

Cedar Creek Public School Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 22, 2025 / 6:30pm School Library

Agenda Item	Facilitator/ presenter
Welcome/ Attendance Sheet/Name Tags/Introductions	Dina
New Business ● Chess options ○ Decision by teacher budget committee not to pursue the whole class lessons, but we are running a club and would like to purchase some sets and timers so we can still run our tournament with Ayr Public ○ We would like to purchase 254 sets (\$18.50 each) as well as 3 digital timer clocks (\$39.95 each) for a total of \$563.85. Would pta sponsor? ○ voted - all in favour ● Year-end BBQ/25th Anniversary Updates - May 8th Quilt, rain-date, silent auction, payment options, coyote ○ Rain date option isn't really feasible, going to look for covered options for BBQing, and then move things into the gym ○ Silent Auction: approved ■ Looking for donations for prizes ■ Possibly reach out to Here to There Market Events to get vendor suggestions? ○ Payment options: cash or cheque only? e-transfers? Looking into Square Reader, can pay through school day, etc. ○ Coyote - need an intermediate student or two to be the coyote for the BBQ ○ ● WRAPSC updates ○ Grants went in, going to follow up in March meeting to see what people got approved for/didn't - create a directory to create a network of ideas from other schools ○ Going to put together a sub committee as an advocate group to act as a liaison between parents and the	Vicki / Steph John

board. John and Angie will likely head this up, open to hearing ideas, suggestions, etc. ■ Noticing that all of the schools are looked at by the board as the same, when in reality they all have different needs and this committee would hopefully help to bridge that gap and better advocate for those differing needs. ○ Next meeting will include a discussion re: A.I. - questions parents have about what is being used, what could be used (range from spell check to chatgpt and beyond) kids are getting this technology and parents aren't aware of what's being used, how is it going to be monitored, etc.	
Old Business/Take-aways from last meeting ● PRO Grant application in progress: Presentation at Southwood March 20th related to problems with social media, screen overuse/addiction, determining when children are ready for social media/phones. ○ Figuring out when kids are ready for phones, how to navigate that conversation - presenter is dr. allison Young, she'll speak along with a panel of experts, can submit questions ahead of time, there will be refreshments and door prizes to encourage families to come ■ Geared to jr/sr kids and high school students ■ Application was submitted today, should hear back in Feb and we're sharing it with the other schools ■ Going to look into if the presentation can be shared online as well so it can have a greater reach ● Fundraiser for the Big Box of cards resulted in a pizza party for two classes who sold the most boxes. Mrs. Barbeau and Mme. Bender's class enjoyed pizza on Friday, January 9th. ○ Made \$1500, a lot of boxes sold. ● Nutrition Break Food Program - Thank You - Is it possible to include pizza on Wednesdays? - Only fruit in intermediate bins. ○ Has been going on since December - gets filled weekly and is being used. Learning as we go with who can have what. Went over a couple of times around the winter break - cleared out and donated and then re bought in the new year ○ Reminder that there are cold items like yogurt - these aren't	Dina

being eaten as much, wonder if people are forgetting that they're in the fridges ■ Parents asking if they can donate - absolutely, monetary is preferred (through WEFI), plastic utensils, etc. ■ Should do a school day message about the nutrition program ■ Any fruit that's getting a little old can possibly go to the cooking program (banana bread, applesauce) or classroom compost. ○ Pizza day has several leftover boxes - discussion about trying to identify kids who are hungry that could benefit from the extra slices (maybe a ticket system or a code on the PA system) ■ Concern about kids taking advantage ■ Concern about teachers being put in the situation of having to profile kids ■ Some teachers pay out of their own pocket for kids to have pizza - these are the kids who should get priority ■ Another idea would be for the pizza helpers be given some leftover slices ■ Sign up pizza lottery system open to all kids in the school for parents to sign up ● Add an additional note that if your kids need financial aid click here type thing and those kids will be kept at the top of the list, and then the rest of the kids will go to the lottery ● Make lottery a yearly list and you can join it whenever. ● Get a link to a google form added to the purchase page to add kids names to the list.	
Principal Report ● December Highlights ○ Parade, poster campaign, door decorating contest, staff festive/ugly sweater day, colour house PJ day, Holiday Assembly (minute to win it challenges, masked singer contest, Pie in the Face), ● January So Far: ○ French Immersion Info Night ○ Kindie Registration is Open ● School Learning and Improvement Plan) SLIP work - Teacher learning ○ Kindergarten, DECE and Junior teacher lead learners continue to receive PD ○ Literacy Instruction Support Consultant (Junior classes) end first week of Feb ○ Our Elementary reading resource teacher started jan 20, will be	Steph

here for 6 weeks

- Math
 - Math coach joined us at our staff meeting to demonstrate math fluency stations/games for Primary to Intermediate
- Universal Design for Learning Strategies
 - Continued lunch and learn sessions and time at staff meetings
 - Focusing on implementation and monitoring of strategies and their impact on student outcomes
 - Speech and Language Pathologist has come as well
- CREEK Core Values - Posters
 - Hope to see a decrease in the hands on behaviours at nutrition breaks
 - In November we got 500-600 votes, words were decided
 - Courageous, Respectful, Equitable, Empowering, Kind
 - Took a number of elements that were discussed and created the posters
 - Got a sneak peek at the posters - have posters in english and in french for the classrooms
 - About to send posters to the printer, there will be an assembly to launch them at with some student skits and student/staff challenges.
 - At this time there will be 5 months left at school, so each month will embody one of the values
 - The first chocolate medallions will be given at the assembly to the kids who helped with this
- Parking
 - School has been receiving feedback regarding the parking and drop off situation
 - Encouraging parents to call bylaw, the school doesn't have control over city streets
 - The parking lot itself is not school property, have been having discussions with Karen Winter at the township, recommend having parents reach out to the township
 - Kindie Kids are being let out 5 mins early
 - We are deemed a walking school, so the expectation of a huge parking lot is unrealistic
 - The staff of the school are not parking lot attendants, they can not be coming out to deal with parking disputes
- Upcoming Events
 - Jan-Apr - Grade 8 Leadership Clubs will be Running
 - Jan 23 - Cooking program begins (15 students)
 - Jan 28 - Cedar Creek Spelling Bee (grade 4 and up - parents welcome)
 - Jan 28 - Visit for Gr 8s from SSS staff on course selection
 - Jan 31 - colour house spirit day - Jersey or Hobbies Day
 - Jan 31 - Core Values Assembly - Poster Reveal
 - Feb 10 - Report Cards go home
 - Feb 17 - Family Day
 - Feb 18 - Carnival
 - Feb 21 - Grad Photo Retake day

○ May 22 - Kindie Night ● Strum Squad - Ukulele ○ 6 week program - first nutrition beginning after march break ○ \$115/student (includes rental of ukelele) \$100 if they have their own ○ 3 “scholarship spots” for every 10 spots ○ 12-30 students grade 1-6 ○ In TDSB and London Board right now, not yet in WRDSB ■ Thoughts? - we’ve done ukuleles and guitars in the past, it was a big hit, Student Council was positive about it	
Teacher Report/ Staff requests ○ Carnivale ■ Going to switch out hot chocolate and cookies, going to have a learning station to make maple syrup toffee sticks ● Will have to purchase syrups, sticks and pay the learning station (requesting \$500 from council) - Council Vote - Yes	Shannon Becker
Fundraising ● Another round of Spirit Wear ● Do we aim for another fundraiser in coming months or solely focus on the BBQ? A movie night? ○ Thoughts on doing an order so it’s ready for the BBQ - 25th anniversary, people might want to buy to wear to show their spirit ○ Clothes took 30 days last time, so we’ll need to close it around the time of the BBQ if we want to ensure it’s all here by end of school ● Discussed maybe doing a very basic pop up movie night - April 3rd, 6pm. ○ Would need volunteers, can reach out to the highschool students again as well ○ Figure out if we want to sell something	Cassidy
Q&A/ Items for next meeting ●	
Next Meeting WRAPSC February 4th @7:00 & Council Wednesday February 26th @ 6:30	

