

# Castor Valley Elementary School Council Meeting 2021-2022



#5(Virtual): Thursday May 12th, 6:30pm



## MINUTES

Attendance: 21

#	Voting Members (11)	Oct	Nov	Jan	Feb	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	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	May
1	Zvonko Cusic	✓		✓	✓	✓
2	Chelci Smith	✓		✓		✓
3	Roohneet Sandhu					✓
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#	Staff		Oct	Nov	Jan	Feb	May
1	Tracy Snarr	Principal	✓	✓	✓	✓	
2	Jennifer Reed		✓				
3	Kimberly Holmes			✓			

4	Danielle Whalen				✓		
5	Sarah Cimetta					✓	
6	Suzanne D'eon						✓
7	Joanne Lacharity						✓
8	Michael Laurie	Interim Principal					✓

\*\*\*NOTE - Maryam Sugrue-Foubert unable to attend, delegated Melissa Ekdom-Delorme for voting and presentation of financial update\*\*\*

\*\*\*NOTE - Maryam Sugrue-Foubert was not recorded as present for the Oct 2021 meeting in the February minutes, however she was present\*\*\*

### 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 May Agenda [Brandi Zebrak]

- Motion to Approve: Melissa Ekdom-Delorme Second: Meagan Keaney

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

<https://cvescouncil.files.wordpress.com/2022/03/cvesc-february-17th-2022-virtual5-meeting-minutes.pdf>

- Passed by unanimous vote

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

- Milk program - holding for September 2022, will need someone to take charge of the program for next year. A previous member is available to help with the transition
- Our biggest priority - recruiting for council for next year. Critical that we get two co-treasurers, preferably before the end of this year so that Maryam and Melissa can start “training”.
- Speaker series - choice was Scientists in the Classroom - 38 registered, May 25th
- We still have some money (~\$1000) for another speaker event. If anyone has any ideas, please contact council
- Recipes in a Jar fundraiser - Brandi still has some orders at her house.
- [castorvalleycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:castorvalleycouncil@gmail.com)

### 5. Principal, Teaching & Support Staff Report [Suzanne D'eon and Michael Laurie]

- positive school vibe with COVID restrictions lifting, library is open, picnic tables outside, no more zones
- May 19th - track and field day for Grade 4-8. There will be some OTHS students coming to volunteer to help
- canned food drive running currently, still some time left to drop things off
- Jump Rope for Heart - May27th for the whole school

- Kinder night - June 15th IN PERSON 6-645pm
- Leaving ceremony for Grade 8s - June 28th
- EQAO back on this year (June 6-10) for Grade 3 and Grade 6 students, preparations in progress. The school is looking for volunteer scribes
- Rock painting - students have started painting the rocks. Looking for volunteers to help with sealing the paint on the rocks. Working with custodial staff to come up with an area to put them.
- Mr Laurie (interim principal) - wanted to thank Suzanne for all of her hard work. He has observed that Castor Valley is a very fun loving school, finds us to be very collaborative and a high performing school. He has noticed that the teachers are highly invested in their jobs
- Question: is pick up and drop off changing? Answer: will not change at this point. Parents need to be aware that they don't block the driveways on the road. Hopefully next year more students will be on the bus and less will have to drop off.
- Numbers for pick up and drop off are getting closer to what they used to be, however they are running into supervision issues if people are late (ie dropping off past 9:15).

#### **6. Teacher Rep Input [Joanne Lacharity]**

- Grade 8 yearbook is in progress
- Students are very much enjoying the zones being eliminated. The grade 8s have house competitions
- Grade 7s and 8s are having Wellness Wednesday to help with stress
- Beaver Barn still going, they put out an Earth Day edition

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

- Hot lunch days and special lunch days are doing very well for our budget
- In 2019-2020, the council purchased Subway gift cards that could not be used until now. They have made a huge difference for the council's profit. Need to remember that we are planning for next year.
- REMINDER that we need two co-treasurers for next year. Maryam and Melissa have a system to make the transition for the new council members as easy as possible
- Many thanks to Maryam and Melissa for stepping back into their roles to help us out this year

#### **8. Fundraising Committee Update [Brandi Zebrak]**

- Subway lunches - \$1775 from the first one, \$2144 for the second one
- Planning on one more in June
- Pizza lunches coming up this month, we will see how it goes and will try to run another in June. We really need volunteers for these lunches
- Recipes in a Jar - made just under \$400
- Lunch lady - don't have a report yet, parents do appreciate it
- We have reached our goal for the year. Unfortunately we will not be able to organize a Fun Night this year. We would love to get it on the books for next year, will need MANY volunteers to pull that off
- We are hoping to run the drive in movie night in the fall
- If Meet the Teacher night runs - make it a bit of a community event -ice cream truck, tours of the school, council recruitment
- Question: is Christmas Shopping day coming back next year? Answer: we hope so! Volunteer intensive, we will need lots of help
- We are considering a direct ask at the beginning of the year as several parents have expressed interest. There is a straightforward program that can be used. Last year we were able to collect \$7000. If we do it at the beginning of the year, it allows us to set a fundraising goal for the rest of the year.

## 9. Inclusive, Safe & Caring School Committee [Jodi Sooley]

- Rock painting ongoing
- Pink shirt day - date to be determined, can also do Odd Socks, represents how we are all different

Additional comments - would be great to have tours the night of the Meet the Teacher as many parents have never been in the school.

It was suggested that a council member could come to Kinder Night to let new parents know about what we do. Meagan Keaney will be there, she will represent the council.

Also need to let parents know about the CVESC Facebook group.

Teacher/EA/ECEs \$100 gifts at the beginning of the year, all set up for next year.

Bus driver gifts - \$200 allocated in the budget, typically purchase gift cards through Fund Script. 17 bus drivers

Teacher appreciation lunch - last year it was organized by the administration and council contributed funds for that. We did do one in January and could potentially do one more Subway lunch to use up the gift cards. Carolina will assist with that.

Let your friends know - we are looking for members!

## 10. Adjournment [Brandi Zebrak]

Meeting Adjourned: 7:26pm