

Cairine Wilson S.S.

Parent Council



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Cairine Wilson Secondary School

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Chair: Heather Mawhinney

Secretary: Jennifer Pyne

Attendance:	Marcia O'Connor	Jennifer Coleman	Jennifer Pyne
	Derek Black	Heather Mawhinney	Uzo Onochie-Roy
	Laurie Labelle	Anne-Marie Robinson-Sisk	Maureen Ritchie
	Ilham Atahi		

Regrets* Pam Hawley

1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Heather at 7:15 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

3. Approval of October 2020 Minutes – Maureen/Derek

4. Chair's Report

- No Report

5. Student Representative Report

- Ilham informed Council of the plans for a spirit week coming up before the holidays. The spirit days will span two weeks to ensure that both cohorts get to participate in all spirit days. “Cairinemas”
- Lots of clubs are starting up. A video is available describing many of them. Clubs include: Science, School Paper, Race Relations, Social and Environmental Justice, Rainbow, International Certificate Program. Visit the CW website to see the video.

6. Teaching Staff Liaison Report

- The transition to quadmester two has gone fairly smoothly.
- There will be parent teacher interviews offered again for the second quadmester classes. Parents requested that they be earlier in the session if possible to ensure any issues are captured early enough.
- Anne-Marie reported a successful Terry Fox Run—students walked with their classes. Each student was asked to donate \$10 or walk 10k over the week
- Students also participated in the Walk for Wenjack which honours Chanie Wenjack and the thousands of Indigenous youth like him who never made it home from residential schools.
- The Social and Environmental Justice Club (becoming a Key Club) did a food drive for the Gloucester Emergency Food Cupboard and collected more than 3000 food items and >\$300 in donations
- The SEJ Club is also selling coffee in support of the organization I Care for Moms (icareformoms.ca). In addition, they are supporting the work of Birch Bark Coffee Company, (birchbarkcoffeecompany.com), who believe water is a fundamental human right and no one should be without clean drinking water. Their aim is to bring clean drinking water to every Indigenous home suffering from ‘All Water Advisories’ by providing and installing certified water purification systems in every Indigenous home in Canada for free. Every 100 bags sold helps to purchase one certified water purification system.
- Virtual Learning Commons website link: <https://sites.google.com/ocdsb.ca/cwlc/home> Contains helpful information for all subject areas as well as access to CW collection of books + databases

7. Principal’s Report

- Jennifer reported that once students start wearing boots to school, they should bring shoes for the classroom. They are looking at options for where boots would be stored to limit the tracking of snow/dirt into the classrooms which would require additional work for the cleaning staff.
- The Board will be releasing a reaffirmation of what “in-person” learning means as there seems to be some students who think they do not need to attend classes.
- Fall awards are currently scheduled for Nov. 30 and Dec 1 (will be done as a video in each classroom).
- Commencement for last year’s grads will be a virtual one, on December 10.
- There is no word yet from the Board with regards to proms in the spring.
- The Ministry has confirmed there is no plans to extend the holiday break at this time.
- Permission from the Board has been received for adjusting the cohorts over the holiday break so they are ready for the February quadmester. This will allow for an “evening” of the numbers in each cohort.

7. Vice-Principal Report

- Laurie reported that a few new students have joined the in-school cohorts.
- Student spirits seem ok; very few discipline issues
- Currently surveying staff to gain “operating experience” from the first quadmester; looking at tailoring a survey for students.
- Jennifer asked if there was any way students could get into the school earlier since some of the school buses are dropping off very early and the weather is getting colder. There is a supervisory issue due to Covid restrictions but they will look into options.
- Jennifer also asked about eating/drinking in the classrooms. It would appear that some staff are insisting that students eat outside. Up until now, it has been ok but again, as the weather gets

colder, this will not be an option. Laurie committed to obtaining guidance from the public health nurse assigned to the school.

8. Financial Report

- Derek informed Council that the current balance is \$4623.68.
- A discussion was held about carrying over some funds to start next year as there are no plans for fundraisers at this time. Jen will confirm with the Board regarding amounts that can be carried forward.
- Council also discussed the funding of legacy projects vs small asks. Some felt that a combination of these would be a good idea. A final decision will be made at the next meeting.

9. Other Business

- Heather and Jen are looking into existing school council email accounts regarding access and passwords.
- A question was asked about “snow days”. While there has been no formal confirmation by the Board, it is possible schools will be closed and all learning will be done remotely on those days. Whatever the decision, it will be a Board directive, not the school’s discretion.
- University Days Platform will be available December 2 during the school day. The grade 12s will be allowed to participate but it is not clear yet how it will run.

10. Next Meeting

- The next council meeting will be Thursday, January 21 @ 7pm.

13. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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