

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

**DATE:** Monday, November 20, 2017  
**TIME:** 7:00 – 8:15 PM  
**LOCATION:** CPSS Library

**ATTENDEES:** Yvonne Everard-Parr (Co-Chair), Anju Dhawan (Secretary), Anne Roe (Community Rep), Kimberley Doherty, Angela Sidoriak, Evan Sidoriak, Jennifer Ling, Sandra Halford, Jane Singh, Fauzia Reza, Nicole Vosper, Lesley Wilton, Lily Wilson, Julianne Pasztor, Catherine MacLean, Terry Whitmell (Principal), Sarka Kubelikova (Teacher), Marienza Miserere (Student Council), Zainab Raza (Student Council)

### 1.0 Welcome and Introductions – Yvonne

**Discussion:**

- Welcome to those in attendance by Yvonne.

### 2.0 Approval of Minutes and Agenda – Yvonne

**Discussion:**

- Kim approved and Angela seconded the October minutes.

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

**Discussion:**

- Holiday Spirit Week Upcoming Events: Children's Day (featuring television shows from childhood), Film Festival an Open Mic (showcase talent related to music, drama, etc.)
- Cawthra baseball hats will be soon sold as a fundraiser. Navy blue with white trim and Cawthra written on the back of the hat. Will be sold on Cash Online.
- Grade 12 Prom will be held on Thursday, May 31, one day prior to the June 1 early release day. The venue will only include CPSS students.
- Grade 12 Commencement will occur at the Mississauga Living Arts Centre (LAC).

**Action:**

- Yvonne to send request for parent supervisors (530-1030 PM) at March 2 Semi Event to the broader School Council.
- Suggestion to advertise for parent supervisors on the CPSS homepage.

### 4.0 Principal's Report – Terry Whitmell

**Discussion:**

- FNMI - CPSS has been part of the Strategic Action Planning group for more than a year to embed indigenous pieces into the school curriculum. This year, a team of two teachers and Principal spent a day at the Woodland Culture Centre in Brantford, learning about Residential Schools. Students will be given the opportunity to visit next spring. Ms. Fitzpatrick, and her environmental science students, have had a Metis elder working with them over three days at the three locations along the Credit River Watershed.

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- Anti-Black Racism – CPSS was chosen last spring to be part of the We Rise Together pilot project, along with 15 other schools. A student incident in October resulted in a parent meeting on Parent-Teacher Interview night, and consultation with our resource staff and coordinators at the Board. A presentation was prepared for students and was shared on October 30, 2017. The school will continue to build the four tenets of the We Rise Together initiative.
- Culturally Responsive Pedagogy - The languages and social science departments have been working to bring more representative texts and resources to our classrooms, to reflect the diversity of the students of Mississauga, and rectify aspects of our history that have been ignored within the curriculum in the past.
- Exchange to the Arctic - Information session is this Wednesday at 6:30 PM for interested parents. CPSS students will visit the Arctic and students from the Arctic will come to CPSS and be billeted with families.
- Collaborative Project – The Netherlands - CPSS will be welcoming students and teachers during the week from Saturday April 14 @15:40 to Saturday April 21 @18:20 pm. They will work with teams from Cawthra Park and Mayfield, and be billeted with families.
- Breakfast Club – Planning has been ongoing since June, and finally started last week. A fruit, whole-grain and dairy option is provided each day to students. Range of student numbers from 15 to 75. We are funded by the YMCA and fundraising initiatives, and we need to fundraise 85% of the cost. We ask for a 25-cent donation from each student, and are receiving donations via School Cash Online as well. In addition, we are applying for Green Apple Grant (<https://www.greenapple.metro.ca/home.en.html>) from local grocery stores.
- School Funding - Ministry of Education (also known as “Board Funds”) - All classroom expenses, repairs, furniture and technology.  
School Enhancement Fees (\$30.00): (also known as “Non-Board Funds”) - Clubs and teams, extra-curriculars, uniforms, Internet, printing, guest speakers, student recognition, Commencement and Awards  
RAP Fees: (also known as “Non-Board Funds”) - "artists in the classroom", live accompaniment and field trips.  
Specific Field Trip Fees - Collected for each student, specific to the trip. Can be subsidized from Board Funds for equity of access for all students.  
NOTE: Both School Enhancement and RAP fees can only be spent directly on students, and must be spent within the year that they are collected. Exceptions to these must be approved by School Council. (i.e. Saving for a basketball court, computer lab, etc.)  
If more than \$4000 are to be spent, School Council’s approval is required.
- Special Education Learning - The focus this Fall has been on supporting the English Language Learner (ELL) students, bringing their accommodations in line with those provided for our Spec. Ed. students with Individual Education Plans

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(IEP). If increased processing time is required to write the OSSLT, it will be approved.

- Professional Learning - Focus for all secondary schools this year is on Final Assessments. During the October 6 PL Day, teachers examined supports for Spec. Ed. and ELL students in the morning, and then connections to Empowering Modern Learners in the afternoon. Last Friday, staff worked with Damian Cooper in the morning on improving feedback and formative assessment, and then teachers shared best practices in sessions on “Work Smarter, Not Harder” in the afternoon. A full day is being planned with Jill Colyer, author of “IQ: a Practical Guide to Inquiry-Based Learning”, for February 9, 2018. Final assessments will be revised to align with a more inquiry-based instructional framework.
- Billy Elliott – The Musical is sold out for Friday and Saturday. Thursday night seats are still available. \$15 available in upper chamber. Performance was done for all the feeder schools. Suggestion to increase the length of time that the Musical runs.

**Action:**

- Kim will use Sesame as a parent in conjunction with her student’s teacher, Ms. Bonner, and share her experiences with School Council.

**5.0 Fundraising Committee**

**FAIR December Update – Anne**

**Discussion:**

- More than 70 vendors will come together at Fair December.
- Planning is occurring smoothly.
- New this year includes: Visual Arts students displaying their work in the hallway for sale, Music students will perform, students will be serving food on carts to bring it to guests, etc.

**Action:**

- Suggestion for more visible accessibility signage in and around the school – 22x28 are dimensions for signage frames located in the Conference Room.

**Volunteers for Each Day of FAIR December– Anne**

**Discussion:**

- Anne is looking for a volunteer for Saturday morning.

**Action:**

- Julianne volunteered for the Saturday, 10:00-12:00 time slot that was vacant

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**Parent Engagement Funds for FAIR December Promotional Materials – Yvonne Discussion:**

- Posters have been printed for FAIR December
- Postcards have been printed and inserted into the Progress Report Cards as well as distributed during Parent Night and the Musical Nights
- \$500 received from PDSB as parent engagement funds for broad use.

**Action:**

- Yvonne proposed that \$200 of this amount be used towards the printing costs for the FAIR December promotional materials.
- Nine Parent Rep members (including Leslie Buckle via proxy) voted to use \$200 from the Parent Engagement funds towards FAIR December printing.
- One Parent Rep abstained from voting.

**6.0 New Business**

**School Tour – Terry**

- Will occur post meeting for all interested parents.

**Question Period**

- None

**Revised School Council Meeting Dates**

**Discussion:**

- As a result of having the speaker night on March 20, March 19<sup>th</sup> for the Council meeting was no longer practical, so Yvonne proposed that we add a meeting in January in place of the March meeting

**Action:**

- New/revised dates include: January 22, February 12, and April 23, 2018 and will be posted on the school website.

**PRO Grant Speaker Night**

**Discussion:**

- Presentation will occur on Tuesday, March 20, from 7:30-9:00 PM
- The presentation by Psychiatrist, Dr. Murphy, will cost \$500
- He will be exploring mental health issues in teens. Other suggestions include: anxiety, ADHD, OCD, depression, building resiliency, personal efficacy, digital stressors etc.

**Action:**

- Yvonne to check parameters of what our PRO grant can be used for. School Council members to consider how to use remaining funds.

**7.0 Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.