

## CCI Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday May 21st 2019

6:30 pm Room 126

In Attendance: Tori Arrigo, Laura Schywiola, Kim Bryan, Tracy Checkley, Leigh Wills, Daniela Schulze, Charlene Scime

Note taker: Kim Bryan

### **1. Welcome –**

Meeting minutes Feb 2019 - Daniela and Tori approved.

Meeting minutes from April 2019. Tori to send Charlene Feb and April minutes for spelling corrections

### **2. Leigh Updates**

Recent student activities (eg. Easter) - many students got involved this year which was great to see.

A few weeks left: Student council election - raise awareness of elections by having “mock” vote. Student council running the end of year assembly. Excited to bring back a talent event.

Student Council (budget) supporting 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Owl’s cup for prizes, food. Owl’s cup event is like a “fun Olympics” - obstacle courses, etc.

Prom is Friday May 24th and being run by a Prom Committee.

### **3. Tracy Checkley**

French (Ms Carson)- DELF test - several students writing at A2 or B1 levels (for proficiency in French). CCI was a host site this year for the exam. Written portion was done here and then the oral test was done elsewhere. This is province wide to test for proficiency.

Kelly Nicoll – Volunteer Sandi Bonwick won an Community award at OSSTF Evening of Excellence for helping to organize the South Georgian Bay Career Expo.

Relay for Life May 31st. Hope is to raise 75K between CCI and Jean Vanier. They are looking for any support, volunteers. They had a drive through to raise money. Right now they have raised >\$25 000 so far. Charlene will be taped to a wall next week.

Todd Hammond. Jr Boys tied for first place in rugby. They were at Eastview and Barrie North.

Last Friday GSA (Nancy Sherwin). Day against Homo/Bi/Trans phobia. To draw attention to discrimination. Buttons handed out and announcements done to let students know about it. One piece of info shared: accused and victims are between 12 and 24 years of age.

Tracy brought and read a letter to School Council from the Teachers' Bargaining unit re: cuts to education. Some teachers sent letters to MPP, school trustee, etc to express concern re: cuts.

#### **4. Charlene updates**

Educators concerned about unknowns. Letter from Chairperson Jodi Lloyd to the Minister of Education. (Scan and add to minutes). Also article in Orillia Matters – Charlene shared highlights of impact to SCDSB. 23 teachers within the board were declared redundant and will lose their jobs. 28 were redundant and will be re-distributed. 19 teachers retiring and will not be replaced. We are in a growth position in SCDSB with 450 more students but will have less teachers. Est 252 fewer sections will run next year.

Smaller schools (300-400 students) will feel the pinch more.

CCI 1400 students – filling classes, some split sections (e.g. grade 11 and 12 tech class at the same time in same room). They will become more common as we go forward.

E-learning - we know some students do not do well with this format. Access to computers may be problematic - some have no computer or internet at home.

SHSM programs - we will sustain here at CCI (higher numbers) but smaller schools will be at risk.

Extra-curricular – teams and clubs, help at lunch hour. All happen thanks to the teachers who volunteer. They do this on their own time. With proposed changes and staff reductions, there will be fewer teachers available to coach or run extra curricular programs.

At CCI – smaller cohort of grade 9's as compared to previous two years. Six letters of redundancy were given out. Any teacher with one year or less seniority (CCI had one) will lose their contract position. Other teachers declared redundant - the board has a obligation to find a placement up to their seniority.

There are contract vacancies 3.83 available. 23 sections of contract so depending - we hope to bring several staff back.

We have until May 31st to provide feedback to Ministry of Education. Consultation individually or collectively to express our displeasure. Go to the website [www.hereforstudents.ca](http://www.hereforstudents.ca) to express on-line (this is the easiest way).

We resolve as a council to support the union in voicing concerns regarding government cuts to education. As Chair, Tori will send a letter to the Minister on behalf of Council. Each member plans to send individually as well.

Mental Health week was the first week of May (6-10th). One highlight was a smoothie bike here. Dairy/non-dairy and fruit purchased. Kids biked to make the blender function and make their own smoothies.

Sara Cunningham came to talk about missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls.

3% assemblies. Full school assemblies. Educated students on climate change. Put to them in terms of "what will you do". Also discussed the impact of artificial intelligence among other topics.

MADD assembly. This is an important, annual assembly.

Blood donor clinic. SHSM helped to organize a contingent from CCI. It was held at the Legion

Excellence in Education. At the Board. 3 students were awarded. From CCI : Sam McDonald, Ava Ferraro, Claire Thompson

Commencement planning is well underway

EQAO Math June 13th and 14th. Ministry test but part of the test also counts toward grade 9 math mark

Award night for music May 29th

Athletic banquet will be June 11th

Homework club: Tues and Thursday 3-4 pm Paid staff member who is there to help. English and Math focus.

Wallet Cards were ordered using the \$500. PRO grant in past paid and Charlene used the money for this year. One side specific to CCI, other side is info on where you can get help (QR code links to website with a lot more links on it).

First day of school Sept 3rd this year. Tuesday Sept 17<sup>th</sup> for 1st council meeting/elections. Parents will be informed of elections by the Principal through synervoice to go out on the first day so there is enough time for parents to be made aware of the election.

Charlene extended thanks to Tori Arrigo as Chair of School Council for several years. Also thanks to Kim for taking the minutes and Laura for keeping us nourished.

Tori passed along the School Council binder and some Ministry handouts to Charlene for next year's council.

Meeting Dates for 2019/20:

Sept 17th 2019

Oct 15th 2019

Nov 13th Event night

Feb 11th 2020

April 14th 2020

May 12th 2020

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting Tuesday Sept 17th 2019