

# Castor Valley Elementary School Council Meeting 2021-2022



#5(Virtual): Thursday February 17th,  
6:30pm



## MINUTES

Attendance: 22

#	Voting Members (15)	Oct	Nov	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
1.	Amy Marques	✓	✓		✓			
2.	Nat Elliott	✓		✓	✓			
3.	Elli Kapsalis	✓		✓	✓			
4.	Jamie Ibrahim	✓	✓	✓	✓			
5.	Jenni Bell	✓	✓	✓	✓			
6.	Jancey Wallace	✓		✓	✓			
7.	Meagan Keaney	✓	✓	✓	✓			
8.	Brandi Zebrak	✓		✓	✓			
9.	Trish Bezaire	✓	✓	✓				
10.	Carolina Suarez	✓	✓	✓	✓			
11.	Demeena Kaur Seyan		✓	✓	✓			
12.	Erin Lowe	✓	✓	✓	✓			
13.	Jodi Forest	✓	✓		✓			
14.	Samantha Millar			✓	✓			
15.	Steven Winters				✓			
16.	Maryam Sugrue-Foubert			✓				
17.	Sarah Slater	✓	✓	✓	✓			
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	Quorum = (50%+1) = 9							

#	Non-Voting Members	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	✓		✓				
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#	Non Registered Attendees		Oct	Nov	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
1	Zvonko Cusic		✓		✓	✓			
2	Chelci Smith		✓		✓				
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#	Staff		Oct	Nov	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
1	Tracy Snarr	Principal	✓	✓	✓	✓			
2	Jennifer Reed		✓						

3	Kimberly Holmes			✓					
4	Danielle Whalen				✓				
5	Sarah Cimetta					✓			
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\*\*\*NOTE - Maryam Sugrue-Foubert unable to attend, delegated Melissa Ekdom-Delorme for voting and presentation of financial update\*\*\*

### 1. Welcome and Attendance/Quorum [Brandi Zebrak]

- 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 - we will be using Google form links posted in the Chat at the appropriate moments
- 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

### 2. Approval of February Agenda [Brandi Zebrak]

[https://cvescouncil.files.wordpress.com/2022/02/cvesc-meeting-agenda\\_february-2022.pdf](https://cvescouncil.files.wordpress.com/2022/02/cvesc-meeting-agenda_february-2022.pdf)

- Motion to Approve: Steven Winters Second: Samantha Millar and Melissa Ekdom-Delorme

### 3. Approval of January Minutes [Brandi Zebrak]

<https://cvescouncil.files.wordpress.com/2022/02/cvesc-january-20th-2022-virtual4-meeting-minutes.pdf>

- Passed by unanimous vote

### 4. Acting Co-Chair Report [Brandi Zebrak]

- We would like any past council members to let us know if there are previous ideas or programs that we should be starting up again. All of the executives are new and most have not been in the physical school yet! We would appreciate any suggestions or guidance as to what council has done in the past - fundraising, school events, other responsibilities
- [castorvalleycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:castorvalleycouncil@gmail.com)
- thank you to the parents who helped with the teacher appreciation lunch

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

#### CVES Principal's Report to Council February 2022

- Continue the daily screening tool for updated COVID information
- also the federal international travel guidelines for those who are potentially going to travel
- Grade 7 and 8 intramural sports are opening up
- Grade 7 and 8 student voice committee is running in person (with physical distancing)
- students are able to go back to the library, which they are very excited about
- back to small group work
- remind people to register for kindergarten now (new registrations only, no need to register if already a student)

- preliminary numbers are 4 full kindergarten classes. All staffing numbers are based on these projected numbers. If people wait until spring/summer, staff numbers will not be adequate
- Toonie Tuesday Feb 22rd, Education Foundation of Ottawa - provide food, clothing and opportunities within the community for families in need. Either a cash donation to school, or school cash online
- Pink Shirt Day Feb 23rd, anti-bullying awareness
- Dare to Care Program - ongoing - helping students to understand the difference between conflict/mean moments and bullying. Link to the program in Principal's Report, there are registration instructions included. There is no charge, must follow the directions in the report to access it
- tips for parents if there are bullying issues with your children
- Black History Month - teachers are celebrating successes and achievements by Black Canadians
- D.O. Gibson presentation - performed rap and slam poetry, students were very engaged
- See Principal's report for examples of student's artwork - anti-racism and celebrating differences, treating each other with respect and kindness
- Question: will the students be able to play with students outside their cohorts at recess soon? Answer: administration is pushing for that to happen, it is a board decision. It is being discussed with OPH, but no decision at this time.
- Question: is the hot lunch program possibly coming back this year? Answer: has not come up so far, hopefully the fall
- Question: any discussion about an English stream at CVES? Answer: nothing discussed at this time, it would require a program review. Not anticipated in the foreseeable future.

#### **6. Teacher Rep Input [Sarah Cimetta]**

- all the teachers and staff are extremely thankful for the appreciation lunch and coffee and treats
- Beaver Barn - Mr McMahon's grade 5/6 class - newspaper that the students have been running about school events and activities, shared with students and staff in the school, all student based
- Mrs McMoore -grade 8 updates - picking their courses for high school, yearbook committee working for grade 8s. Tentative date for grade 8 photos is March 30th. Students were able to go to open gym. Students did very well with the rules. Grade 7s also had a chance this past week
- Grade 6s will have open gym as week
- Grade 7 presentation regarding a gender neutral bathroom closer to the intermediate hallway, students in Sarah's class (on their own time and initiative) put together a presentation and survey. Working with Principal Snarr to get the survey out to the students
- Thank you to the parent council for \$100 grant at the beginning of the year - Sarah uses hers for the student's birthday if they want to celebrate, whiteboard markers, pool noodles for cardio drumming (hopefully will come back soon), letters for service members overseas for Christmas, Christmas gifts for the students, classroom resources
- Paint day for Grade 7s, had a great time
- Spirit Day Feb 25th

#### **7. Treasurer's Report/Financial Update [Melissa Ekdorn-Delorme]**

- nothing to update from last month
- PIC money - \$1000 that needs to be used for activities for parent engagement, looking for ideas
- There is a list of what other teachers spent their \$100 on - digital resources, ear phones, special education tools, sensory items, white boards, decorations, lego, play doh, nametags, books, teacher aids, books etc

#### **8. Fundraising Committee Update [Meagan Keaney]**

- Plantables - up and running, posting the first week of March
- Baked goods jars - planned for Mother's day, hopefully up in April

- Hopefully a modified Fun Night (Fun Night Lite?) at the end of the year - was historically the biggest fundraiser for council
- Still looking at a drive-in movie in the spring
- In person Indigo/Chapters shopping day for June

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

- Dare to Care Program
- Grade 7 & 8s have had some mental health and MADD Canada presentations
- proposal for “Kindness Counts” bracelets to be handed out to students when they are caught being kind
- committee has been noticing the impacts the initiatives have been having with the students
- appreciation for the administration and staff who are working to make the school inclusive, making a huge difference for the students

#### **10. Adjournment [Brandi Zebrak]**

Meeting Adjourned: 7:27pm

Next Council Meeting: April 21st, 2022 at 6:30pm (virtual)