

**CAWTHRA PARK SECONDARY SCHOOL**  
**School Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 19, 2016**

**MINUTES**

1. Opening Comments **Lesley and Eva**
  - Sincere “Thank you” to Anne Roe for her hard work as last year’s Council Chair
  - Approval of September Minutes: 1<sup>st</sup> Jennifer Ling, 2<sup>nd</sup> Yvonne Everard-Parr
  - Agenda order to be altered to allow guest speakers to present first
  
2. Student Council Update **Tyrese Walters**
  - Various activities happening like “We Scare” week of Oct 24<sup>th</sup>. This event will collect perishable food. Organization to donate food is TBD but a suggestion was made to consider Salvation Army.
  - Black history month will be celebrated Feb 16/17.
  - Semi Formal will be in Feb, with tickets going on sale in December. Same venue as last year - Living Arts Centre.
  - Anne Roe offered items left from last year’s silent auction to the Student Council for use as door prizes or gifts at their events.
  
3. School Council Executive **Eva**
  - Secretary position – vacancy
  - Suggestion to rotate this position as there is no one volunteer. Jennifer Ling volunteered to take minutes at this evening’s meeting and Anju Dhawan to do the next meeting minutes which will be held on Nov 16 @ 7 p.m.
  - School Council Workshops – Organized by Board and PIC - to be held Nov 9 @ Turner Fenton Secondary School, open to 3 Council members from each school – reminder will be sent as due date for registration is Nov 2 – Eva to send email
  
4. Fundraising Committee **Anne Roe**
  - Fair December update
  - Will be held Dec 3rd and 4th @ Cawthra in conjunction with QE school.
  - 70 vendors with unique craft tables, they will each contribute one item to silent auction
  - Proceeds will be split 3 ways – Cawthra; QE; Peel Children’s Centre
  - Vendors to donate 15% of profits
  - Looking for volunteers to help with 2 hr time slots either Sat or Sun
  - Mass e-mail to be sent to potential volunteers
  - Jane Chan is organizing volunteers. If interested, please contact her at:  
[jane.chan@peelsb.com](mailto:jane.chan@peelsb.com)
  - More postcards will be printed and distributed to visitors @ Open House on Oct. 26 to promote this event

- Looking for volunteers for Parent Night and Open House to distribute postcards. Time slots 5:30, 6:30, 7:30. Sharon and Anne will be there for Parent Night; Lesley, Sharon and Eva will be there for the Open House.

#### 5. Principal's Report

**Cindy Horvath**

- Bus Driver Appreciation Day was Oct 19. Drivers commented how good Cawthra students were and a pleasure to drive them!
- Waste audit was conducted for recycling bins. Data will be broken down from this audit to see if Cawthra can regain Gold status of being an eco school. Currently it has Silver status.
- Postsecondary planning scheduled for Nov 2 to help students prepare for post secondary school.
- Some students went on trip to Roy Thomson Hall on Oct 19<sup>th</sup>. Presentation was geared towards youth.
- Oct 20<sup>th</sup> Literacy test – 1<sup>st</sup> time to do on-line but as of Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> we know the system crashed and this did not take place. Next one is in March and will have paper back up.
- Award Celebration took place on Oct 14<sup>th</sup>
- Last PD day had guest speaker Landsay Dupre and her brother who gave a very emotional talk on Indigenous culture. Many of the teachers were moved by the presentation and it is the hope that what was said will be passed on to students of Cawthra.
- Last Tuesday was Toonie Tuesday to help hurricane victims, but since notice was last minute from Board, participation was low. Cawthra will continue to receive donations.
- Question was raised about ownership of cleaning microwave. Cindy mentioned ownership should be students and will touch base with Student Council, Tyrese to identify a group of individuals who can clean it. Custodians and Cafeteria staff are not responsible for cleaning microwaves.
- Re: soap dispenser – who should be contacted for empty dispensers. Cindy to check with custodian on how often the dispensers are refilled.
- Parent asked about gender neutral washrooms – most of the disabled washrooms are now gender neutral.
- Parent asked about driver's education courses – Eva sent out info via separate e-mail with info as of Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>.

#### 6. Projector system

**Lesley**

- Overview of system and demonstration was provided by **Rachael Lutes** (Head of Dance Dept.) in the Auditorium. She will provide a list of vendors to Council for review.
- Next step is to see whether or not all funds raised should/can be used towards a projection system.
- Cindy needs to establish if entire staff is in agreement. Also need to approach superintendent for approvals.
- A. Roe to confirm if money raised can be carried over to next year due to high cost of this project. Also, if projector is considered "capital", technically council may not be allowed by Board to contribute – TBD.

- Council has not decided as of this meeting where funding will go until all info is collected.
- Grant investigation **Yvonne Everard-Parr** – presented Best Buy grant but because this projector is so specialized, it may not meet the requirements for this grant.
- Idea of Corporate Sponsorship for raising funds for projector was proposed. There could be a donor wall. Will be investigated further.

7. Parent engagement session

**Eva**

- Topic selected for Dr. Karyn Gordon seminar based on topics presented.
- Council voted and 8/13 attendees chose Inspiring Dream as #1 choice. 2<sup>nd</sup> choice was Building confidence. Date booked for April 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7:15 p.m. Eva to follow up.
- Other talks were proposed such as Social Media given by Peel Police for free.
- Cyber Ambassador – this is also free and have 10 topics. [www.cyberambassadors.ca](http://www.cyberambassadors.ca)
- Council liked this idea and will consider Jan or Feb for Cyber Ambassador to come
- Jessica Newton with Safe City, Mississauga is contact. Eva to contact

8. New Business - None

**All**

**NEXT MEETING - November 16 @ 7:00 pm in the Library.**