

**CAWTHRA PARK SECONDARY SCHOOL (CPSS)  
SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES**

**DATE:** Monday, April 23, 2018  
**TIME:** 7:00 – 8:30 PM  
**LOCATION:** CPSS Library

**ATTENDEES:** Yvonne Everard-Parr (Co-Chair), Leslie Buckle (Co-Chair), Anju Dhawan (Secretary), Kim Doherty, Julianne Paszlor, Yuliya Hurynovick, Jennifer Ling, Ana Freitas, Sandra Halford, Jane Singh, Lesley Wilton, Nancy Simpson, Zainab Raza (Student Council), Terry Whitmell (Principal),  
**REGRETS:** Nicole Vosper, Karen Pua, Sarka Kubelikova (Teacher)

**1. Welcome and Introductions – Yvonne**

**Discussion:**

- Welcome to those in attendance by Yvonne.

**2. Approval of Minutes and Agenda – Yvonne**

**Discussion:**

- Approval of minutes by Nancy and Kim. Kim approved agenda as changed.

**3.0 Student Council Update – Marienza Miserere and Zainab Raza**

**Discussion:**

- Cawthra Caps are being sold as a fundraising strategy – baseball caps are \$15 each. Proceeds go towards head and neck cancer in recognition of cancer awareness month.
- Cawthra School Council (CSC) 2018-2019 upcoming elections.
- Grad breakfast is June 6. \*Correction: June 13 at 8 AM
- Summer Carnival will be held. Date TBD.
- Semi was successful with fun had by all and delicious food.

**4.0 Principal's Report – Terry Whitmell**

**Discussion:**

- Sears Prefest – Two plays selected from four presented in house, staged the week of February 20
- Sears - one proceeded to **District competition.**

Awards of Merit

- SET DESIGN - Jordan Li - **Do You Even Want To Get Better?** - Cawthra Park SS

Outstanding Original Play Nomination

- Charlie Greenwood - **Do You Even Want To Get Better?** - Cawthra Park SS

Spirit of the Festival Award

- Front of House/Producing Team - Cawthra Park SS

**Awards of Excellence**

- WRITING - Leslie Huynh - Strangers - Cawthra Park SS
- PERFORMANCE - Ensemble - Strangers - Cawthra Park SS

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- SET DESIGN - Zarha Mirabolfaihi - Strangers - Cawthra Park SS
- PERFORMANCE - Katrina Desjardins - Do You Even Want To Get Better? - Cawthra Park SS
- PERFORMANCE - Christina Neagu - Do You Even Want To Get Better? - Cawthra Park SS
- PERFORMANCE - Jeffrey Stephen - Do You Even Want To Get Better? - Cawthra Park SS

**Outstanding Productions**

- Do You Even Want To Get Better? - Cawthra Park SS
- Feb 27 – MADD Assembly – filmed here at Cawthra, viewed by grades 11 and 12
- February 27 – our Senior Girls' Volleyball team won ROPSSAA Championship
- March 1 – Semi-Formal – excellent organization by Cawthra Student Council
- March 8 – Peel Dance Showcase – our Repertoire class performed at Living Arts Centre
- March 21 – Dan Bergeron, artist, commissioned to do “Portraits of M” – to be displayed on poles around Square One – photographed some of our students, with the assistance of our photography students.
- March 27 – Spring Dancefest
- March 28 – Early Release – OSSLT Training for Staff
- April 9 – Sears **Regional Competition:**

**AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE**

- WRITING AND DIRECTION - Charlie Greenwood - Do You Even Want to Get Better? - Cawthra Park SS
- DRAMATIC PERFORMANCE - Christina Neagu - Do You Even Want to Get Better? - Cawthra Park SS
- ADJUDICATOR'S AWARD - Entire Company - Do You Even Want to Get Better? - Cawthra Park SS
- NEW PLAY AWARD - Charlie Greenwood - Do You Even Want to Get Better? - Cawthra Park SS
- STAGE MANAGER'S AWARD - Tia Baum - Cawthra Park SS
- Congratulations to Rod Parcher and his students for an excellent season. They were invited to join the 2018 SummerWorks event for Central Region which is quite an honour. This will support staging of the play this summer, with box office receipts going to our students.
- April 10 – OSSLT – additional time allowed for any who requested
- April 11 – Intercultural Dialogue Institute – finalist was Hannah Baron, a dance major who submitted photography
- April 16 to 20 – The Netherlands Collaborative Arts Project – 15 students and 2 teachers participated, with 21 students and 20 teachers from the Netherlands, and 12 students and many teachers from Mayfield SS.

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Upcoming:

- Hamlet – Grade 10 Matinee Wednesday, Feeder School Matinee Friday, Evening performances Thursday, Friday, Saturday this week (April 25 to 28) – Thank you to Randolph Swyer (producer) and Alan Chalmers (director)
- Music Springfest – Tuesday and Thursday, May 1 and 2
- Early Release #3 – May 2 – Department focus on Final Assessments
- May 10 – Springfest – Visual Arts
- May 24 – Dance Repertoire Night
- May 30 – Mosaix
- May 31 – PROM
- June 1 – Early Release #4 – Planning for next year
- June 4 – Student project: Mental Health Assembly
- June 6 – Grad Breakfast \*CORRECTION — JUNE 13 at 8 - 10 am
- June 6 – Under the Spotlight
- June 8 – Play in a Day
- June 11 to 15 – 3:30 Theatre
- June 12 & 13 — EQAO Math for Grade 9 Students
- June 13 – Peel Drama Showcase – Black Students' Association will stage a student-written play
- June 20 to 25 – Exams
- June 27 – Commencement
- **June 29 – CHANGE** – Report Card Pickup 9 - 9:15 a.m. – Exam Review to 10:00 a.m.
- June 29 – Retirements: Alan Chalmers (English), Jill Hollingsworth (Dance)
- Approximately seven years ago, a family donated four fine pieces of art to CPSS. These pieces will be auctioned off in the month of May. Auction will end on May 30 and additional instructions re auction will be announced. Auction will be up for 6 weeks and the art will be displayed in a locked case in the CPSS foyer. Decisions will be made later as to how the money raised will be spent.

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**5.0 Parent Reaching Out Grant – Yvonne and Leslie**

- Update from March 20 Speaker Event – Leslie
  - More than 45 people attended. Parents were interested in the subject matter; however, presentation style was too formal and not “parent friendly”.
  - The event consisted of three different speakers - Dr. Murphy spoke about ADHD, second speaker spoke of signs of depressions but in a clinical manner, and third speaker spoke of anxiety and the theoretical underpinnings coupled with how to manage the issue with teens.
  - All parents said they would come to another parent speaker night and they thought information from March 20 was relevant,
  - Noted challenges: speakers weren’t engaging enough and with technical difficulties experienced.
  - Dr. Murphy donated about \$500 worth of book resources to CPSS Parent Library.
  - Librarian has put a listing of all of the parent resource books on the CPSS website under the School Council tab.
  - Presentation material was posted on CPSS home page. It has been moved to school council webpage.
  - 20 feedback forms returned post event.
- 2018 Grant Proposal Survey Results – Kim
  - 39 surveys returned/completed via paper and online.
  - Recurrent themes included: recognizing mental health issues in your teen, impact of social media on mental health, financial literacy and impact on marijuana on the growing brain.
  - Good resource identified is Canadian Mental Health Association – Quick Guide: Mental Health and Addictions Resources.

**Action:**

- Mental Health identified as the topic for the first parents’ night.
  - Financial Literacy identified as the topic for second parents’ night.
- Ideas for Next Year and Decisions for Proposal – Yvonne and Leslie
    - BBQ and Speaker – meet and greet school council hosted BBQ followed by a mental health speaker. PRO grant funds would be used for this. Recommendation is to have a Social Worker, Lynda Stockwell, who is also a former Cawthra parent and a previous Chair of CPSS School Council. Suggestion to have BBQ on patio outside of cafeteria area followed by a presentation by Lynda in the cafeteria. School Council meeting will follow after the speaker event.
    - Suggestion to have a financial literacy presentation given by an organization run by a Chartered Accountant, or another organization who is

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known to a school council member, or a Financial Advisor who is advertising workshops for PRO Grants. More research and discussion is required before booking.

- In addition, more exploration is needed regarding the potential creation of a digital, online library.

**Action:**

- Will use \$500 from 2017-18 PRO Grant funds to book Lynda Stockwell for a mental health presentation, followed by a school council meeting. A BBQ will precede Lynda's presentation. All Members agreed on this.
- 2018-2019 PRO Grant money, potentially \$1000, will be used towards another Fall (2018) and Spring (2019) financial literacy, mental health (e.g. addiction, social media standpoint) or other prevalent topics.

### 6.0 New Business

#### Potluck Celebration with Mrs. Fitzpatrick – May 28 or June 4

**Action:** June 4 evening agreed upon for potluck in CPSS library.

#### Vote to Pass Meeting Minutes Via Electronic Consensus as Needed

**Action:** Approval received by Council Members to approve meeting minutes via email when necessary.

#### Next Year's Meetings

**Action:** Proposed dates for 2018-19 school year include:

- 2018: September 24, October 22, November 19
- 2019: January 21, February 25, April 15
- Fair December 2018 dates: December 1, 2

### 7.0 Upcoming Events

- PDSB is hosting a presentation by Jean Clinton called, "Teaching and Parenting in a Digital Age" on May 7 at the Board Office.
- Call is out for applications to be part of the PDSB's Parent Involvement Committee (PIC). For more information, please see <http://peelschools.org/parents/involved/PIC/apply/Pages/default.aspx>

### 8.0 Parent Conference

- Update provided re PDSB's Empowering Modern Learners Conference held on March 24, 2018 at Mississauga Secondary School.

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**9.0 Repertoire Program Clarification from 2016-17 School Year**

- To address an unresolved matter previously raised to the School Council related to the cancellation of the auditioned Repertoire program and hurtful rumours promoted through social media (specifically, some members of the school community including Cawthra teachers claimed that the Repertoire Program was cancelled as a direct result of a family's reaction to the rejection of their child who had auditioned for a placement in Repertoire), the family wishes to clarify what they know to be true. Their child, upon returning to school following a serious hospitalization two years ago, found out her marks (many 80+s) were apparently no longer on record and she was removed from the RAP program. The family had no choice but to seek answers from the Superintendent as to how these marks could have disappeared. Somehow, most of the missing marks were reinstated and the Superintendent reinstated the student back into the RAP program.
- Through the course of his investigation, the Superintendent was told by school administration about the Repertoire program. It seemed that this was when it came to light that this program was not compliant with the Education Act (this was a surprise to the student and her family too). The Superintendent also became aware that the student, through outside experiences, was quite qualified to be a member of one of the repertoire groups. The student was added to one of the repertoire programs. These rumours have had a disruptive and continuing negative effect on the student, her family and friends. From this family's perspective, the Repertoire Program was brought to the Superintendent's attention because of a serious action by a school teacher and/or administrator, and the resulting scrutiny of the Program led to the subsequent program changes.

**10.0 Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 PM.