

CCI School Council Meeting Minutes February 19, 2019

Attendees: Daniela Schulze, Charlene Scime, Leigh Wills, Tracy Checkley, Emilie Reid, Tori Arrigo

Regrets: Laura Schywiola

Minutes of previous meeting (October) still require approval. **Action:** Tori Arrigo will circulate via email for approval.

Student Council Report

Student Council meets Thursdays, 15 people on Council good representation from all grades. Started a Group Chat and getting lots of participation and good suggestions. Want to hold more Spirit Days. Starting to promote "Green Spirit Day" on March 8 in recognition of the arrival of Spring. Using Posters and word of mouth to spread the word and engage Students.

Looking into contacting Therapeutic Paws of Canada a non-profit organization of volunteers that provide dogs for human needs. Students really enjoy having the dogs at school, find it calming. The idea was to have the dogs visit the school. Organization will accept a donation from the school towards their program.

Discussion underway with teacher-advisor to see about a movie buy-out to raise money for charity.

Teachers supervising the Breakfast program are organizing pancake breakfast at no charge to students on Shrove Tuesday March 5th and is looking to the Student Council for assistance cooking and serving.

Staff Report

Erin Brown is the SHSM (Special High Skills Major) Coordinator reported several upcoming events:

- Construction Building & Design Students will attend Ladder & Fire Training and Training at Heights this week.
- Health & Wellness Program - Collingwood General Marine Hospital is a sector partner focusing on a contextualized learning experience for students.
- Hospitality & Tourism- partnering with Georgian College. Students will participate in a Baking Lab and Campus Tour.

Kevin Bell (Science Dept.) has been promoting the bike to school campaign counting bicycle use and reported 4598 bikes in use for the first semester. Highest number of bikes was 146 in Sept. In the month of December, the average was 6.9 bikes per day in the bike racks. 3 new bike racks were purchased that accommodate different tires, the idea is to promote the biking to school for health reasons and to reduce the parking congestion.

Donna Thomson (CCI Business Dept.) is looking for Student Entrepreneurs who may be interested in participating in the "Make Your Pitch" Campaign through The Georgian Bay Small Business Enterprise Centre. Students could win \$3000 and a mentorship to start their own business.

Principal's Report

Friday February 15th report cards went home.

November 20th CCI held its Wise Owl Recognition event showcasing students who achieved honors 80% and higher.

November 22nd held the White Ribbon Campaign to end violence against women.

January 9th Grade 8 Open House Night was held. Very well attended but it was a long evening. Looking at ways to shorten the event while showcasing CCI's programs, clubs, teams and school. Suggested looking at producing a video of the class room tours.

CCI is hosting 13 International Students from Spain, Germany, Japan, Turkey and Vietnam second semester. 12 Students will stay for a full year. 2 Students on a rotary exchange from Austria and Switzerland.

Two new clubs started at CCI, the Clay Club, and Debate Club.

Received funding (\$8500) for Techno Math Programs Gr. 10 Construction, and Gr. 11 Tech. Design.

Received funding from Ministry for AEAC (Achieving Excellence in Applied Courses) focus on Gr. 9 Applied Math.

CCI received funding from 100 Women Who Care South Georgian Triangle to support a Back Pack Program similar to one running in Meaford where food and school supplies are given out to students in need on Fridays for over the weekend, back empty packs returned on Mondays. Partnered with the Hospitality Dept. and was able to provide homemade chili and humus with can goods collected from food drive organized by Youth In Action.

Helping Hands Program has been expanded to include breakfast, bagels, toast, fresh fruit, boiled eggs. 5 Teachers donate their time between 8:15 - 8:35 daily.

Sports teams continue to perform well. 3 teams made it to OFSAA so far: Swimming, Nordic and Alpine Skiing.

The playoffs start this week for basketball and hockey.

Todd Hammond and Students from the Hockey Course organized a full day of hockey on Jan. 16th "Hockey Night in Collingwood" included all the feeder schools and Jean Vanier, it was well attended.

CCI is holding an informational meeting on Feb. 26 for Parents/Guardians of students interested in going to the Huntsman Science Centre in New Brunswick; meeting on Feb. 28th for Parents/Guardians of students interested in the trip to Italy and Greece as part of the Canadian and World Studies Program.

CCI partnered with the Human Services Justice Co-ordination Committee on Feb. 19th hosting Joe Roberts from Skidrow to CEO. Joe taught how anyone anywhere could overcome perceived limitations and live their dreams.

Thursday Feb. 21st CCI is partnering with CGMH and hosting Dr. Anita Federici Clinical Psychologist who will speak about Managing Emotions at 7 pm.

CCI requested \$10,000 from the Ministry of Educations Physical Activity Grant to purchase 15-20 bicycles, helmets, locks and a storage shed. The bikes would be for class use and promote fitness. Waiting to hear if successful with funding.

School Council funding came through for the Pro Grant (\$860) money used to purchase pens, bags, literature, refreshments, photocopying for the event.

Principal Scime presented amendments to the fundraising plan, these were approved by the Council Chair.