

CRW School Council Minutes for December 2023

In Attendance:

Gurjit Sangha Durrani (V)	Ramit Raj (V)	Amanda Smith (V)
Amy Ramsay (V) - virtual	Jennifer Miller (V)	Melissa Weiler (V)
Mohan Chandrasekar (V) - regrets	Varun Nand Chahal (V)	Veena Joshi (V)
Sarah Marshall – virtual		
Ms. Maddock (Teacher rep)	Kelly Freitas (Principal)	Donna Thompson (Vice Principal)

(V)= voting member

Gurjit called the meeting to order.

1. Land Acknowledgement (Gurjit)

– Land acknowledgement

"Halton as we know it today is rich in history and modern traditions of many First Nations and the Métis. From the Anishinabe to the Attawandaron, the Haudenosaunee, and the Métis - these lands surrounding the Great Lakes are steeped in Indigenous history. As we gather today on these treaty lands, we have the responsibility to honour and respect the four directions, land, waters, plants, animals, ancestors that walked before us, and all the wonderful elements of creation that exist. We would like to acknowledge and thank the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation for sharing their traditional territory with us."

2. Welcome & Introductions (Gurjit)

– reviewed meeting norms

3. Approval of December 4th Agenda

– Put forth by Amanda, seconded by Melissa and approved by all

4. Approval of November 6, 2023 Minutes

- Put forth by Amanda, seconded by Melissa and approved by all

Guest Speakers – Student Senators – Anoushka and Nithilin

- They are the school student senators and attend monthly HDSB School Senator meetings and bring back info from senate.
- There are class student senators as well in grade 8 classes
- Initiatives they are interested in running include a toy drive to support the "Miracle on Main Toy drive", working with leadership council and Mr. Ferguson to have activities for black top recess,

holiday cards for seniors, holiday fundraiser at winter concert (e.g. popcorn)- considering using funds for SickKids or CRW music department.

- Concerns they've heard from students include black top recess (not considered to be fun) and issues of using the field (weather related concerns using the field). They are working with Mr. Ferguson to create and manage cooperative games during black top recess - they will gather data from other grades regarding black top recess and other concerns they may have.
- Asked School Council about any concerns we had – none raised

5. Reports:

5.1 Principal's Report – Principal Kelly Freitas/VP Donna Thompson

- See attached

5.2 Chair's Report (Gurjit & Ramit)

- Dates for next meetings – Jan 8, Feb 5, March 4, TBD - April 8 or 15, May 6, May 27 if needed
- School Council page on the CRW website will be updated with agendas, minutes of meetings (MOM) and also first names and roles of council members
- Super Council meeting was attended by Mohan (will get an update from him); Gurjit to circulate the slides from the meeting (ACTION ITEM); a document has been created for schools to share presenters they know of or have used for various topics

Ramit attended the Financial training (Ramit to circulate slides from the meeting (ACTION ITEM))

highlights:

- Fund raising activities guidelines
- fundraising plan to be submitted by OCT 31st (Ms. Freitas has done this)
- we can't use Gofundme, we can't send anything home with students for parents to buy
- be aware of Conflict of interest eg. small business
- We can buy from Approved vendor list- if we can't get it from them we can look outside. Surbhi can look to obtain from purchasing.
- Reward cards - No reward cards or points can be earned or used.
- Food trucks - no approved trucks on vendor list; we must ensure they follow approved guidelines on food preparation etc
- Sponsorship - we can secure sponsorship for events. No tax benefits for sponsors. Need to be wary of conflict of Interest- eg. Council members cannot promote their own business.
- Fundraising needs to be attached to goals monetary, strategy and otherwise.
- Please refer to sponsorship policy by board.

Ms. Freitas added that she learned that we can host craft fairs and "sell" tables so crafters pay to have a table to sell their items (e.g. \$75 per table)

5.3 Teacher's update (Ms. Maddock)

- did an informal teacher and student survey regarding Dance-a-thon
 - Student feedback: 10/10, super fun, best time of my life, music was amazing, glow stuff was awesome, well organized, they noted Professor Jamz helped direct them out post event
 - Glow products - better quality compared to past
 - Distribution - A few classes didn't get their glow stuff before their time started.
- Suggestions - Host cosmic store the day before and leave with teacher, while also selling on day of event; Potentially pre-sale to kindergarten and grade 1.

5.4 Treasurer's Report (Ramit)

- Balance of \$8,496 in account
- received \$255 from School spirit wear fall sales and \$12.48 from summer Woodward meats sales into our SC fund; donation of \$590 towards Angel Fund;

6. Follow-up on items from last meeting:

6.1 Spirit wear/grad wear

- Spirit wear was delivered and distributed
- Grad wear has been ordered; getting student signatures for the hoodies

6.2 Raised garden beds (Melissa)

- Melissa expressed interest in having raised garden beds for kindergarten pens
- Ms. Gilchrist interested in applying for a grant to support this

7. Events: (Jen)

7.1 Dance-a-thon - Dec 1

- very successful overall
- used carts to take cosmic store to the classes which was good but a bit chaotic at times;
- Thank you to the volunteers who made this day successful
- raised \$7,000+

7.2 Funfair

- discussed potential dates – decided on June 13, raindate June 20
- Jen will start to look into potential vendors – e.g. inflatables company with rain refund policy (as inflatables can no longer be setup indoors in case of rain as per HDSB policy)
- will also look into the possibility of sponsorship

8. Fundraising Update (Amanda)

We indicated that we would use funds raised by Dance-a-thon for literacy kits, athletics uniforms and chromebooks; thus we cannot use these funds towards fun fair (we needed to explicitly state this). Also we have raised enough with this fundraiser for the literacy kits and uniforms, so Ms. Freitas will adjust our fundraising plan and resubmit it to indicate the following (**ACTION ITEM**):

Lunch box program – funds will go towards chrome books and Fun Fair

Krispy Kreme donuts – funds will go towards chrome books and Fun Fair

Big Box cards – funds will go towards chrome books and Fun Fair

8.1 Mabel's Labels – ongoing fundraiser

8.2 Lunchbox update – going well; have a group of volunteers who come in each Tues/Thurs to check the orders and help with distribution; raise approx \$500 per month;

9. New business -

9.1PIC update – deferred as Mohan wasn't able to attend the meeting;

10. Adjournment

Appendix – Prior Actions and Motion Records

CAPTAIN R. WILSON COUNCIL MOTIONS AND ACTIONS 2023-2024	Put Forth By:	Seconded By:	Voted
NOV: Approval of November Agenda	Amy	Jen	All in favour
NOV: Approval of October 2023 minutes	Amy	Jen	All in favour
OCT: Approval of October Agenda	Gurjit	Melissa	All in favour
OCT: Approval of May 31, 2023 minutes	Gurjit	Melissa	All in favour
OCT: Approval to separate fundraising position from events position	Gurjit	Amanda	All in favour