

# Castor Valley Elementary School Council Meeting 2020-2021



#3(Virtual): Thursday Nov 18th  
6:30pm



## MINUTES

Attendance: 10

#	Voting Members (16)	Oct	Nov	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
1	Amy Marques	✓	✓					
2	Cynara Corbin	✓						
3	Nat Elliott	✓						
4	Elli Kapsalis	✓						
5	Jamie Ibrahim	✓	✓					
6	Jenni Bell	✓	✓					
7	Jancey Wallace	✓						
8	Meagan Keaney	✓	✓					
9	Adriene Gannon	✓	✓					
10	Brandi Zebrak	✓						
11	Trish Bezaire	✓	✓					
12	Carolina Suarez	✓	✓					
13	Demeena Kaur Seyan	✓	✓					
14	Erin Lowe	✓	✓					
15	Jodi Forest	✓	✓					



#	Non-Voting Members (3)		Oct	Nov	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
1	Juliette Klein		✓						
2	Kirsten Appleyard		✓	✓					
3	Deanna Ellerton		✓	✓					
4	Melissa Ekdom-Delorme								
5	Catherine Yang								
6	Karen Percy		✓	✓					
7	Jodi Sooley		✓						
8	Mayarm Sugrue-Foubert		✓						
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#	Non Registered Attendees (2)		Oct	Nov	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
1	Sarah Slater		✓	✓					
2	Zvonko Cusic		✓						
3	Chelci Smith		✓						
4	Steven Winters			✓					
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#	Staff (2)		Oct	Nov	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
1	Tracy Snarr	Principal	✓	✓					

2	Jennifer Reed		✓						
3	Kimberly Holmes			✓					
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### I. Welcome and Attendance/Quorum [Adriene Gannon]

- Agenda and other meeting docs can be found at [www.castorvalley.ca](http://www.castorvalley.ca) under the CVESC info tab, Council Meetings and Minutes section
- Keep mics muted unless it is your opportunity to speak
- You can use the Q&A form to submit questions: see link in Chat; use the Chat function for immediate follow up questions
- Voting - unable to proceed, absence of quorum
- Ensuring you do not have any other programs running on your device, may help with any potential connectivity issues
- If screen name different than registered name, please enter in chat

### II. Chair Report [Adriene Gannon]

- Thank you from library for support at virtual book fairs, make sure to watch for more
- Treasurer stepped down, looking for two people to fill those rolls
- Important dates: Wreaths/planters Nov 26th  
Christmas Break Dec 20-Jan 3  
PD day Jan 21  
CVESC Meeting Jan 20

### III. Principal, Teaching & Support Staff Report [Tracy Snarr]

- Principal's report:  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1WGOohCSa-2xOLgPVi4iSuOi7uu7ouv3WT-EMF9JR73c>
- Tracy has included council resource guide and funds management guide in her report for the new council members
- She will reach out to the families over email for treasurer volunteers, suggested advertising on Facebook
- 75 Chromebooks purchased by the school board have been received and distributed. The board's goal ratio is three students: one Chromebook.
- Return to sustained in class learning - strain on students, staff and families. Noticeable disconnect between social, emotional and curriculum expectations which have not changed since pre-pandemic. We know there has been a disruption in learning in all of those areas.
- Academic gap is noticeable
- Staff are working to meet the students where they are at currently, working to build and bridge those skills
- Slow down and rebuild relationships and sense of community
- Reviewing WITS with students, mindfulness, perseverance, learning how to sustain learning, bridging curriculum gaps
- Presentations, assemblies, student ambassadors, student voice committee, Green Team, some classes having open gym

(within cohort)

- Interactive bulletin boards - equity and inclusion - Un-learn (company name) - images that provoke thoughts and feelings and inclusivity, ask the students what they see, feel and do.
- This week's poster - gender and different family units
- Speaker series - Thurs Nov 25th - Technology and Youth - open to anyone, no registration required, link in report

#### **IV. Teacher Rep Input [Kimberly Holmes]**

- Mrs Atkins - library report, thanks for support from book fair
- Tracy Snarr - Toy Mountain campaign starting to be organized by student ambassadors, more info coming

#### **V. Treasurer's Report (not available currently)**

- 3 new teachers did receive cheques for the year start up

#### **VI. Vice Chair's Report – Fundraising [Meagan Keaney]**

- Chapters in store shopping - approx.\$340 raised
- Christmas Wreaths and Planters (Steven Wright) - 41 orders, approx. \$550 raised
- Tracy Snarr offered to cover cost with school credit card, school cash online can reimburse to avoid delay in payment to vendor
- will do another in person Chapters shopping day in June, should be able to market more

#### **VII. Inclusive, Safe & Caring School Committee [Demeena Kaur Seyan]**

- Working on supporting Tracy Snarr and Suzanne D'eon with social- emotional learning and mental health within the school
- Submitted list of speakers - anti-bullying, anti-racism, and indigenous relations
- Working on a list of french and english books that cover mental health, anti-bullying, social-emotional learning
- always looking for more members with different backgrounds for the committee
- Tracy Snarr - committee has been very helpful, working on narrowing down to a few topics. Main objectives being social-emotional learning and mental health. Stressing kindness and mindfulness.

#### **VIII. Important Dates**

- Next Council Meeting January 20th, 6:30pm (virtual)

#### **IX. Adjournment**

Meeting Adjourned: 7:02 pm

Adriene Gannon motioned adjournment, second by Amy Marques