

Central School Council Meeting Minutes: January 27, 2015

Present: Barbara Gibson; Cynthia Silversides; Emily Ens; Hailey M.; Holly Etherington; Jennifer Donato; Kathryn Litke, Kristie Kuiper; Kristin O'Connor; Laura Davidson; Lindsay Padgett; Mario Zeoli; Mehrnoosh Afnan; Melinda Cowan; Melisa Barnard; Nicolai Zydownyk; S. Totolo; Samantha Bell; Sandra Mercuri; Sue Rapin; Tania Mercuri

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION/ RESPONSIBILITY
Presentation	<p>Jeff Willis from Signature Signs presented his proposal to supply and install a new LED sign in front of the school to replace the current sign:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two options outlined in proposal. • Total bid price ranges: \$22,250.00 to \$26,645.00. • Existing concrete base and wiring will be used if possible. • Sign is two-sided and comes with a dedicated laptop for programming in order to avoid network issues (the only problem they have had with sign installation up to now). • Main material is aluminum, will not rust. • Electronic portion of the sign will be monochrome (red or amber and black, red shown on the proposal). • Design in alignment with DSBN branding. • Font size can be adjusted to completely fill the sign and can display animations or images. • Comes with a 5 year warranty. • Six weeks delivery time from date of order. • Payment due after installation and system training for staff. 	
Welcome & Chair Report	<p>Attendees were welcomed and asked to introduce themselves.</p> <p>It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda for the January 27, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.</p> <p>It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the November 25, 2014 meeting. Motion carried.</p> <p>Cynthia Silversides presented the Chair report.</p> <p>Lauren Pitkeathly has resigned from her role as Council Fundraising Co-Chair due to new work commitments. Bridget O'Shaughnessy will continue on as the Council Fundraising Chair.</p> <p>Potential council by-law changes and updates were discussed regarding meetings of the council and its committees which states that all shall be held in the evening at Central Public School. Sub-committee members would like to have off-site meetings. Updating the meetings by-laws would allow this and also for council to meet at other schools as was being planned last fall by the school for a joint "family of schools" meeting at Grimsby Secondary School.</p>	<p>Prepare a proposal to change by-laws for a motion to vote at the next council meeting. -Cynthia Silversides</p> <p>Forward Continuing Education course information to council and school when received. /Cynthia Silversides</p> <p>Forward CPF parent workshop information to the council and school when received. /Cynthia Silversides</p>

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<p>Welcome & Chair Report continued</p>	<p>There are current council officer positions and duties that need to be added to the by-laws, the FundScrip Chair and Lunch Chair positions created in 2014. Proposal introduced to add new council officer positions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Involvement Chair - Liaise with Parent Involvement Committee (PIC), keep list of of parent volunteers, organize opportunities for parents to be involved in school and council activities • French Outreach Chair - Liaise with Canadian Parents for French (CPF), organize opportunities for French language learning, practice, culture and community involvement • Intermediate Grades Chair - Liaise with Grimsby Secondary School (GSS), provide Central Public School support for Grades 7 and 8 year-end trips, Grade 8 graduation and transition to secondary school <p>It was also noted that one of the Chair duties according to the by-laws is to chair the by-laws committee of the council. It was suggested that a by-laws review be done annually at the end of the school year prior to the next school year beginning. Cynthia to review by-law and come up with a proposal for updating by-laws.</p> <p>Recent donations were received from the community from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M&M Meat Shops Grimsby, School Shop Day, December 2014 • Boston Pizza Grimsby, Earnback Box, month of December 2014. <p>Sue Rapin, Council Secretary, wrote and delivered thank you cards on behalf of the Central School Council.</p> <p>Continuing Education is in the process of setting up a French Conversational course in the Greater Grimsby area as a result of the interest garnered by the poll emailed out to Central Public School parents in January. A CPF workshop for parents is being planned for late March in the Niagara Falls area.</p>	
<p>Treasurer Report</p>	<p>Holly Etherington presented the Treasurer Report.</p> <p>Account balance as of January 26, 2015: \$16,190.14</p> <p>Cheques recently received by council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$91.08 - M&M Meat Shop's Grimsby • \$866.28 - FundScrip, December blitz combined with Pizza Pizza card orders through December to pay for pizza lunches • \$66.35 - Lunch Lady special holiday lunch in December 	<p>Summarize current commitments and present operating budget at February meeting. /Sue Rapin</p>

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Principal/Vice Principal Report	<p>Principal Zeoli and Vice Principal Donato presented their report.</p> <p>Next French culture day will be in February, the 12th (to leave the 13th open for Valentine’s Day activities) or morning of 13th (early release day). Lessons that week will lead up to a “carnival” event.</p> <p>Grade 8 graduation ceremony venue and date confirmed, Lakemount Church, Friday, June 19th, time to be determined. Church has ample seating (>900). No limit on amount of family members attending. “Grade 8 Graduation Awards” have been created and are expected to be a highlight.</p> <p>Central Awards Program for 2015 created includes the “Academic Program - Grades 1 - 7” awards expected to be handed out the week of June 10th. Details will be communicated to parents.</p> <p>School improvement plan is professional development for all teachers in Math, French or English subjects.</p> <p>Mid-year assessment was completed for Grade 3 and 6 students as practice for upcoming EQAO tests in May. Results are used by teachers to determine what areas to focus on. A math-related assessment will be completed during the last half of February.</p> <p>Grade 1 open house in January was well attended. 58 students are registered for the 2015-2016 school year. Central has 71 students in Grade 1 (four classes) for 2014-2015. Staffing will be based on February 2015 numbers. Students should be enrolled by the posted deadline to ensure a place for next year.</p>	

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Principal/Vice Principal Report continued	Kindergarten registration is February 6, 2015, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Central will continue to offer a Kindergarten English program into 2015-2016, but future offerings are undetermined.	
Student Report	<p>Hailey M. presented the Student report.</p> <p>Students have had a great response to the spring performance event, Shrek 2. However some students have concerns around missing sport practices due to Shrek rehearsals.</p> <p>Pita Days Grade 8 graduation fundraiser run by Mme Miller's Grade 8 class has been extended through February for three more days, held weekly on Mondays.</p> <p>An offer was provided by the Grade 8 students to help distribute frozen yogurt for the school's fundraiser to support the Shrek 2 event. This is a popular treat with the children and there are long lines for purchasing it.</p>	
Agenda Items/ Old Business	<p>Agenda Items/Old Business reviewed by Laura Davidson, Vice-Chair. Actions and responsibilities carried over from January meeting:</p> <p>Parent Resource Centre proposal report.</p> <p>Playground Equipment proposal report.</p> <p>CPF grant information.</p> <p>Annual playground inspection: Principal Zeoli advised it has not taken place yet for school year 2014-2015.</p> <p>School technology spending report.</p> <p>Recommended reading list of French books used by the school.</p> <p>Options for parents to make donations directly to Central School.</p>	<p>Present Parent Resource Centre proposal report. /Parent Resource Centre Committee</p> <p>Present Playground Equipment proposal report. /Playground Committee</p> <p>Present CPF grant information to Council. /Laura Davidson</p> <p>Provide annual playground inspection report to council after it takes place. /Principal Zeoli</p> <p>Present school technology spending report. /Principal Zeoli</p>

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New Business/ Round Table, Council Members	<p>Administration shared that the school needs iPad covers for 20 new iPads recently purchased and is exploring Otter boxes. Students are able to use them in the meantime, but the covers are needed to protect them. Estimated cost, \$2,000.00.</p> <p>Discussion on council plan for spending fundraising dollars and the actual amount of money available to support initiatives proposed. It was suggested that a vision with short and long term goals should be created and that no further proposals should be entertained for this school year. Although proposals will be considered for future funding.</p>	<p>Develop survey to determine what council is fundraising for in 2014-2015. -Sue Rapin</p> <p>Create plan and vision for 2014-2015 fundraising to present at the February Council meeting with Chair's input. -Sue Rapin</p>
Adjournment	<p>Meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm. Next Council meeting is on Tuesday, February 24, 2015, 6:30 p.m. at Central Public School. Minutes recorded by Sue Rapin, Council Secretary.</p>	