

**CCI School Council Minutes Jan 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015**  
**6:30 pm in Room 126**

Attendees: Peter Stone, Kim Carey, May Yam, Tori Arrigio, Kathy Thompson, Kim Bryan

Regrets: Alicia Marshall, Pegi O'Halloran, Laura Schwiwola, Kim Howell, Kyla Wills

Review Minutes: Dec. 2014 Motion to accept them with one change (name changed to initials). Kim C motioned; seconded by Tori.

Staff Report: Kim C.

Guidance Annie Hillock Feb 11/15 Grade 8 Open House for 2015 grade 9 students & parents

Feb 12/15 at 11 am: Course Fair held for students by teachers in each subject area

Mid/End Feb: course selection will be completed by students in class during period 3

Mr. Hamlin: Musicfest March 3-6. >40 school involving 3500 participants.

Marching Band won the Top Band award for Markham parade. Completely booked for next year. The musical next year will be the Wizard of Oz

Mrs. Saunders: 65% of fundraising goal met for the Disney trip. Need more butter tart orders. Parents who may have connections or questions may contact her. They leave Easter weekend.

Drama dept: working on short play "Chicken Road" which will be entered in the Sears Festival next month.

Mr Hammond: Hockey day in Collingwood Is tomorrow 8:00-4:30 at both arenas involving elementary students. 6:00 pm at Eddie Bush CCI will play Jean Vanier. All proceeds raised will support kids in financial need who want to participate in school sports.

Mr Wallace: school beautification committee called: "Welcoming Spaces Committee".

With three snow days last week, teachers are scrambling to cut some things to fit in curriculum before exams start next week. Question was raised and discussed regarding delaying buses to see if weather/roads will improve.

Principal's Report: Peter Stone

Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>: Joe Roberts came to talk to students (2 assemblies). "Skid Road to CEO" An inspirational story about making the choice to succeed. Next year he will push a grocery cart across Canada to raise money for the homeless.

Dec 5<sup>th</sup> – Semi-Formal was a success with 300 in attendance. It went off with no issues.

Dec 11<sup>th</sup> – Day of Code – a worldwide event to raise awareness about computer coding. Interested students learned some code and enjoyed some pizza.

Dec 18<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Concert was held (in lieu of Dec 11<sup>th</sup>). Positive feedback. It was sold out.

Dec 19<sup>th</sup> – Very successful Christmas assembly was held during period 2. The gym was packed. The chairs were set up from the night before. There was +++staff and students singing Christmas Carols. There were skits, lights, smoke machine, the teacher video, etc.

Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>: was the first meeting of the “Welcoming Spaces committee” where 28 different priorities were identified. Some able to be done at school level (e.g. flower beds by the office), others will need board level support. Lead teacher for each project. They will identify a specific gold to represent the CCI school colour (right now there are different shades). *If parents have any input please contact Peter.*

Jan 21<sup>st</sup> is last day of classes for semester 1. Grade 12 students will write their period 4 exam at 1:00 pm on Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>. Goal is to balance exam schedule for each semester.

Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> is the first day of semester 2.

Feb 10<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> Peter is at a conference. He will send a VP to the Council meeting Feb. 10th .

Feb 9-13<sup>th</sup> is Operations Appreciation Week. Suggestion made for thank you cards to be given to the Custodians – sign next meeting. (8 full time). Lunch is provided for them by admin.

Feb 16<sup>th</sup> is Family Day holiday.

### **Updates**

Grade 8 Parent Orientation Night – Wed. Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>, from 7 – 9 pm. School Council members will be present to inspire new parents to get involved on Council next year.

Resources for new parents: Deb Jago is overseeing the Parent Handbook. 250 will be printed by Feb 1<sup>st</sup>. It was agreed to print the handbook in landscape format with staples in the middle. Peter and Deb will have this ready by Feb 1<sup>st</sup>.

Other supplies: pens, paper slips to collect emails, magnets, Parent Handbooks and Top 10 Questions for new parents.

The top 10 questions often asked by new parents was discussed and edited. ACTION: Kathy to make edits then send an electronic copy to Peter so he can consult with appropriate departments. 250 of these will be printed as well.

Information Board: Kim B and Kim H to put board together for grade 8 night – it will highlight what school council is, is not as well as the Top 10 questions.

Pro GRANT discussion deferred to February.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 pm

**Next meeting Tuesday Feb 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 6:30 in room 126**