

CAWTHRA PARK SECONDARY SCHOOL (CPSS) SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

DATE: Monday, October 22, 2018
TIME: 7:00 – 8:45 PM
LOCATION: CPSS Library

ATTENDEES: Yvonne Everard-Parr (Co-Chair), Kim Doherty (Co-Chair), Anju Dhawan (Secretary), Allison Waugh-Sunico (PR), Ana Freitas, Anne Roe, Heidi Amponsem (PR), Jane Singh, Jennifer Ling, Lily Wilson, Noel Hooper (PR), Sandra Halford (PR), Sarka Kubelikova (Teacher), Terry Whitmell (Principal), Tina Burden,
REGRETS: Lesley Wilton (PR), Leslie Buckle (PR), Nicole Vosper

1.0 **Welcome and Introductions – Yvonne**

Discussion:

- Welcome to the members in attendance.
- Introductions were made by Parent Representative (voting) members.

2.0 **Approval of Previous Minutes and Agenda – Yvonne**

Discussion:

- Additions to agenda – move speaker evaluation earlier in the agenda. Kim approved the changes.
- September 24 minutes approved by Heidi and Noel.

3.0 **Student Council Update – Kim**

Discussion:

- No Student Council reps at meeting.
- Kim mentioned that her daughter had been asked to be a Rep., but has a conflict on Monday nights which prevents her from attending.

Action:

- Kim/Yvonne/Terry to follow up about this.

4.0 **Principal's Report – Terry**

Celebrating:

- Musical Rehearsals – Sundays and most days after school
- Staffing: Added one teacher to our staff – Courtney Condie – English and Special Education, One TA moved – senior student left
- Regional Arts Social Nights – September 27
- Additional Mental Health support – will be working with groups of students – Todd Elliot
- Awards Assembly – recognized academic and athletic achievements
- PL Day – joined with Port Credit SS and TL Kennedy SS staff to hear our Associate Director – Poleen Grewal
- October 10 and 11 – Cawthra RAP Tours to Middle Schools, and hosted visiting schools
- Friday – 360 students and 14 staff went to see “The Hate U Give” movie.

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Anticipating:

- Will be hiring a new English Teacher in the next two weeks – Melanie Riley has been promoted to Resource Teacher – Equity and Inclusive Education
- Wednesday is TA Recognition Day – we have three TAs this year
- October 29 – Cawthra Open House – 6:00, 7:00 and 8:00 presentations. Doors open at 530 PM and tickets will be available at the door.
- October 30 – first student dance in many years – organized by LEAP. \$15 for dinner and the dance. 6:00-9:00 PM.
- November 5 – Grad Photos begin
- November 7 – Post-Secondary Day
- November 9 – Remembrance Day Assemblies
- November 14 – Take Our Kids to Work Day for all grade 9's
- November 16 – PL Day – focus on Engage Math and empowering modern learners.
- November 19 – Student Census begins

5.0 Fundraising Committee – Anne Fair December Update

- Plans are progressing nicely with over 70 artisans in attendance. \$5 entrance fee is valid for both days. Cash machine will be available in the gym.

Requests for Silent Auction

- Silent auction items are needed such as Tim Hortons, Starbucks, sports tickets, etc.

Action:

- If anyone has contacts for other gifts, leads, etc. please let Anne know.

Volunteers

- ⑩ Volunteers for each day are still required for two hour time slots.

Action:

- ⑩ Sign up list was circulated.

6.0 Speaker Event Evaluation Report and PRO Update – Kim

- Speaker talked about teen mental health and strategies used to support teens.
- Evaluation was conducted and results are as follows:

Overall:

- approximately 75 attendees
- 49 responded to the survey
- 96% said they found the talk useful or extremely useful
- 90% said the speaker had good or extremely good presentation skills

- 88% agreed there was sufficient time for questions

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- 80% said the speaker addressed questions well or extremely well

Preferences for Future Presentations:

- 65% social media
- 55% study strategies/time management
- 53% financial literacy
- 51% mental health
- 39% cyberbullying
- 27% 21st century learning
- 24% active living
- 16% math strategies
- 14% STEAM
- 12% citizenship & diversity
- Other suggestions offered include: helping teens decide on post-secondary programs, vocational support to find summer and part time employment, parenting strategies for teens, nutrition for teens, gender identity.

Comments/Suggestions:

- Thank you!
- Very informative
- Important topic
- Hope parent presentations continue
- Mic on the presenter next time
- Make presentation more interactive
- Hand out a copy of presentation
- Speaker was a little slow, repetitive
- Be able to ask questions during the presentation, not just at the end
- Other comments from members include: interactive, concerns regarding the colour contrast for slides, monotone voice, and questions were only taken at the end but parents had questions throughout the presentation, etc.
- Hoped speaker presentations would continue
- Possible speakers/topics include: Jennifer Casa-Todd about social media (social LEADia) and another speaker to talk about financial literacy.
- PRO grants have been put on pause for 2018 as provincial government reevaluates its financial priorities for public education.
- Terry indicated that she will be willing to fund speaker nights.

7.0 New Business – Yvonne

Vice Principal Consultation – Terry

- In camera item.

Principal Consultation – Yvonne

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8.0 Questions and Adjournment – Kim

- Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.
- Next meeting is November 19, 7:00 PM, CPSS Library