

CR Marchant School Council Meeting
Dec 7th, 2022
Meeting Minutes

Guest Chair: Julie Bison (JB)
Treasurer: Valerie Groves (VG)
Secretary: Damon Groves (DG)

Location: CR Marchant Library
Time: 6:30

Present: Principal Kristine Sitwell (KS), Vice-Principal Malanie Malhotra-Kang (MM), Julie Bisson (JB), Valerie Groves (VG), Maria Russell (MR), Mahalia Thorpe (MT), Charmaine Miller (CM), Norma Reid (NR), Mimi Kabongo (MK), Damon Groves (DG), Sheldon Hood (SH), Jennifer Palermo (JP), Lana Hazel (LH), Ms. Maisy (via Zoom), Pierre Levy (via Zoom)

Minute Taker: Damon Groves

Agenda Item	Decision/ Action Taken	Actions/ Responsibilities
<i>Welcome, Introductions and Land Acknowledgement</i>	KS recites Land Acknowledgment	
<i>Review and approval of Oct., 2022 minutes</i>	JB makes motion to accept October minutes. VG seconds. Motion passed	
<i>Community Representative- Sheldon Hood Toronto Public Library, Weston Branch 2 King St, M9N 1K9 (416) 394-1016</i>	- Upcoming programming a little lean for month of December - Looking into creating an Escape Room for Weston Library HUB - We had 900 visitors for HUB last month, which is great turnout - Usually have 20-30 kids at a time in the HUB - MK- How busy does it get? My daughter wants to go, but I'm concerned about crowds. SH- my number one concern is safety. It takes a lot of energy to watch	- Sheldon to email Weston Branch calendar to school

	teens. We've not had too many issues outside of cleaning up some messes. MR- I consider HUB to be safe, but I experienced a situation where some teens gathered and were very noisy. SH- yes- we are addressing that. We've had to come down on certain teens. - JB- is the library being renovated? SH- this has been in the works for two years. Hopefully we can make an announcement in the new year regarding the reno	
<i>Chair Report (JB for KR)</i>	● By Laws- MR sent out to parents and back to council. By laws are ready to go. Think need to vote on draft. A lot of work went into by laws focusing on what we felt was appropriate for school community. Wasn't a lot to change. ● By-Law Vote: Majority of voting members voted to approve by-laws. By-Laws Approved ● SSN (school statement of needs)- This was also circulated to parent community. We received no feedback. We made minor edits from last year. KS please submit tomorrow, it can go straight from Council straight to Superintendent . MR- I will do that!!	
<i>Treasurer Report (VG)</i>	● Financial plan is due Dec. 31st. This is our meeting to agree and vote on this. ● KS- Dec. 20th Art Showcase- can we have hot chocolate then? VG- Is \$300 enough? JB- I think so yes.	

	• Now we have \$962 remaining in budget. Need to know where to spend this. Extracurricular, buses, in school presentations? • MR- can we subsidise field trips? In-school presentations? KS- most presentations are free. Scientist in Schools? KS- this is pricey but model-school funding covers this. MT- is the student council body able to opine on what they want? NM- I will ask my student council. JB- dance? NM- you better believe it!! • NM- two major assemblies could use some financial assistance. One is the Asian Heritage Assembly and the other is Black History Assembly. We use props and costumes. Perhaps \$200 for each? VG- I think that's great- we'd be happy to. We can use the remaining \$500 plus for grad • Fundraising ideas: pizza lunch, other type of lunch. \$750 budgeted to fundraising. \$500 now for grad ceremony. KS- I love idea of movie night- more on that. JB- they're always popular, and free to attend. We make some money selling concessions (popcorn, candy, etc.) Lana- There's a fundraiser for students to create an art piece in a frame that parents can buy. JB- Budding Artist is similar and TDSB approved. • Spring Fling- can try to pencil-in a date soon. Not so much a fundraiser-	
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	would be great to break even. Perhaps a basketball game? VG- I call a vote for up to approve financial plan - all members in favour. Action Carried.	
<i>Principal's Report (KS)</i>	● We've had a lot of field trips lately: Raptors 905 game. Tons of students were entering stadium at same time and there were some delays due to ticket/tech issues ● Recently had Grad meeting with staff ● Group of students performed yesterday for assembly ● We also have basketball and volleyball tournaments this week! ● We have purchased lunchtime activities, now look for storage bins ● Vibe Arts- working with grade 6 students ● ACF License: a streaming license so we can watch certain films (in class but also movie night) as opposed to purchasing license for each film individually. Cost is \$1.40 per student ● School Improvement Plan. We are collecting data and have two main foci: - #1 Joy, engagement and belonging - #2 Eliminating disproportionate outcomes for students ● EQAO- 80 percent of students are at level with Language. However, students can opt for computers to read text for them, and spell check is universal. Is this good data?	

	● Math- how do we get them to DO the work when they don't need to in EQAO? LH- are there not textbooks? KS- No. Teachers say students shut down, do not engage with textbooks. Instead teachers tailor assignments to students. ● JB- how did EQAO compare to report cards? KS- We don't know yet, but we have the data. The better question is, does EQAO reflect you as a student? No. It is only a snapshot ● MK- great to hear you're customizing with teachers and students. Don't really spend time focusing on EQAO. ● KS- we are always looking to modify lessons to reach all students. MK- when teachers have support, they can do this properly. <u>Budget</u>- not too different than last year. Funds for new furniture/desks. Also special events/ guest speakers. Library staff is based on number of students. We received almost 20k for model schools.	
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<i>Community Support Worker (CSW) Report (JP)</i>	● School Innovation Grant (formerly PRO grant). Several schools in area are submitting plan together (HJ, Pelmo, Weston Memorial). Each school's contribution is \$1,500. HJ parent is drafting application. Four admin have to OK it before it's submitted. Topic this year is food sovereignty. Talking points include food budgeting, couponing, how to stretch a dollar. Rising food costs, what kinds of foods are a better value. And of course healthy eating. There is another session on gardening/growing your own food.	-
<i>Roundtable Discussion</i>	● <u>Pizza Lunch</u>- Need parent volunteers, but can have students assist as well. KS- will be great to get cash online going. Must use cash online, can not accept cash in person. Hopefully we will have this running end of January. NM- I worry about accessibility to cash online. Some students are not digitally literate- some may be left behind. KS- can student council take orders or cash from certain students? MT- I agree with NM, there's a demographic that can't or won't do it. VG- perhaps we send note including "if questions, please contact...". KS- great idea, but right now there's nobody to contact. We are down a secretary and I don't want to burden teachers with this responsibility. NM- I will take on that responsibility. JB-	-

	we could say everything is cash online- IF NEEDED- speak to Ms. Reid. KS- We will wait until February. Tentative Pizza Day Lunch: Feb. 14th, Valentine's Day. • Tentative Date for Movie Night- Thursday, Feb. 23rd. • JB- A parent ask me about other schools participate in Skate Night. We will have to wait until next meeting to talk about it. It is \$250 for a permit. KS- can you rent skates? JB- yes Downsview has skate rentals. Lana- could we do this as a field trip. KS- Good idea, but I'd prefer as family event. Middle schoolers refuse to wear helmets! VG motions to end meeting, DG seconds. Meeting ends at 7:35pm	
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