

CALEDON EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 11TH, 2017

6:15PM

IN ATTENDANCE

Natalie Winter, Natalie Fabro, Elizabeth England, Ryan Bince, Russ Smith, Heather Langlands-Smith, Robyn Beck, Lindsay Sutcliffe, Stephanie Hurley, Rebecca Johnson, Sue Hesjedahl, Sandra Peche

Regrets: Adam and Karen Martin-Robbins, Judy Black, Indu Nandivada

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Ryan welcomes everyone to the meeting and calls order at 6:15pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 10TH, 2016

Ryan motions to approve the agenda.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Happy New Year to everyone and welcome! There is a lot of exciting work to do here tonight so I will try to keep the Principal's report informative and brief.

November and December have been very productive months for the school and School Council. I was overwhelmed by the generosity of our families and the outstanding organization of the Craft Fair in November. The amount of money raised was phenomenal and the entire fundraising committee, Mary and Karen, Judy with the poinsettias and all the School Council support was heartwarming. It was a wonderful community event and brought many people in Caledon East together. The Caledon Enterprise ran a great back photo article highlighting your accomplishments. On behalf of staff, our sincere thanks for your efforts!

To update you on current growth within our school, we have a few students who have left Caledon East but we have received 7 since the holidays increasing our number to 270. 255 was our starting number in September.

As you know, we have worked very hard to fill all Long Term Occasional vacancies to ensure the best programming possible. This includes the external hiring of our French L.T.O. – Madame Laroque. We are pleased to have her continue the French program at Caledon East.

As per our School Council meeting in the fall, we now have a school newsletter that was sent out via Synervoice on Monday. We hope that the newsletter will help inform families of the events at school and promote the good work happening. On Monday, I also sent the letter to the community to inform everyone about the winter skating trips and also the ski discounts available to families in January and February. We also look forward to having a Carnaval outdoor activity afternoon in February and performers coming to sing songs to celebrate Carnaval, la St-Valentin, le printemps with French North American music, songs,

We are working with our Instructional Technology resource teacher to learn more about integrating technology into learning, including working with tools for the Maker Space and with students on Google Docs. In our Climate work, Climate Surveys are complete and working with parent representatives, student reps. and community representatives. Plans will be determined by feedback from all groups. We are working with our Instructional Coach on our Numeracy Goal and hope to engage parents in supporting our School Success Goals through the creating of our School Action Goal this evening. This goal will be an important part of our work together and your input is important to its creation.

I would encourage you all to read and to subscribe to our Website as the information is released. I would also encourage you to keep informed and to remember that the relationships we build with our children's teachers can be some of the most important ones. Thank you for your continued support and encouragement of our students, staff and each other.

ACTION PLAN

- **Goal: to meet needs of helping parents supporting their children and student success and achievement**
- To generate a goal and plan that parents would like to see occur throughout the rest of the school year and into the next school year
- Survey will be sent out to families to see what information evenings would best meet their needs and results reviewed in February, Council generated ideas for the survey
- Parents would like to be more involved as partners in learning in numeracy and are seeking ways to become more involved and receive information to assist their children's learning

OTHER BUSINESS

- Grade 8 graduation, Mrs. England will speak to staff regarding graduation, item will be on future agenda
- School Fundraising Purchases: unanimous approval for Total Requests of \$15,680 including technology purchases, gym purchases, student leadership, student presentations, Library purchases, literacy and numeracy supports)
- Future Requests on Wish List will be looked at later date, in light of remaining money
- In future, all fundraising goals need to be set first before fundraising occurs
- Principal Profile (review/update of 2016 principal profile) completed