CR Marchant School Council Meeting
November 6th, 2024
Meeting Minutes

Co-Chairs: Julie Bisson (JB), Courtney Ricci (CR)
Treasurer: Valerie Groves (VG)
Secretary: Damon Groves (DG)

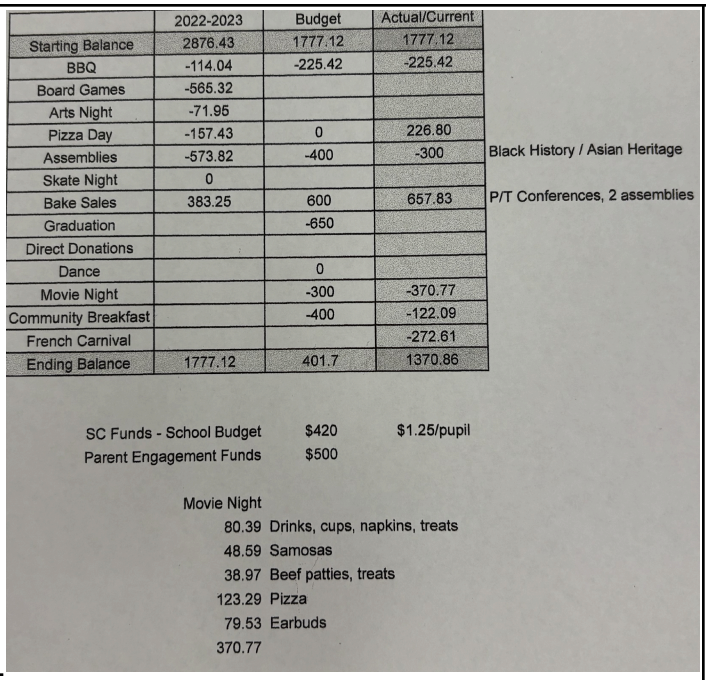
Location: Hybrid meeting- CR library and Microsoft Teams
Time: 6:30-7:30

Present: Principal Kristine Sitwell (KS), Courtney Ricci (CR), Julie Bisson (JB), Valerie Groves (VG), Damon Groves (DG), Tania Ahmad (TA), Ms. Arruda (MA), Sue Ben-Brahim (SB), Members of CR Student Council, over Microsoft Teams: Maisy (M), Melissa McEnroe (MM), Ms. Reid (NM), Mahaliah Thorpe (MT), Tianna Williams (TW)

Agenda Item	Decision/ Action Taken	Actions/ Responsibilities
Welcome, Introductions and Land Acknowledge-ment	CR provides a warm welcome. Members of CR's student council recite land acknowledgment	
Review and approval of Sept, 2024 minutes	**CR motions to pass minutes from Sept. VG seconds, motion passed**	-
Community Representative – Michelle	• Youth Hub: Weston Library provides afterschool activities for ages 13-18. Includes a snack program, tutoring, gaming, a collaboration with Planned	-

Vasconcelos- Toronto Public Library, Weston Branch	Parenthood. KS- please send a digital copy of your calendar and I will distribute to school community. ● What outreach programs would you like to see from TPL? CR- maybe how to navigate library online? MA- we love taking the grade 6s and grade 8s there with the goal that everyone gets a library card	
Principal's Report (KS)	● "Checks Over Strikes": Financial literacy book written by a CR grad. Authors are coming to CR to work with grade 8 students on Nov. 20th. Each class spends half-day with them. Topics include credit, interest, income, loans…I'd like to bring grade 8 parents with students. **NOV 27th is confirmed for financial literacy event "Checks over Strikes"** ● Code of Conduct: Staff is updating code of conduct for this year. TA- anything about vaping? I've heard it's an issue. KS- other school have absolutely addressed this, but it's not a big issue here. SB- foul language? KS- yes that's addressed here. ● School Improvement Plan: TDSB has mandated certain goals. CR staff have modified goals from last year. Main focus this year is improvements in math and language. Also trying to stress the importance of EQAO upon the students. TDSB foci this year are: Equity, Truth and Reconciliation, Belonging, Achieve, Thrive, Revitalize.	
Chair Report (CR, JB)	● Curriculum Night Recap: Another success, but could have been marketed/communicated better. JB- it was early in the year, which is tricky for some families. Would be nice to see some more students/families. Food is always a great way to get people to come. Pizza and Samosas were a good idea, as opposed to BBQ. More expensive, but much less work. ● Innovation Grant: (formerly know as PRO grant) CR has the chance to receive $1,500 to use for the following topics: - Civil Discourse - Food Sovereignty (which we did 2 years ago) - Human Rights - Health and Wellbeing	- Council to research other schools and come up with ideas for math-based parent engagement night - Council to meet and plan for parent

	- AI - Early Literacy and Numeracy The hope is get as much parent/guardian involvement as possible. TDSB mandates that these grants are lottery only, so last year we did not receive the grant. Due date is Dec 1st. Must use TDSB approved vendors. ● <u>Parent Engagement</u>: School council is looking to host an event with a TDSB approved vendor in the winter. MA- Eid is Feb 28th to March 29th, so can't be then. CR- from the Trustees Newsletter, looking for TDSB math achievement plan. Bingo Math? MA- there is the Learning Tree in Burlington. CR- we should look at other schools to find ideas. ● <u>Grade 8 Grad Trip</u>: CR- need to get planning now. Members of the student council: we would love to go back to Monocliffs. And also Mandarin. MA- grade 8 Monocliff trip last year was by chance due to a cancellation. KS- Monocliffs would be hard to get for grade 8s. CR- Camp Olympia is another option. NR- I don't like the idea of Monocliffs because it's better suited for grade 6s. CR- members of student council should come up with other ideas and get feedback from other students	engagement night
Treasurer Report (VG)	● Below is our financials from last year and our budget for the year. We are starting with less than last year. ● NR- I would like to keep paying the choreographer for the assemblies if we can. ● VG- so far, we've only spent about $330 on curriculum night. We will be finalizing our budget soon. CR- we need food/refreshments for two school assemblies (Asian Heritage and Black History)	

	 	
Roundtable Discussion	• TA- I missed Curriculum Night because I was not getting any emails. I didn't realize that the school messenger app was not JUST getting email. MA- I use it all the time, it's very helpful. JB- council now has the capability to send emails directly to school community, as opposed to asking KS to do it for us. • From members of student council: Some students make jokes towards other students that are insulting. What can be done? KS- CR doesn't have guidance councillor at the moment, that is part of Mr. Lindsay's role. **CR motions to end meeting, DG seconds.** **Meeting ends at 7:42pm**	