

CR Marchant School Council Meeting
Sept 27th, 2023
Meeting Minutes

Chair: Keith Russell (KR)
Treasurer: Valerie Groves (VG)
Secretary: Damon Groves (DG)

Location: CR Marchant Library
Time: 6:30

Present: Principal Kristine Sitwell (KS), Vice-Principal Bakari Lindsay (BL), Keith Russell (KR), Julie Bisson (JB), Valerie Groves (VG), Maria Russell (MR), Damon Groves (DG), Courtney Ricci (CR), Rocco Ricci (RR), Maisy Thompson (MT), Despina Kapetanos (DK), Cindy Wongsuna (CW), Lana Hazel (LH) Barbara Hazel (BH), Moaheb Taha (MTa), Charmaine Miller (CM), Pierre Levy (PL).

Agenda Item	Decision/ Action Taken	Actions/ Responsibilities
<i>Welcome and Introductions and Land Acknowledgement</i>	KR provides a warm welcome. BL makes land acknowledgement	
<i>Review and approval of June 2023 minutes and Closure of 2022-2023 year</i>	MR makes motion to approve minutes. KR seconds. Motion Passed. 2022-2023 school year officially closed	-
<i>Election of 2023-2024 voting members and executives</i>	KS- The following people have been nominated as council members: - Keith Russell - Maria Russell - Valerie Groves	-

	- Damon Groves KS- we can have up to 7 voting members on council. Is anyone here willing to be a voting member? The following have volunteered as voting members: - Despina Kapetanos - Lana Hazel - Courtney Ricci KS- thank you to our seven members! The following members are acclaimed for executive positions: Keith Russell – Co-Chair Courtney Ricci – Co-Chair Valerie Groves – Treasurer Damon Groves - Secretary	
<i>Principal's Report (KS)</i>	● <u>Staff Representative</u>: Ms. Reid will again be our staff representative- thank you Ms. Reid ● <u>Grade 8 Reorganization</u>: Currently 4 grade 8 classes sitting at average of 33 students. We will add a 5th grade 8 class to bring average down to 24-26. New teacher will be Rosalie Allen. ● <u>Field Trips</u>: Grade 6s will visit the Zoo. Grade 7s will visit Outdoor Education Centre. Grade 8s are in middle of re-org so we will announce field trip soon. ● <u>X Movement</u>: Has already been happening this week. It's been great to community and team building as well as fitness. Each grade has a different theme. BH- Grade 8s theme is Planets, Places, People, Pollution. BL- We	- KR and council to draft SSON and distribute to school community

	are also looking to encourage more student voices and debate amongst houses. ● <u>Other Extracurriculars</u>: Cross Country has started. Students are training in the mornings at the high school track ● <u>Career Skills</u>: Looking to get grade 8s to attend a November career skills convention. Dealing with trades and other in-demand occupations	
<i>Chair Report (KR)</i>	● <u>School Statement of Needs (SSON)</u> – Last year’s council completed these, and we will not change much, just add a few minor items. It is responsibility of the Chair with help from voting members. MR- last year it was circulated through school community. It took awhile because of school messenger. JB- school messenger is working. KS- you can also send it to me and I will distribute ● <u>Bullying Prevention Plan</u> – KS - this was finished last Spring, so we will not modify, but send out to school community ● <u>By-Laws</u> – This should also be very similar to last year’s by-laws. MR- I don’t think there’s much room to change anything anyway ● <u>Future Council Sponsored Activities</u>: - <u>Movie Night</u>: BL – We should have this in the winter months - <u>Skate Night</u>: KR- we will prioritize this earlier this year ● <u>Future Council Meeting Dates</u> – KS- first Wednesday of each month is convenient for Ms. Lindsay and I because our staff is here. We could do in-person, virtual, or hybrid. JB- we can still have meeting with the voting members outside of actual council meetings. VG- the timing for budget might dictate the next meeting <u>Next council meeting: Nov. 1st 6:30pm</u>	- KR and CR to finalize and distribute SSON. - Complete and circulate by-laws -

	Tentative council meetings: Dec. TBD (will be held in AM in conjunction with Pancake Breakfast, Feb 7th , Apr. 3rd , May/June TBD	
<i>Treasurer Report</i>	● TREASURER REPORT IS DEFFERED UNTIL NEXT MEETING (Nov. 1st)	
<i>Round Table</i>	● KR- Last year there were behavioural issues with students. Is there another contract students need to sign? KS- We have the TDSB code of conduct, which will be reviewed with students by teachers. KR- Was that there last year? KS- Yes, but we are prioritizing this now, trying to get ahead of potential situations. We are setting expectations higher. BL- Right now we're trying to attack this proactively, including the code of conduct and activities focused on students taking ownership of what happens at school. Would like to get another community meeting soon as well. Something cultural with an emphasis on social media issues ● VG- Any issues with students being late? KS- Yes, we still have students show up late. We've even had Uber Eats deliver lunch! If any lunch is delivered to a student, they must eat it in the office ● DK- We did a collaboration last year with area schools (focusing on Food Sovereignty). Can we do something like that again? KS- that would mean applying for another grant. JB- it was a great collab. VG- we should absolutely look up the grant again ● MR- Pizza Days again this year? Pizza Nova also has a program. DG – I will look into different options ● KR- We love having this school community. If anyone here knows other who might be	

	willing to help or attend meetings, please spread the word. RR- is there a way we can get the students to advertise for council meetings? CW – The reason why I joined was because of the behaviour issues last year. I want my son’s last year to be great and I’m here to help! DK – why not have a cultural fair where students can showcase their different cultures? You could have a passport that gets stamped each time you visit a different culture. KS – Why not a bring your parent to school day? This could also tie in to pancake breakfast and even a council meeting? Why not have Dec. 6th council meeting in the morning after the pancake breakfast? NOTE: Dec 6th date has since been changed to TBD. KR – pancakes should be available during the breakfast, but syrup is only available during the council meeting afterwards • MR – Shall I reach out to TPL, Weston branch for a representative? KS- That’s great thanks. Jane Street Hub is another great idea DG motions to end meeting. LH seconds. Meeting ends at 7:46	
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