

CAWTHRA PARK SECONDARY SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, November 16, 2016
TIME: 7:00 – 8:15 PM
LOCATION: CPSS Library
ATTENDEES: Captured on a separate attendance list

1.0 Opening Comments Lesley and Eva

- Welcome to guests.
- **Action:** October 19, 2016 Minutes approved – 1st Angela Sidoriak, 2nd Sharon Gilbert.

2.0 Student Council Update Tyrese Walters

- Deferred due to Tyrese not being present.

Action: Deferred to January 18 Meeting.

3.0 Social Enterprise Club Initiative Naureen Mohiuddin

- Recently created by students and supported by teachers.
- Printing of t-shirts, buttons, etc.
- Business initiative which creates a profit for a cause. The profits are reinvested in the business with some proceeds donated to the community.
- Blended purpose which includes social harmony.
- Board of Directors consists of community, school and parents.
- Soft launch occurred on October 26.
- Support is available from a PDSB consultant.
- Initiatives such as these are present in many Peel schools to create a business venture which allows students to experience the business end of things in addition to working a "real job".
- Ordering can be done online and consultations are available.
- Currently, the school is trying to raise money for their own silk screen press that is being constructed by a Cawthra teacher.

Action: Raise awareness of this initiative and pass word along to family, friends and the community. Contact Naureen at naureen.mohiuddin@peelsb.com for more information.

4.0 School Council Executive Eva

- Secretary
 - Anju Dhawan volunteered to be Secretary for the remainder of the 2016-17 school year.
- Mental Health Resources

- Books and binders are available for School Council members and parents to sign out before Council meetings.

Action: Further discussion required with Library staff to explore how to make these resources available to all Cawthra parents outside of Council meetings.

- School Council Workshops
 - *Great Start* orientation and training event for school council members took place on November 9, 2016 at Turner Fenton Secondary School in Brampton. Co-sponsored by Peel District School Board (PDSB) and Parent Involvement Committee (PIC).
 - Michelle Stubbings (principal of Turner Fenton), Janet McDougald (School Board Trustee Chair) and Tony Pontes (Director of Education) addressed a full crowd of interested attendees.
 - 15 different workshops were offered with widely applicable information for school councils, parents, etc.
 - Plan for Student Success 2016-2021 was emailed to all CPSS School Council members and participating parents (provided emails).
 - Worthwhile opportunity to become more familiar with structure, function and planning success of school councils.

Action: Consider attending *Great Start* next year.

5.0 Fundraising Committee

Sharon Gilbert

- Fair December Update
 - Please sign up to volunteer with Jane via jane.chan@peelsb.com
 - Consider volunteering Sunday after the completion of the Fair to help with clean up.
 - Advertising has been done via multiple means – i.e. lawn signs, post cards, Cawthra Clippings, social media, local paper websites, etc.

Action: Recommendation to honour Anne Collins (volunteer) at our next meeting for the fantastic work that she has done with the event. Suggestion of purchasing flowers for her as a show of gratitude.

- Logistics for Fair December - Gayle
 - Discussion ensued re. the laying down of protective flooring for Gyms A, B and C and how the timing of this could potentially impact other set up tasks that need to be completed after the protective flooring is laid down.
 - Student volunteers have been arranged to assist with setting up the vendor tables, etc.
 - Discussed making Fair December Postcards available during the Musical, which is happening the same weekend.

Action: Decisions re. these issues were deferred to the Fair December Fundraising Committee.

- Projector System Purchase - Eva

Action: To be put on hold until January as further consultations with teachers is required.

6.0 Principal's Report

Gayle

- Report cards were distributed on November 15 to students along with the Cawthra Clips.
- Co-op students had a job fair display in the front foyer on November 15.
- Remembrance Day events during the assembly were very moving.
- Toy Drive (Toys for Tots) with Peel Regional Police extends now until November 28. Toys, gift cards or cash donations are accepted. Greatest need is in the categories of Girls 10-13 and Girls/Boys 14-17.

Action: Please give generously.

- Students participated in a Deca Competition which showcased business plans, issues, collaboration, etc.
- Take Our Kids to Work (TOKTW) Day was held on November 2 and was a successful introduction to what parents/guardians do at their workplace and how this may thoughtfully impact career planning for the Grade 9 students.
- Girls Basketball Team advances to the quarter finals.
- Girls Hockey Team won their game against Applewood Secondary School 2-1.
- November 18 is a PD Day for students and a day of workshops for the teachers.
- December 16 is an early release day for students with dismissal occurring at 11:30 AM. It is also a Wellness Day for students in the AM and educational sessions for teachers in the PM.
- CPSS has been randomly selected to participate in the Ontario Student Drug Use and Health Survey (OSDUHS) administered by the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH). This is a population survey of Ontario students in grades 7 through 12. The purpose is to identify epidemiological trends in student drug use, mental health, physical health, gambling, bullying, and other risk behaviours, as well as identifying risk and protective factors. Typically, the OSDUHS surveys thousands of students in over 150 elementary and secondary schools across Ontario. The survey sample is considered representative of all students in grades 7-12 in publicly funded schools in Ontario.
 - Takes approximately 35 minutes to complete and a signed consent must be returned to school prior to participation. One class in each of the four grades will participate.

7.0 Parent Engagement Session with Dr. Karyn Gordon

Eva

- Parent Engagement Session – Dr. Karyn Gordon
 - Varying fee structure. The sponsored rate is \$1000 (must be booked 6-8 weeks ahead of time and there is no guarantee that requested dates will be met). The guaranteed rate is \$3000, plus travel expenses.

Action: Eva will resubmit application in January, 2017, at the sponsored rate, for the *Inspiring Dream* presentation for the proposed date of April 19, 2017 at 7:15 PM in the CPSS auditorium.

8.0 New Business

All

- None

9.0 Next Meeting

Eva

- Next School Council Meeting is January 18, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

Action: School Council members are encouraged to submit agenda items in advance.