

CAWTHRA PARK SECONDARY SCHOOL
School Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Attendance noted on School Council Participant roster.

1. Opening Comments **Anne Roe**

Past Chair opened 1st Council meeting of the new school year welcoming all present.

2. Student Council **Representatives: Kayla Ado
Tyrese Walters**

- New structure was implemented 3 yrs. ago to have co-presidents; introduced themselves and were invited to attend future meetings or have other representatives attend
- Upcoming events being worked on:
Terry Fox Run in September, LGBTQSA assembly in October, Semi-Formal being planned in the 2nd semester
- Were asked to recommend a student to help with social media for **Fair December** – will provide a student's name to Mrs. Horvath and passed on to Anne Roe

3. New Business **Anne Roe**

- New members were welcomed and each person briefly introduced themselves and their child/children at Cawthra

4. School Council Nominations/Elections **Anne Roe**

- Co-Chairs self nominated and were elected – Lesley Wilton and Eva Lehman
- Past Chair/Community Rep/ CPSS Fundraising Committee Rep – Anne Roe
- Secretary – **no volunteer**; email request will go to parent distribution list
- Parent Reps - Yvonne Everard-Parr, Sandra Halford, Anju Dhawan, Evan Sidoriak, Angela Sidoriak, Jane Singh (Chan), Leslie Buckle
- Teacher Rep – Sarka Kubelikova

5. Fund Raiser – Fair December **Anne Roe**

- 11th Annual indoor winter unique craft + gift show with approximately 60 vendors will be held at CPSS for the 1st time on **Sat. Dec. 3 & Sun. Dec. 4** (dates overlap with musical)
- Cawthra and Queen Elizabeth Senior P.S. are working on this fundraiser together and raised funds will be shared between both schools and Peel Children's Centre (charity selected by Fundraising Committee)
- Suggestion made by administration that Cawthra's funds go towards a new projection system for the auditorium – will be considered and voted on at the next Council Mtg. once more information is provided
 - Parent member, Yvonne Everard-Parr will look into a possible grant program to help with the cost – more information is expected to be shared at the next Council mtg.
- 2 parents with students in gr. 9 or 10 were asked to join Fundraising Committee to gain experience in running the event – Nancy Simpson and Jane Singh volunteered
- Advertising opportunities and dates were briefly reviewed

6. Pro Grant **Anne Roe**

- Application was awarded maximum \$1,000 grant

- Grant will go to hold a session for parents with Dr. Karyn Gordon, best selling author and motivational speaker, as selected by last year's Council - topic is still being considered and will be voted on by Council at next month's mtg. (handout with topic selection was provided)
- Possible date April 19, 2017 and request was made to have the auditorium booked if available – to be confirmed by Mrs. Horvath

7. Principal's Report

Cindy Horvath

- Issue regarding not having air conditioning on in the school in the first weeks was explained – controlled at the Board level so it took a little while to have it turned back on in the school which put the health of students and administrators at risk
- School was without water earlier in the week, as an issue arose with the pipes; arrangements were made immediately with the community centre next door to enable students to use the washrooms – problem was fixed later in the day
- Parents with students in grade nine were asked for feedback about 'Nine a Palooza' – feedback was overwhelmingly high as students involved really enjoyed the experience – *suggestion to make it even more worthwhile was to provide students with the opportunity to interact with students from other grade 9 classes and not keep them with just one*
- Will consider having a guest teacher come to the next Council mtg. to speak about the projection system that is needed

8. New Business

All

- Parent raised the issue that teachers/coaches should consistently include expected 'practice times' on the try out sign up sheets. Currently, students are trying out for sports only to find out later when they made the team, that they cannot make the practices – Mrs. Horvath will look into this and have it addressed with staff.

NEXT MEETING – WED. OCTOBER 19,2016