

**CCI Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016- Ammended**

Attendance – Tori Arrigo, May Yam, Charlene Scime, Kim Bryan, Debbie Bullock, Katherine Burns, Tracy Checkley, Crystal Ingles, Rebecca Ness, Devon Canfor (student), Sarah Dennis, Julia Hannan, Kathy Wilton, Crystal Bell, Alicia Marshall, Jason Barr, Tyson Maxwell (VP), Laura Schywiola, Pegi O’Halloran

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Review Minutes – June 14, 2016**

Error noted in the minutes regarding number of graduates’ pg. 2 will be corrected to 250. **A motion** to accept the Minutes as amended above was made by Kim Bryan and **seconded** by Tori Arrigo, **motion passed.**

**Student Rep’s Report:**

- Devon Canfor, president of Student Council - students are being encouraged to become involved in student council. “Hot Chocolate Fridays” will start once the weather gets cooler. Plans for the year are underway.

**Teacher Rep’s Report:**

Mrs. Tracy Checkley - World Studies Dept., led by dept head, Theresa Matchett, has organized a teacher-led student trip to Europe for 11 days next April for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge. So far 30 students have committed to going (plus space for 5 more). Students will be paying their own way, no fundraising.

**Principal’s Report:**

Charlene Scime -

- Currently there are 1360 students at CCI, which is more than had been projected. Big changes in staffing are not anticipated.
  - Assembly today welcomed students, outlined expectations, introduced admin. staff
  - Teams and clubs are starting up
  - Every student has received a card to put on his/her phone. This card contains general contact information as well as emergency/mental health contact information.
  - Reviewed role of School Council with reminder that discussions are to be regarding student body as a whole. Issues involving specific teachers and students should be addressed with admin staff at a different time.
  - Province-wide math strategy will be continuing. This year, the province will be having two sittings of the grade 10 tests. The first will be in October (online only) and the other test will be in March (online or written – student’s choice).
  - Mental health – looking into a Peer Support program
- Local psychologist, Dr. Amber Perry, is interested in supporting our students  
Social worker will be at CCI 4 Days per week

## Updates

1. Building Resiliency in our Youth – Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> Pro Grant Approved \$995

Speaker will be Suzanne Witt-Foley – in school library at 7 pm.

**Action – Charlene will apply for permit to use library from 7-9:30 pm on Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>**

Regarding advertising for event: **Action – Charlene will ask art teachers about the possibility of students making posters to advertise event.**

Jason suggested that students could make a video about the event for fellow students, which encourages them to tell their parents about the upcoming presentation.

Question by Kathy Burns about a student-focused talk by the speaker. **Action – May Yam to contact Suzanne Witt-Foley to ask her about that and obtain information to bring back to Council at next meeting.**

Crystal suggested an organization out of Aurora called “Youth Speak” as an extremely effective support for students. Consists of young adults who had experienced difficulties themselves and are now older and can relate to the younger students.

2. CCI Cares Contact Cards – completed and distributed

3. Review of June 2016 Commencement – took place at Curling Club for the first time. Attendance was very high – 900 people and 70 staff. All went smoothly.

4. Review of Grade 9 Orientation - went well with good feedback from students and parents. Link Crew consisted of 75 students. Thanks to staff, admin and volunteers for their time. Suggestion for next year – perhaps some of the link crew students could greet students in the parking lot and school entrance to guide them to the correct places. Also – the school was extremely hot due to the fact that it opened after the summer months only 2 days before the event so not enough time to cool it down.

5. Communication to parents: Verification forms (including contact information) were sent home with students on the first day of school. Once contact lists get updated, announcements about these events can be sent by emails/texts/phone calls via synervoice

## New Business

1. School Council Report Review and Approval: Charlene’s name was inadvertently omitted. **Motion** - Tori made a motion that we add Charlene’s name to the report. All agreed. **Motion passed. Report was then signed by Co-Chairs, Tori and May.**

2. Music Dept - Every other year, CCI puts on a musical. If it goes over budget, the money comes from the music program. The deficit from last year's musical is \$10,600. The music program has enough to cover that deficit. Changes have been made to the music program this year in that proceeds from the music department activities (eg. parades, Musicfest, etc.) will come back to the school so that the funds in the music department will grow.

**Motion** - Laura motioned that the deficits in the SGF Musical account (approximately \$10,600) to be covered by the surplus in the SGF Music account (approximately \$10,820).

It is recognized that a further deficit exists related to the musical from 2015-16 of approximately \$2,200 which will be covered by funds raised in 2016-17 through events hosted by the Arts (specifically the music) department.

**Seconded** by Kim Bryan. **Motion passed.**

3. School Orientation from Parent Involvement Committee from SCDSB – will be held at the Education Centre in Midhurst on Sept. 20th at 6:00 pm.

**Action: Tori will send out a reminder email and offer to car pool.**

4. School Council Elections – Available positions were announced and people were invited to volunteer for them.

Council Co-Chairs - Tori Arrigo and May Yam agreed to continue in these positions

Co- Secretaries – Kim Bryan and Pegi O'Halloran

Parent Reps – Sarah Dennis, Julia Hannah, Kathy Wilton, Katherine Burns, Crystal Bell, Crystal Ingles, Debbie Bullock, Jason Barr, Laura Schywiola, Tori Arrigo, Pegi O'Halloran, May Yam

Meeting adjourned.

**Next Meeting Changed to: Wednesday, October 26th at 6:30 pm in Room 126**

