

## Minutes 23-05-19

1. Welcome, Attendance (Quorum = 20): Attendance = 15
2. Approval of May agenda: Unofficially approved
3. Approval of April minutes: Unofficially approved
4. Chair's report
  1. Event bookings for 2018-2019 school year, done at last meeting: dates will be put on the website and Facebook.
  2. Re-confirm roles (to be voted and confirmed in September) for next year's council executive:
    1. Vero & Carolina, Co-Chairs
    2. Christine & Catherine, Co-Secretaries
    3. Melissa & Maryam, Co-Treasurers
5. Principal, Teaching and Support Staff Reports: From Mrs Kemp: Listen Up! Was a huge success. It was said that in all of the years of listen up, Castor Valley 2019 was the best!

From Mr. Mott: Interesting projects presented today, which many students really enjoyed. Grade 7 and 8 field trip to OTHS is coming up, which highlights sustainability. May 31 12:45-1:45 there will be a geography fair. Track and field is coming up, and soccer tryouts are coming up as well. It is a busy time in the office, so be mindful of calling/leaving messages and getting permission slips in on time.

Chris: EQAO is ongoing, activities are going full steam right now. The past few weeks have been great, highlighted by Listen Up. It was absolutely phenomenal. Hoping to get the video to us soon. Thanks to council for the support as it was an unforgettable experience. The gym sound system part has arrived, so it should all be finished by the end of the year. Staffing is moving forward; we went up 15 kids but down 2 classes next year based on the ages of the kids. We are still nowhere near the projected enrolment put out by the school board during the boundary review. We have lost a staff member: Mr. McMahon is going to Kars and we need to hire one staff dedicated to intermediate transitions. Kinder classes went from 6 to 5, but the ECE's were able to be spread out. EA's stay the same at 2. 9 portables will be in use next year. Tina: how do the Ontario changes affect us? Chris: there are some changes to funding, but nothing drastic yet. We will see what happens, will have to wait and see. Vero: no strike action yet? Chris: Not yet. If it comes to that parents need to realize that all our staff wants to participate, but they might not have a choice depending on circumstances. OTHS has been working with our school to raise the profile of the school. Their enrolment is hovering around a number that is low (~460), so they are working on increasing their visibility. That's why they are doing more volunteering, such as fun night, "honk and blow", etc. Melissa: What percentage of Castor Valley kids go to OTHS? Chris: 2-3 to St Mark's, 5-6 to Canterbury for their arts program, 3-4 to the IB program at Colonel By, the rest to OTHS. Jodi: Is the Carleton U sports trip still happening? Chris: yes, I believe so. Field trips are getting incredibly difficult to manage due to bussing, as there is a drastic driver shortage. We might need to get more programs to come into the school, or organize alternate transportation such as parent transportation.

6. Treasurer's Report

1. Financial Reports: Tina: It might be a good idea to stop printing many copies of the financial statements to eliminate waste. Instead, they could be distributed electronically? Fun night expenses are starting to come in. Some donations have also come in but they are currently sitting in the school account. Same with food and milk. Grad money went out.
2. Ad-Hoc – We had approved an ad-hoc for \$60 for the green team. They went over budget by \$25 and are asking for that. Also \$250 for career day. We have just enough left in our budget for these two requests. There was also a prior request for a lost and found bin for the kinder area; as we cannot vote tonight because of poor attendance, we will have to e-vote.
7. Fundraising/Programs/Events Report
  1. Fun Night – Kim: All volunteers are covered, though we could use a couple more face painters. Lots of student and high school volunteers. All vendors have been pre-booked for next year.
  2. Bus Driver Gifts – Kim: gift cards will be given to the 17 bus drivers.
  3. Teacher Appreciation Lunch – Vero: Going to be run differently this year. Last year two volunteers had to prepare all the food, much of what needed to be cooked in the oven, and then all the dishes washed afterwards. This year they plan to cater and donations will be cold and/or already cooked but not requiring reheating, and everything must be in disposable containers. They will also be asking for donations to cover the excess cost. Melissa has volunteered to create a flyer.
8. ISCSC: No updates.
9. New Business: Jenni: what alternative was decided on as an alternative to the petting zoo at fun night? Also, Yaki needs to be booked now for next year. Kim: Zoo Crew is booked for fun night. Melissa: Did the ambassadors get the funds from the last movie night? Tina: I don't think so, I'll need to check with Tarra, but the account says \$1100 in proceeds from both movie nights. Kim: we should split that 50/50 with the ambassadors and the remainder was earmarked for the gym sound system upgrade.
10. Important Dates
  1. Fun Night – June 13
  2. Teacher Appreciation Lunch – June 28

Adjournment: Melissa and Jenni. No meeting in June, but Kim will put out an email with the results of Fun Night. Melissa: Thanks to Kim for being Chair for 2 years!