

CR Marchant School Council Meeting
June 7, 2023
Meeting Minutes

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

Location: Over Zoom
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), Ms Reid. (NR), Damon Groves (DG), Courtney Ricci (CR), Mahaliah Thorpe (MT), Mr. Levy (ML), Maisy Thompson (MT).

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 May 2023 minutes</i>	MR makes motion to approve minutes. VG seconds Motion Passed	-
<i>Principal's Report (KS)</i>	• Student Behaviour: Since our last meeting, we've seen improvements in student behaviour, especially grade 7s. This is thanks in part to the student contract, which we had to pull, and of course our staff. CR- why did you have to pull the contract? KS- for many reasons, but it had already made a difference. KR- we talked about the	

	possibility of starting next year with a contract. KS- yes, but it is already in the TDSB Cod of Conduct. We can suspend students from extra curriculars, as an example. We still need to get help from parents. We need more parent volunteers for field trips, as well!! Unfortunately, we don't have the staff within the building to assist with field trips ● Future School Events: - School Dance: June 16th (afternoon) Will have dance in gym and a game room as well. Will charge \$1 or \$2 for entrance. Snacks provided. Hired a DJ for \$700. VG- we have \$500 set aside for that, we will help - Asian Heritage Assembly : June 21st - Grade 8 Graduation: June 27th ● Bullying Intervention Plan: We've made some edits. CR- I have my kids sign the code of conduct every year. Do other parents have them sign it? KS- one important item is students have to meet the criteria in order to join/stay in extracurriculars. BL- this also ties in to concrete actions about getting parents involved with these commitments. KR- great idea to remind parents in Sept when they are more likely to be engaged	
<i>Chair Report (KR)</i>	● Food Sovereignty turnout was great! Thanks to Maria and Val for doing an amazing job. MR- We didn't have many seedlings at the time, but now we have about a dozen, including watermelon, cucumber, and squash. If anyone wants some, please contact me! CR- I do! The gentleman who did the presentation was amazing. ● Would love to discuss ideas and events for next year. ● Curriculum Night: do we have a date for the Fall? KS- not yet, will come soon after school starts ● Pizza Day- I think we have the experience and confidence to continue this next year ● Skate Night- We will work on this for next year as well ● VG- I still like the idea of a community breakfast. Seems like a great way to get parents involved. KR- Pancake breakfast is always popular ● KS- LD and I are working on parent workshops. Many parents have been in touch with us regarding student behaviour	

<i>Treasurer Report</i>	• Current Balance is \$2,300. • Spending \$500 on DJ for Dance. KS- The DJ is expensive! • We still have \$1.25 per student, total of \$431 to use for council budget • Parent Engagement funds of \$500. We do have some receipts for meeting costs, refreshments for assemblies (like upcoming Asian Heritage Assembly) NR- can we reimburse Mr. Lindsay for umbrellas he purchased for Black History Assembly? And also an honorarium for the choreographer? VG- yes- that did come up in a previous meeting. Is \$200 ok? KS- some students are looking to create a French Carnival in June. Could we have some funds for their booths? I'll ask Ms. Dacres about it. • KR- Skate Night payments were refunded	
<i>Round Table</i>	• JB- Would love to plan a fun night at CR next year. Something like a small fair or art showcase. I'm thinking parents would show up to see their kids' work. Perhaps a STEM or science night? CR- I think behaviour should dictate this. JB- we would need to get the ball rolling early next year. • KS- We took the grade 8s to Weston CI and they seemed a bit overwhelmed. We found the pool during the tour, and I'd like to try and negotiate a deal with pool access for our students so swimming is part of phys ed. • MR- this year seemed so much better for extra curriculums in terms of variety and availability. Thanks to staff! KS- I love our staff they are amazing! • KR- well that's a great way to end the last meeting of the year!! Thanks to everyone for their involvement. Looking forward to next year. JB asks for motion to end meeting. MR motions, DG seconds. Meeting ends at 7:30	

