

School Council Meeting Minutes Sept. 19, 2017

Attendance

Tori Arrigo, May Yam, Pegi O'Halloran, Laura Schywiola, Tracy Checkley, Charlene Scime, Lori Crossan, Daniela Schulze, Crystal Bell, Jodi Baldwin, Sara Langford, Mila Garcia, Sue Volpe, Edward Baker, Emilee Dumont, Madelyn Goguen

Welcome & Introductions

Past Minutes – reviewed June 2017 minutes. Tori raised motion to accept the minutes. Laura seconded motion. **Motion passed.**

Student Rep Report – Emily Dumont (President) and Madelyn Goguen (Social Rep)

- Structure of student council is being determined, many ideas being discussed.
- Friday, Sept. 22 – “Orange Shirt Day” will represent Indigenous youth. Students will write their thoughts about the meaning of this day on a tracing of their hand – to be posted in the school
- Fri. Sept. 29 – “Comfy Day”

Staff Report – Mrs. Tracy Checkley

- 32 CCI business students will be interviewing local Collingwood entrepreneurs
- Youth in Action – Last year this group collected winter clothing for both Salvation Army and CCI. They also raised funds for First Nations mental health. This year they plan to raise money for Sick Kids and are considering other global and community initiatives. We Day is Sept. 28th in Toronto
- 3D Printer course for parents/students by Adam Pearce, tech design teacher - Oct. 4th 6 – 8pm. Sign up by email at apearce@scdsb.on.ca

Principal's Report – Charlene Scime

- Enrollment has increased this year warranting a third Vice Principal (Ed Baker)
- Progress Reports – Oct. 12
- Interview Night – Oct. 19 at 5:30 – 7:30, appointment sheets will be sent home
- Guidance info for graduating students & their parents: Oct. 19th 6:30 in library
- Spirit Day last Friday– students wore black & gold, good participation
- Grade 12 student, Leah Denbok, has upcoming display at Collingwood Public Library showcasing her photographic exhibit of homeless people and their stories. She would like to support Home Horizon, a local charity that helps homeless women, children and youth. Possible partnering with Youth and Action in support of this charity.
- April 10, 2018: OSSLT (Grade 10 Literacy Test) - successful completion is a requirement for high school graduation. Last year's test results to be released to the public tomorrow.
- Sept. 28 – Terry Fox Run – funds are collected, but primary focus is awareness
- Sept. 28th – Grade 9 Day

- Mental Health First Aid – gr. 11/12 students in Mr. McDonald’s Leadership course will spend 2 full days for certification. Focusing on peer-to peer support this year. Last year this course was open to parents.
- Looking into establishing a “Jack Chapter” with Jean Vanier High School. Jack.org is a project founded by the parents of a student who suffered from mental health issues and took his own life in university
- CCI website – moving away from paper based newsletters and more towards online, real time information.
- Parent Portal – if interested in setting this up, call office to get the number for this.

Updates

- Welcome Kits containing information for parents of grade 9 students were given out at Grade 9 Orientation Day. Good feedback. Remaining kits are in the school office and the guidance dept. School admin added label “For parents/guardians” so that it is clear that parents/guardians are free to take them. Tori thanked the Principal and school administration for their help in this initiative both in terms of guidance and financial support.
- Considering projects this year for which we can apply for the following grants:
PRO Grant – Parents Reaching Out - \$1000.00
Parent Engagement Grant from Ministry of Education \$500.00
- “What’s For Dinner” – meeting hosted by Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit on Oct. 26th 6:00 – 8:30 pm at CCI – open to public.
Purpose is to raise awareness of hunger in our community. There will be no food in order to emphasize issue of hunger. Politicians are invited, encouraging this to be an election issue. **Action** – Laura to obtain the electronic version of the flyer from Fiona Proctor, Public Health Nurse, and send it to Tori who will send it to the CCI Council members.
- Drop-in cooking lessons for teens - at Collingwood Public Library every Monday at 4pm (donated by Sobeys)
- School Announcements –discussed ways to improve communication of daily announcements since some parents mentioned that their children are not able to hear the announcements. Video announcement will be posted on school website. **Action** – Charlene to explore feasibility of posting written form of announcements on school website so it can be more quickly referenced by students and parents.

Elections of CCI School Council –

- **Positions available: Chair (or two co-chairs), secretary, parent reps**
No election needed for Chair and Secretary positions since no attendees expressed interest in taking on these roles.
- **Current Co- Chairs, May Yam and Tori Arrigo agreed to continue for the year.**
Current secretary, Pegi, agreed to continue for the year and Crystal volunteered to fill in as needed when Pegi is away.
- **Parent Reps: Daniela Schulze, Crystal Bell, Jodi Baldwin, Sara Langford, Lori Crossan, Laura Schywiola, Sue Volpe, Mila Garcia**

- **School Council Annual Administrative Priorities Report 2017/2018 –Action: Tori/May will send out via email the Priorities report to council members for review and approval. Will be submitted on Oct. 17, 2017.**
- **Summary of 2016/17 School Council Annual Report Action – Tori and May to complete and submit to Charlene by Sept. 29, 2017**
- **Reminder of CCI Council speaker event: “Substance Use, Abuse & Addiction in our Youth” on Nov. 15th here at CCI 7:00-9:00 pm. CCI Drama Room**
Speaker is Dr. Benjamin, child and adolescent psychiatrist.
Action: Tori will send out the flyer electronically to CCI Council members, asking them to tell other parents about this informative event.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting – Tuesday, Oct.17, 2017 at 6:30 PM in room 126

