

CCI School Council Minutes Feb 10th, 2015

6:30 pm in Room 126

Attendees: Alicia Marshall, Mark Ruzyllo, May Yam, Tori Arrigo, Kathy Thompson, Hana Thompson, Brandon Currie, Kim Bryan, Laura Schwiola, Kim Carey

Regrets: Pegi O'Halloran

Review Minutes: January 2015 minutes Motion to accept by Kim Carey; seconded by Tori.

Student Report: Brandon Currie

Student Council gearing up for 2nd term. Working on grant funds for new furniture for the Library; Talent show in April; flower sales for Valentine's day-money raised to go to Disney Trip.

CCI Music Report: Hana Thompson

Music Fest, hosted by CCI and run by music students: March 3-6, over 3000 student participants from all over Southern Ontario.

April 23rd Spring Concert

2 band trips this year: Apr 29- May 3rd New York for all music students; A Jazz Band- May 14-23rd Japan

Jazz band concert planned for May 9th/15 as a fundraiser; Keiko Yoden, Collingwood resident and concert pianist originally from Japan will act as interpreter on trip; Osaka television came to Collingwood to do a piece on Keiko and CCI Jazz band got a cameo.

Staff Report: Kim Carey

Ms Teskey CCI swim team, March 2-4, 14 female swimmers going to OFSSAA.

Mr. McDonald Relay for Life being hosted by CCI in May – opening up to parents as participants as no other venue planned in town. Wondering if CCI School Council interested in connecting with Jean Vanier Council to drum up sponsors for event. \$75000.00 is fundraising total goal, 12 hours; team relay thus at least 1 participant walking the track at all times. ACTION Mr. McDonald will email school chair with Jean Vanier Contact. Kim Bryan & Kathy Thompson interested in helping – Loblaw, TD Bank options.

Mrs. Miller Tech Dept, skills Canada Competition coming up, students are working hard in preparation.

Mr. Hammond CCI sports in playoffs: boys and girls hockey; Sr. Girls VB won last night over Banting; Jr Boys Basketball tomorrow; Sr. Boys Basketball GBs are hosting here next week ; Alpine and Nordic Ski team OFFSAA next week. Lots of turn out and alumni enjoy coming back to support the CCI players. McDonald Invitational basketball game hosted by CCI last week. Lots of fan support!

ACTION: reminder through text suggested. Sporting events are currently posted ON the sign.

Kim C. has taken a leave this semester and Tracy Checkley will take over. Note no March meeting given March break. ACTION: Kim will send out email to staff re: Grade 8 night School Council representatives will be there.

Principal's Report: VP Mark Ruzyllo

Second semester started smoothly as of last week. Guidance Department has been busy but no line ups thus students seem to have gotten into classes smoothly. Excellent work.

Sports teams and Music programs are excelling which is significant and CCI is very fortunate.

Sears Drama Festival-an adjudicated one Act play competition. Top 6 plays continue to Regionals and then to be performed in Toronto at Hart house thanks to Ms Synott & Mrs. Edward.

Mental Health Week, first week of May, family of schools including elementary schools came last year. CEO, Joe Roberts, may come and address the crowd if available; plan to partner with Jean Vanier. Partnership with McMaster University who are polling secondary students re: anxiety, looking at randomly collecting data.

SMDHU re: developmental assets, looking at strength based needs, ie. What to look to help students succeed. Classroom example: posting an Agenda at the beginning of each class reduces student anxiety. Good pedagogy means teaching to the whole child, essential teaching practices, ie. Clear and timely feedback; accountable talk-bring the mental health and pedagogical needs together to assist teachers. Working with Christine. Mark would like to see this used with anyone involved in youth whether hockey teams to police/fire fighters.

Grade 8s and Parent night planned for Wednesday, February 11th, 2015.

School Beautification Committee – display boards came down; front hall mural off, but sandblasting planned as needed; paint colour upgrade planned for consistency, cleanliness, using CCI colours; cafeteria is an underutilized space – asking why, student polling: booths? Plug ins? When can this happen-ideas being put forward but not known as to when. Changes to small cafeteria more likely to be done first. Mark and Deb Shackel, (Board Innovation Team) are putting together a proposal. Mark clarified that money is needed from the Board for these long term vision upgrades.

Preparing Grade 10 students for the literacy test. Stats up from previous year.

Course Fair for students to choose courses for next year on Feb 12th. This begins the timetabling for next year. Healthy student population at CCI is encouraging.

Disney Trip fundraising featured on CTV news – made some money at the basketball tournament and doing candy grams.

Parent Handbook – updated version is ready to go, Q&A top 12 questions included in the handbook; Display board created to catch parents' eyes to get their emails and give out magnets. ACTION: data entry re new parent emails; Tori will bring 2-3 pads of paper/pencils for parents to write down name, email address, student grade, Sept start or now for email; display board to stay in office overnight. To start at 7 pm – Kathy is speaking for a few minutes. Need people here for 6:30 Tori, Alicia, May, Kathy, Pegi. We will catch parents on their way in to the gym and on their way out. Bands will perform at the main entrance.

\$1000 PRO grant discussed. ACTION: Mark will speak with Fran Dillon, Admiral's principal re: Admiral's speaker planned for March 4th social media; contact Innovation team with SCDSB; contact Christine Girdsma re: mental health option; contact Orillia OPP re: risks of social media speaker option. Consider parent night second semester, March 26th, unfortunately turn out is horrible traditionally in comparison to the first semester which is packed with parents. Deb Shackle is promoting technology, social media included, in the class room – hands on stations or 15 minute talks to be considered. Need parent knowledge re: identifying teens in need of help. Dr. Marcie Benjamin does a lot of talks re: mental health/social media/teens also for teachers had some lunch and learns with Gwen Jamieson from Georgian Bay Family Health Team. ACTION: Kim C. will talk to FHT re: speaking. ACTION: Kathy T will send out options via email for PRO grant direction.

Officially no March School Council meeting. Smaller committee may need to meet re: PRO grant plan in March.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 pm.

April 14th, 2015 at 6:30 in Room 126