french as the performers are all anglophone. The theme is change. Coming up: first week of February is the beginning of the visual art module. It will revolve around methods that artists use. We are working on schedules to work with as many students as possible. It looks like the art instalment will be a fairly large construction, and will be on display in the lobby. Musical composition is already being done based on work done with students, and will be performed by our students. The poet will be back on the 1<sup>st</sup> week of May, as well as the director for the presentation and Gryphon Trio as well. It will be a flurry of activity that week!

### 5) Chair's Report

a) There will be executive positions open for the next school year: Chair, Co-Chair, Treasurer (2), Secretary (2). This is a reminder to let people know for next year. If there is no executive, council folds. Kim will do Christmas shopping day and fun night if someone else takes over as Chair.

b) PRO grant – mindfulness? - We did actually get the PRO grant, so we started looking into it again. Most people polled seem interested in mindfulness. Looking for other ideas, but in the meantime will reach out to Janine again.

Stephanie - Is there a way to stream it, so that parents who can't attend can participate online?

Kim – We can ask, but the point of PRO is to get parents into the school. Kim will look into it.

### 6) Principal, Teaching and Support Staff Reports

a) Teachers: Junior Volleyball about to start, tryout dates will be announced soon (called Triple Ball). Intermediates have volleyball tournaments in February. Feb 11-14: Carnival – Hot chocolate urns have been paid for (ad-hoc), actual mix has not, they will put in an ad-hoc

request for this. Ski club (grades 6-8) is starting. The skate trip to the canal for grade 4-5 is soon, the form is on the school website.

On ski days, do classes run anyway? (Chris: yes)

Natalie – why only grades 6-8 for ski club? Chris: any more kids would make bussing impossible.

b) Principal: AV upgrades have started, we are hoping to have it done by movie night. The projector is up, but we need to move it a bit, as well as the control box. We are trying to get an electrician expedited. We had to cancel the trip to China due to political tensions. The kids were bummed, but supportive. The maturity of the grade 7 and 8 kids really showed. We are still looking to continue bringing international experiences to the cornfield. We continue to work on the school learning and wellbeing plan, involving parents as much as possible. Kinder info night was tonight, and was well attended. It was nice to see new faces! The big push for registration starts Monday; get your friends to register as early as possible. The likelihood of a transfer is nil. Retro spirit day is next Thursday. Staff is working on report cards, they go home on valentine's day.

## 7) Treasurer's Report

Tina: This report covers 2 months instead of the usual 1 month as we did not have a December meeting. We did some nice fundraising, and everything else was pretty typical. The PRO grant came in, and some ad-hoc went out. There is not a lot left in ad-hoc, maybe a couple thousand dollars.

Billy – primary choir will be putting in a request for money for sheet music.

Kristeen Kemp - Chamberfest will be submitting their bills to Chris.

New Adhoc: Angie Bickmore (books, \$105) none opposed

Kim Teston (art supplies, \$100) none opposed

– approval of adhoc

## 8) Fundraising/Programs/Events Report

Christmas Shopping Day/Paint Night made \$1133.15, no expenses, tons of volunteers

Family Movie Night: 2<sup>nd</sup> movie night Feb 8 (Ralph Breaks the Internet), money will go to the Ambassadors to support whatever initiative they decide on.

Fun Night – Kim has started to reach out to vendors. What do we think about the barnyard animals? \$700, is it worth it? Majority thinking yes. What about ice cream truck? No profit compared to the bake sale, but it's so easy. We don't want to swap it for something that is more labour-intensive. Majority thinking keep. If anyone has hay bales for kids to sit on, we could use those. Sarah has approval to spend a bit more on prizes this year. Glowspport is very popular, especially among the older kids. We don't have as many activities for the older kids, so how can we expand it? Can we use both changerooms, and separate the art and face painting? Maybe use an empty portable? Sarah - Is there a limit to the number of vendors we can have? What about Walking Tacos? Kim – The only issue is competition with our food sales, which is where the bulk of our profit comes from. Nat – who attends most? Younger kids, older kids? Because we struggle to get volunteers, can we push to get older kids' parents to volunteer? How do we reach parents to volunteer? Split nights for older vs younger? It always works out because we make it work. Suggestion: raffle off a prize for the volunteers? Sub contracting things like face paint? Approach high school art/drama departments? Cassie will research face painters. What about providing, say, food for volunteers? Or one bracelet per volunteer shift? Tina – has anyone ever mentioned why they don't volunteer? It seems like either you do or you don't. What about pairing with another local school? They volunteer at ours, we volunteer at theirs, so we can all be with our kids?

Lunch and Milk Program Update – accepted forms for 2 new kids. Milk is going smoothly.

- 9) ISCS Committee – Chris – We are continuing to work on strategies to engage parents. Parents might have noticed more emails from the teachers. They are trying to find ways to engage parents but it's hard to get volunteers. So far, communication has been focused around sharing information. The overarching goal is to improve interpersonal skills. Cynara via email – any topics that council would like to see addressed? Sarah/Nat – can that tie into PRO? We will have to see.
- 10) New Business
- a) School Food Policy – Kim – is there a formal food policy? This conversation was purred by a parent email. Chris – there is not a food policy (outside of allergens), but there is a direction that we want to go, such as: reducing sugar (ie every kid bringing cupcakes for their birthday). The policy is that students with allergies cannot accept any food brought in by another student. So if a kid is allergic to watermelon they can't eat a cupcake that a kid brought in. Wow!butter is not allowed. There are pros and cons to this, but it was decided to not allow it in respect of kids with allergies.  
Radam – it's a request as opposed to a policy, why? Chris – if a hard rule is made, say peanuts, and peanuts come into the school... there is no way to guarantee it. If we make a hard rule we could be held liable. We have been given advice on that by the board. Our stance is that we are an allergy-aware school. We say “please” because it's nice. Safety and inclusion are the two main things. Nat – so what if people just send in peanut butter because there's no rule? Chris – that hasn't happened.
- b) Parent request – microwaves for older students – Kim – this has been brought up in previous years. Biggest issue is no one volunteering to clean them. Also, the kids have only 20 minutes to eat, and there would be a lineup. We also have to consider improper uses, and they can't be installed in the classrooms. Cassie – They are inexpensive, and grade 7 and 8 students are already using them at home. Chris – they are also not allowed in teacher prep rooms.
- c) Gail – Volunteer Appreciation – Kim – There has been a decline in attendance, in recent years, why? It might be because people can't attend during the day, and a large number of people weren't invited last year who should have been. Evenings are also difficult. Is it even necessary to have this event? Suggestion to do it after hours and allow kids to attend?
- d) Jenni – idea of painted and shellaqued rock path, there was a lot of interest on Facebook. Is anyone interested in making this happen? Have we looked into it officially? Kim – does anyone want to lead it? Can this tie into ISCS? Carolina is interested in leading this.
- e) Sarah (Teacher) would be open to holding an adult drumming session after school. She currently does classes for EDP and her own class. Nat will coordinate.
- 11) Important Dates: Feb 8<sup>th</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> family movie night
- 12) Adjournment and next meeting: 21-02-19  
Moved by Sarah  
Seconded by Tara