

## Castor Valley Elementary School Council Meeting 2020-2021

#2 (Virtual): Thursday November 19, 2020 @6:30pm



Attendance: 35

### MINUTES



Voting Members (19)		Oct	Nov	Jan	Feb	Apr	May
Carolina Suarez	Chair	x	x				
Meagan Kearney-Morgan	Vice Chair	x	x				
Anu Joseph	Co-Secretary	x	x				
Catherine Yang	Co-Secretary	x	x				
Melissa Ekdom-Delorme	Co-Treasurer	x	x				
Maryam Sugrue-Foubert	Co-Treasurer	x	x				
Jenni Bell		x	x				
Adriene Gannon		x	x				
Elli Kapsalis		x	x				
Patricia Bezaire		x	x				
Jodi Forest		x	x				
Lisa Multari		x	x				
Cynara Corbin		x	x				
Natalie Elliott		x	x				
Sarah Slater		x	x				
Jamie Ibrahim		x	x				
Jodi Sooley		x	x				
Billy LaCharity		x	x				
Steven Winters		x	x				
Quorum = (50%+1) = 9							

Non-Voting Members (10)		Oct	Nov	Jan	Feb	Apr	May
Julia Demidenko		x	x				
Deanna Ellerton		x	x				
Diane Dauphinais			x				
Jancey Harper		x	x				
Chelci Smith		x					
Kim Chen		x					
Karen Percy		x					
Ashley Kelly		x					
Kevin Thompson		x					
Julie McIntosh		x					

Nakita Weiler		x					
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Non Registered Attendees		Oct	Nov	Jan	Feb	Apr	May
Emma Vincent		x					
Mike Deon		x					
Vero Ielo		x					

Staff		Oct	Nov	Jan	Feb	Apr	May
Christopher Toivonen	Principal	x	x				
Suzanne D'eon	Vice Principal	x					
Kim Holmes	Teacher	x					
Joanne LaCharity	Teacher		x				
Samantha Ward	Teacher		x				

### I. Welcome and Attendance/Quorum

-See above

### II. Approval of October Minutes

- October minutes: Carolina motioned to approve, Steven second, 13 approved **Motion APPROVED**

### III. Approval of November Agenda

- November Agenda: approved by all

### IV. Principal, Teaching & Support Staff Report

- Update from Chris:
  - Kids/classrooms have all adjusted to the new protocols.
  - All grades now have access to hooks and cubbies. This means teachers and grades have to be creative with spacing out and timing in the hallways.
  - Grade 8 grad sweaters have been bumped up. This includes the virtual students as well.
  - Osgoode Township Highschool has connected with grade 7 /8. Transition into grade 9 starts in November and grade 8 parents can schedule intake interviews with admin.
  - Gym is now open to all grades, not just the kinder. Equipment at school has not yet been approved by the board. CVES has put their name forward to be a pilot school for equipment in the yard.
  - Parent teacher conferences happening on November 26th. ONline booking system and will be a mix of google meet and phone meetings.
  - Holiday fun will be a little different this year and will take place within the classrooms only.
  - No cases of COVID 19 at CVES to date.
  - Question to Chris:
    - in regards to if more kids are coming back to class from the virtual environment- Chris responded that there are class caps that need to be adhered to but there are currently 1-2 students/week choosing to come back to school.

- Question-Christmas gifts for teachers a possibility?- Response was yes but items would need to be brought in earlier and left in a quarantine period before teachers can access them. There will need to be a process put into place.
- Jo-Ann LaCharity : on behalf of all teachers expressed their appreciation for the Subway Lunch.
  - Angie Bickmore is working with the grade 8s and compiling a Spirit Hub virtually and in class so the classes can connect. Working on spirit days, canned food drive in the new year and a virtual ambassador program. Possibility of setting up a Toy Mountain drive.
  - Miss Reed Grade 3A is working on the distant visit program to feel connected with 2 brothers Owen and Will- brothers have autism and their mom has asked for letters so the boys can have virtual connections.
  - J/ks- enjoyed kindness days and what it means to them.

#### V. Treasurer's Report

- Ad-hoc requests: 5K previously approved in October meeting for ad hoc requests. We have requests totally 5585\$. Please see attachment 1 for breakdown of requests. Treasurers are sure we can make up this deficit elsewhere in the budget. All new requests would be on a case by case basis.
  - Question about only one request for voice amplifiers- Chris confirmed that all those who did not receive the 100\$ cheques in september were contacted to request voice recorders through the adhoc- only 1 request came forward.
  - note - kinders may put forth a request for new equipment.
- Ad-hoc requests all approved unanimously , 17 approved, **Motion APPROVED**

#### VI. Co-Chairs' Report/Fundraising update

- Staff enjoyed their subway lunch and really appreciated the notes they received from students and parents.
- Laurie received her retirement basket from council.
- Fundraising Update- wreaths and planters- CC Farms does not have any available slots. Something to think about for the 2021-2022 school year as these slots fill up in September. Richmond nursery has no wreaths but has live plants available: aloe, crown of thorns, and poinsettia plants. However limited availability and sizes. Prices range from 8-45\$. Delivery may be of concern as nothing can enter the school.
- Fancy Flutter to offer holiday masks- 20% will be given back to council. Porch pickup at Julias house when order is complete.
- Samantha Ward- CVES ornament- showed template
- Council is starting a newsletter that highlights what our current focus is on.

#### VII. Inclusive, Safe & Caring Schools Committee (ISCSC) Report by Jodi Sooley

- Heart of the Heart- week long event to include video submissions and will be shared via youtube. Looking for a councillor or someone from the communitte to submit
  - Kindness Day – November 13
  - A Heart is a Heart – April 2021
  - Blues in the School
  - Pink shirt day – May 4<sup>th</sup> 2021
  - Orange Shirt day – September

### **VIII. New Business**

### **IX. Adjournment**

- Next meetings: January 21st 2021 (Virtual)

Meeting Adjourned: 7:40pm (Carolina motioned adjournment, second by Maryam)