

CCI Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2017

Attendance: Mila Garcia, Jodi Baldwin, Crystal Bell, Tina Kellett, Sara Langford, Sue Volpe, Laura Schywiola, Tori Arrigo, May Yam, Julia Hannon, Kathy Wilton, Kim Carey, Pegi O'Halloran, Charlene Scime

Welcome & Introductions

Past Minutes – Sara motioned to accept meeting minutes of Sept. 19, 2017. Sue seconded. **Motion passed.**

Student Report – student rep not present

Staff Report – Kim Carey

- Mme. Levesque reports that presentations from three companies offering student exchanges will be at the school soon: ISE (International Student Exchange), Yes Canada and CEEF (Canadian Education Exchange Foundation). Further information can be found on their websites.
- Ms. MacDougall reports that the students in the Writers' Club are participating in a story & poetry writing contest run by "Polar Bear Publishing Company". Contest ends Nov. 13th.
- Swim team started this week with record number on team – over 60 students showing interest
- Mr. Kevin Bell reports that junior boys soccer team finished season in 1st place, play-offs starting tomorrow. Senior team started play-offs this week
- Mr. Hoag reports that there are enough students (22) from both Art and Earth Space Science signed up for the April Iceland trip.
- Ms. Willemsen reports the group SANE (Students Advocating Nonviolence Everywhere) is organizing "Random Kindness Day" on Nov. 3 with a variety of activities including making buttons #CCIKindness
- Guidance reports that Nov. 1 is "Take Your Kids to Work Day". If any student does not have a job to experience, Blue Mountain has offered a variety of work experiences for that day.
- Ms. Carey will take students to the Ontario University Fair this week in Barrie at Nottawasaga Pines.
- Wise Owls Recognition Assembly is taking place on Nov. 21
- Parent-Teacher Interviews this Thursday evening – suggestion made for online booking of parent-teacher appointments. **Action – Charlene to look into information regarding software for this function.**
- Grad information night this Thursday night in the school library 6:30

Principal's Report – Charlene Scime

- Progress Reports were sent home with the students last week
- Black & Gold Day last week –with boys football outside & girls basketball inside
- Team Giv’r (Ryan Lachapelle & Kenneth MacAlpine) from Amazing Race Canada were at CCI last week to give motivational talk about character
- Technomath – Mr. Lehman and Mr. Czerny have applied for funding from the Ministry to offer a pilot project to a group of students in which applied math and construction are integrated to enhance learning.
- Canada 150 Project - CCI partnered with Town of Collingwood to construct a Canada 150 tile mural which will be unveiled this Thursday at 3:30 on the Waterfront Promenade
- CCI student, Leah Denbok, who has used her exceptional photography skills to increase awareness of homelessness, has partnered with Home Horizons. CCI construction students are building a shed for Home Horizons – for bike storage.
- C.C. Tatham & Associates Ltd. has partnered with CCI in a project to renovate one of the courtyards at the school. Mr. Jones is working with students throughout the process including design, permits and asking for community support. Students have already built two accessible picnic tables
- “Picture Yourself at CCI” day for current grade 8 students will be on Nov. 1
- CCI will be getting a portable in a couple of weeks due to high enrollment
- Blue house (uninhabitable) on corner of Hurontario and Campbell St. and bus garage have been demolished.
- Exchange trip between CCI and a school in Pond Inlet, Nunavut has been set up in which our students go there for one week, then a week after their return, students from Pond Inlet come here for a week.
- Budget for school year is \$223,000.00. Charlene will be meeting with dept. heads to decide distribution of the funds. If students are unable to afford school fees, they are to notify teacher/principal/VPs for financial assistance.
- Charlene followed up on action item from the previous month regarding announcements. A written version is now posted via a link on the school webpage for those students who missed them and for interested parents.

Update

- Annual School Council Administrative Priorities

Suggestion was made to incorporate a statement regarding safe and prompt transportation of students to school. After a discussion it was agreed to keep the document as written and not include the transportation statement since this is under the jurisdiction of Transportation Consortium. Contact info given to the parent to follow up with bussing concerns.

- Substance Abuse Talk – final preparation

Dr. Benjamin’s assistant has requested information regarding preference of length of talk, how scientific, any specific concerns, any specific drugs, any community partners invited After discussion the following was decided:

- Length of talk - 1 hour talk, 1/2 hour Q & A period, 1/2 hour for private questions
- Keep talk non-scientific
- Decided not to include community partners. Instead we will try to have pamphlets, resources available the night of the presentation.
- Would like the following to be covered:
 - info about cigarettes, alcohol, marijuana, fentanyl and edibles
 - signs & symptoms of substance abuse
 - prevention strategies
 - how to start a conversation if suspecting child is using
 - how to get help, harm reduction strategies
 - how to approach youth regarding the contradiction between its harm and legality

Action – Crystal will email these preferences to Tori and Tori will pass them along to Dr. Benjamin’s assistant

Action – Crystal will look into getting appropriate pamphlets

Action – Tori will bring any leftover pamphlets from orientation welcome kits.

Advertising – word of mouth more effective in the past than newspaper and radio, etc.

Action – Pegi and Tori to put up posters in Collingwood and Wasaga Beach

- What’s For Dinner – Oct. 26 from 6 to 8:30 – free interactive event held at CCI, but organized by a variety of community organizations - to raise awareness of hunger in our community.
- Facebook - Discussion regarding the creation of a council page or a CCI parent page in order to quickly spread news/info to parents including invitations to events. Decision was made not to proceed with this and to continue with existing methods of communicating school events (school webpage, tweets, synervice, school sign and word of mouth).

New Business

- “My Blueprint education planner” – informative inservice by Kim Carey, Guidance Counsellor
- Fundraising Plan – information regarding how the money that is collected from students is being spent. Includes money from fundraisers and other programs, but no team fees, no field trip fees. Signed by CCI Council Co-Chair May Yam.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2017 6:30 rm. 126