

Cairine Wilson S.S. Parent Council



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Cairine Wilson Secondary School

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Thursday, October 20, 2022

Chair: Mara Anariescu

Secretary: Janine Stewart

Attendance: Uzo Onochie-Roy
Janine Stewart
Les Robinson
Mara Anariescu

Afeefa Rauf
Ziad Khan
Pam Hawley
Anna Jowsey

Anne-Marie Dugal
Andrew Murphy
Darlene Laporte

Regrets* Derek Black
Jenny Busch-Hallen

1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Mara at 7:10 pm.
- Introduction of people in attendance

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2. **Agenda** – Mara - proposal to have a standing agenda, additional items can be added by chair/vice chair (if required)
3. **Approval September Minutes** – Uzo/Mara (draft watermark will be removed from the document and reposted on the CW website.)
4. **Chair Report**
 - The parent council email address is currently locked, Mara is currently working to get this resolved
 - Mara asked and Andrew confirmed - the use of the parent council email address is for the greater community at large, within the parent council personal email addresses are used
 - Co-chair – Les volunteered as a co-chair, Mara/Uzo confirmed and Les was voted in as Co-chair
 - Les will attend a meeting of OCASC (Ottawa Carleton Assembly of School Councils)
5. **No Student Report** – student representative was absent
6. **Teaching Staff Liaison Report**
 - Ms. Dugal shared the report below with Council

From	Good News/ Info to Share
<i>CW Guidance</i>	We held an Atlantic University fair on Oct.4 in the gym from 2-3 p.m. 14 Atlantic Universities were present, giving our students excellent advice, information, and a personal welcome.
<i>CW Guidance</i>	Universities and Colleges have returned to visiting schools in person to share information with interested students. Please consult this sheet for a this sheet of upcoming visits to CWSS (dates are subject to change)
<i>CW Guidance</i>	CWSS is once again hosting a Parent Information Evening where parents can attend the school to hear about a variety of options available for their student(s) after graduation from high school. This year's event is on November 2nd, 2022 from 5pm to 7pm in the school's Cafetorium. Check the school website for more information.

CW Guidance	<p>Launch 2022 is taking place Nov. 2nd and 3rd, 2022. This virtual conference will showcase a variety of post-secondary pathways and options available to students after completing their secondary education. The 2 day conference will feature workshops and exhibitors from colleges, universities, training delivery agents, employers, gap-year programs, and service providers to help introduce students to the world of possibilities beyond High School. The tentative Launch 2022 program program continues to be updated daily as more Presenters and Exhibitors are added.</p> <p><u>Student Engagement</u></p> <p>Principals are encouraged to promote student participation. All grade 11 and 12 students will be automatically registered for the event. This event is considered a board-wide field trip.</p> <p>Participating Grade 11 and 12 students are asked to be excused from class and complete this online field trip form if they plan to attend the event: Form 122 -- Trip Participation</p> <p>Schools are asked to allow Gr 11 and 12 students to log in to this opportunity as appropriate.</p> <p><u>Participation Options</u></p> <p>Recognizing both physical space and technological constraints, there are options for student and teacher participation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Engage at home to reduce the network traffic;• Full class participation in one session within the classroom space;• Groups (small in number, e.g. 3-4) on one device;• Individual choice with Chromebook or personal device in a supervised area at school
Whole School	<p>Parent/Teacher Interviews are on Oct. 27th from 4pm to 7pm. The first hour of P/T Interviews (4pm to 5pm) is set aside for virtual interviews; the remaining two hours (5pm to 7pm) will be conducted in-person</p>

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<p>Request for funds</p> <p>Ms. MacRae on behalf of DDP (Ryan, Andrew, Austin, Parissa, Shannon)</p>	<p>Requesting funds for DDP students (x4) grad wear. Some students are in financial need and it would be fantastic that they could continue to be proud wildcats after graduation. It is also a significant milestone that they have reached in their life and educational journey</p> <p>Approximately \$65 each total \$275</p>
<p>Request for funds</p> <p>Ms. MacRae on behalf of DDP (Ryan, Andrew, Austin, Parissa, Shannon)</p>	<p>In the near future, the DDP classes are going to start their own business and need some start-up funds to help them get started. They are thinking about baking (pumpkin loaves, banana loaves etc.), cookies in a jar (all the ingredients and then you can make them yourself), Xmas cards (homemade) etc.</p> <p>\$300</p>
<p>Student Success + Link</p>	<p>Today (Oct 20th) we hosted a luncheon for the "New to Cairine" students (mainly grade 10-12 since the grade 9 students had their Link day). Students were invited to attend two weeks ago via Google form. Some coop students and Link leaders were involved in the planning and delivery. It was not super well attended but those who did attend, really enjoyed it.</p>

- Les/Mara moved the motion and vote was taken to grant the funding to both requests for \$275 (grad wear) + \$300 (business start up)
- Derek to transfer the money (forms will be attached)
- Andrew – commented that the DDP students age out at 21 and attend CW for more than the 4 years

7. VP's Report

- Student behaviour – issues this year in regards to student behavior (i.e. bullying, rumours)
 - These issues are similar in other schools in the city
 - Social media and covid have played major roles in the issues
 - The school is asking parents to have those important discussions at home in regards to the appropriate behaviour
 - Ziad asked about the student resources that are available with regards to bullying:
 - Darlene/Andrew – under Student Services on CW website (Guidance Counselors), as well as OCDSB web site – Parental Portal – Supporting our Youth
 - Most common ways students access help are through their teachers or the guidance counselors
 - Les asked about mental health supports for students, number of incidents in the school:
 - Andrew – dedicated social worker, psychologist, non-denominational spiritual advisor to the school
 - working on getting a mental health nurse to come in and speak about drugs, vaping, etc.
 - to date from the start of the school year – 9 automatic suspensions
- Grade assembly – how can we do better, trying to get student engagement, in the senior grades (11 & 12) to see how can we improve the climate
- Parent teacher interviews – parents can book interviews with their child's teachers (10 mins)
- Practice lockdowns are coming soon
- Report Period Month – November 17th (targeted) report cards will be sent out (assuming there are no issues with ASPEN)

8. Principal's Report

General:

- The school enrolment is up. Projections in June were for 705 students and we are now at 735
 - Allocated 12 more sections – 2 ASE, 10 BSE
 - Most sections were added for the 2nd semester
 - We are currently hiring for those positions
- Parent teacher conferences will be Thursday, October 27th from 4-7 pm. This is taking place as a hybrid model in order to eliminate barriers
- Student government is up and running. Weekly meetings will be taking place with the Principal, Co-presidents and the Senate Leader to discuss student issues and to support student initiatives
- The first round of collecting student voices into how to make CWSS better has been completed. The data will be analyzed and the results will be communicated with staff and the school council soon

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- We are working on slowly bringing back more events and curriculum-based field trips

Pedagogy:

- There was a PA Day where staff learned about the following:
 - CRRP – Culturally Relevant and Responsive Pedagogy
 - STEAM
 - Infusing literacy in all classrooms
 - ASPEN (Student Data Management System)
- Exams are coming back starting this semester with the following:
 - Grade 9 & 10 will not have exams
 - Only college or higher courses in Grade 11 & 12 will have exams
 - There will be a maximum weight that an exam can have
 - We have had conversations with staff about using observations and conversations with students as an assessment tool in order to help make a grade determination
 - There was a short discussion around the reasons for moving away from exams:
 - What is the purpose of exams – understanding the curriculum or how to write an exam
 - Destreaming courses
- We are continuing to work on destreaming. There was a second professional learning opportunity with our school based team.
- Budget – the school has not yet received the operating budget for the year. This typically arrives mid October based on the September 30th enrollment numbers. The expectation is that the budget will increase from last year due to the enrollment numbers. The budget will be presented at the next council meeting.
 - We will be using the newly created budget allocation process with department heads (Needs Based Budgeting)

9. Financial Report

- Mara informed Council that the current balance is \$9,149.26

10. Other Business

Craft Fair

- Pam H. - Craft Show – craft show date is November 19th
 - All crafters have paid and all tables are sold (130 tables)
 - Friday evening (set up) – 3:30 pm – 8:00 pm, craft fair 7:00 am – 3:30 pm, tear down 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm
 - Students are setting up the tables, parents are only asked to volunteer to supervise the tables – Pam will send out a parent sign-up sheet
 - Canteen – organized by Sarah Jones
- Anne-Marie – to organize the set up (existing outside signage) at intersections and decorations in the lobby
 - Information table - coffee for the crafters

Timed Meetings

- Les/Mora put forward the request for timed council meetings
- Motion was brought forward to have 1 hour meetings with a vote to extend by .50 hour

11. Next Meeting

- The next council meeting will be Thursday, November 17th @ 7pm.

12. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.