

CVESC Meeting Minutes 11-04-19

Listen Up! (Mrs. Kemp): Updates from the composer: the song will be called "Changes in me, Changes in the world". The music is beautiful, and surprises are embedded in the music, so come out and see the presentation! The end result will be a 6-movement suite. The week of May 6-9 will be spent with Gryphon Trio etc, and will be putting the production together. On the 9th the performance will be held at Parkway church and will start at 6:15 with poetry and art, and then the main performance starts at 7. Almost 100 students will be on-stage, and many more than that behind the scenes. Credit will be given to all students whose work contributed to the piece. Parents of the performers have been approached for permission for their children to spend the entire day of the 9th at the church to prepare. The Gryphon trio just won a Juno.

1. Welcome/Attendance (Quorum = 20): Quorum achieved.
2. Approval of April Agenda: Moved by Elli, seconded by Vicki
3. Approval of February Minutes: Moved by Kerri, seconded by Jenni
4. Treasurer's Report: This month's reports will be emailed as Tina is not in attendance. Nothing significant to report aside from a proposal for the rock garden. Cost of the rock path would be \$500-700, but we don't have that right now as ad-hoc is tapped out, plus we would need to consider maintenance. Elli: Where would it be installed? Kim: Along the side where the Kinders walk. Sarah: Are we running out of time this year? Kim: We have already done a lot of art focus this year. Elli: Plus, with all the construction, that area hasn't been cleaned up. Kim: We agree to postpone this project.
5. Chair's Report: Executive positions are essentially filled for next year.
6. Principal, Teaching, and Support Staff Report
 - Ambassador groups have been active, but haven't gotten many donations, could we give them money? Chris: I wouldn't give them money, this is part of the learning curve about collecting donations. Throwing money at them won't teach them. Treasurer: We don't have any money to give anyway
 - Student ad-hoc request for sandwich making, we do have funds in the student ad-hoc. All agree, none opposed.
 - Kinder F has been baking and cooking with the \$100 we gave them and wanted to let us know.
 - Chris: Next week is easter break. On the Friday, one kid from China that came here before is coming back for a month. She loved our school so much that she wanted to come back. Looking at bringing approximately 16 students from China here in October. Electrical work is all done in the gym, just waiting for one component to come in (a lower-profile mixing board; the current one is a hazard as it protrudes out too far and kids might bang their heads on it). EQAO in May. There will be an enrichment program for intermediates to visit some universities. Career day is coming up for grade 7-8. Cynara: Maybe let us know what the kids are interested in so that people can volunteer accordingly. Chris: Right now it isn't set up that way, but I'll keep that feedback in mind. Next year's staffing and funding is tentative depending on what the province does. Cynara: What's the biggest class size for next year intermediate? Chris: I believe it is 28-29. Elli: My kid had a class of 29 last year and it was fine. Chris: Most cap issues won't affect us. Also, Kinder numbers are lower than

expected. Sarah: Do you think we will lose a kinder class next year? Chris: Yes, and maybe one other class. Elli: Does that mean we will lose a teacher? Chris: Yes, but things might be re-distributed. Cynara: There is no cap above grade 4? You “could” put 45 kids in a class, say to save on classrooms? Chris: Yes. But we don't have an issue with classrooms. I think the projection of hitting 800 was a bit off. Vero: When will the playgrounds open? Chris: Still waiting on weather. Jenni: Do we have to buy tickets for the Listen Up! Show? Chris: There is room at Parkway church for an audience of 500, so we are looking at doing a few rounds of ticket offerings. The first priority would be for the immediate family members of the performers immediate families, and then for the rest. Sarah: What about live streaming to the gym? Chris: We can look into it.

7. Fundraising /Programs/Events

- Fun Night “Walking Taco” food truck: They are willing to set up and give 10% back, which isn't much, plus it might take away from the BBQ which is our biggest fundraiser. Cynara: Maybe use them for a different night, like Meet the Teacher Night? Chris: We currently use Grill Masters, we get no cash back but they feed the teachers for free. Kim: Shall we stick with BBQ? None opposed. Add veggie burgers? Kim: I'll look into it. However, we are super short on volunteers. We are looking into volunteers from high schools, the legion, and we should look into scouts/brownies units. No petting zoo allowed this year as per the school board. Glow Sport will be setting up in 2 locations. Sarah: What about Zoo Crew/Little Ray's/Reptiles Rock? Yaki? Kim will look into them.
- Student appreciation lunch – Jennifer Hannah will run it, will pick a date
- Teacher appreciation lunch – Vero will run it, and it will be held 28-06-19

8. ISCS – pink shirt day went well

9. New Business

- Elli – Update from Community Associations: Looking for volunteers to take executive positions in the Greely CA, and their AGM is in June. The Metcalfe CA AGM is May 7, also Clean up the Capital that week, and Meet and Greet on Victoria Street is May 11. There is also the Vernon CA and Osgoode CA. If anyone is interested in joining their local CA, get in touch!
- Fiona Rousseau requested \$50-100 per year to maintain the front garden. It is agreed to pay her this amount as she does a great job.
- Karen: Milk bag mats/bags: The next shipment of completed mats is May 25. They are sent to Toronto via volunteers, so if anyone is driving that way please let us know. The milk bags are also used to make messenger-style bags to give to people to carry supplies, as otherwise they would have nothing but their clothing to use to carry things in. Mats are made in two sizes, kids and adults. What size were the ones the ambassadors made? Chris: I could lay on one, so I would think adult. ?: What's up with the markers? Chris: it wasn't being picked up and they were scattering all over the foyer so we stopped doing it. Miriam will run it.
- Lorie: Keep in mind possible job action by teachers next year with the proposed legislation. Chris: it's been a number of years since the last time it happened, and it was very difficult, especially for the staff (they were heartbroken). It is a good idea to keep this in mind.

10. Important Dates for next year:

- Council meetings will remain the 3rd Thursday of each month.
- Movie Nights: November 8, February 7
- Christmas Shopping Day: December 10
- Fun Night: June 4
- Metcalfe Santa Claus Parade: December 8

11. Adjournment: Moved by Terra, seconded by Sarah. The next meeting will be May 23rd.