

Cairine Wilson S.S. Parent Council



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Thursday, January 26, 2023

Chair: Mara Andriescu

Secretary: Janine Stewart

Attendance:	Uzo Onochie-Roy	Derek Black	Anne-Marie Dugal
	Janine Stewart	Jenny Busch-Hallen	Andrew Murphy
	Les Robinson	Pam Hawley	
	Mara Andriescu	Anna Jowsey	

Regrets* Afeefa Rauf
Ziad Khan
Darlene Laporte/Laurie
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1. Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by Mara at 7:00 pm.

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2. Agenda:

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes for October 20 and November 17th meetings
3. Reports:
 - i. Chair's Report – Mara Andriescu
 - ii. Student's Report – Luca Andriescu
 - iii. Teacher's Report – Anne-Marie Dugal
 - iv. VP's Report – Darlene Laporte/ Laurie Labelle
 - v. Principal's Report – Andrew Murphy
 - vi. Financial Report – Derek Black
4. Old Business: Vice Chair update - OCASC meeting on Thursday, January 19, 2023.
5. New Business: Change the Parent Council monthly meeting date to allow the VC to participate in the OCASC meeting on the third Thursday of the month.
6. Adjournment
 - i. Next CWSS Parent Council Meeting: TBD

3. Approval October/November Minutes:

- No changes to the October minutes
- Mara moved to accept the minutes, Derek 2nd, all in favour, none opposed
- Les had one change to the November minutes – “Principle” to change to “Principal”
- Mara moved to accept the minutes with the one change, Derek 2nd, all in favour, none opposed

4. Chair Report:

- Mara inquired if the Chair Year End Report from last year was submitted to the Board
 - Mara will confirm with Heather (last year's Chair), if the report was filed
- Derek confirmed that the Financial Report for last year was submitted by the September deadline
- The parent council email address is still locked, Mara is currently working to get this resolved

5. Student Report:

- Student dance – Feb 16th from 7-10 pm

- Funds are not needed for this event from the council but will need chaperones will be required
- Andrew will be meeting with the Student Council to see how the event planning is progressing, there are outstanding items that must be addressed for the event to take place
- An email will go out to the School Council if volunteers are required for the event next week

6. Teaching Staff Liaison Report:

- Ms. Dugal shared the report below with Council

From	Good News/ Info to Share
Key Club	<p>December Bake Sale Raised around \$450.00</p> <p>Proceeds were divided between True North Aid, and Trans Youth Equity Foundation. (True North Aid support Northern Indigenous communities and Trans Youth Equity Foundation supports and advocates for transgender and gender non-conforming youth and families)</p>
DDP (Sciortino and McRae)	<p>December 9, 2022</p> <p>Dear Parent Council,</p> <p>I am writing to you to kindly request funds for a coffee program that the DDP is planning to start in January. The program has many benefits for the students. They include: developing social skills between staff and students, developing skills in counting money as students will be required to give back exact change to staff, developing skills in preparing coffee. The goal of this initiative is to teach the students necessary life skills.</p> <p>In order to start our program, we will need to buy reusable cups, lids, sleeves, stir sticks, sugar and coffee. The start up cost is \$150.00. We intend to purchase these items on Amazon. It would be greatly appreciated if we can have your help.</p>

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	<p>The teachers and the EA's in the DDP would also like to thank you for the funds you gave us to help with the Christmas craft sale. The table came into great use.</p> <p>Once again thank you for your support.</p> <p>Ms. Rosetta Sciortino and Andrew Mccrae</p>
<p><i>ASD Classroom</i> <i>Brigitte Cusson</i></p>	<p>Dear Parent Council.</p> <p>My name is Brigitte Cusson, and I am the new ASD teacher. A foundational part of our program is helping our students develop the general skills and knowledge that will support maximum independence for daily living after our program. Many of these skills come from visiting community stores - restaurants, and grocery stores.</p> <p>Starting next week, our students will visit Metro and Subway to supplement in-class instruction with real-world experiences. Students will be navigating the grocery store, paying for items, counting change, engaging with community members, ordering off menus as well as preparing simple recipes from food that has been purchased.</p> <p>Our goal is to raise \$420. This amount would allow each student to access \$5 a week (we have four students in our class, and 21 weeks are remaining in this school year) for the remainder of the school year. The families in our class recognized this initiative's importance and have already raised almost half of the amount (\$200)!</p> <p>We would be grateful if you considered matching our efforts by contributing \$220.</p> <p>Many thanks, Brigitte Cusson</p>

Student Services	<p>Start of Semester 2: Feb. 1st, 2023</p> <p>Students will receive a copy of their Semester 2 timetable from their Homeroom teacher on Feb. 1st</p> <p>Final date for students to make changes to their Semester 2 timetable:</p> <p>Feb. 14th, 2023</p> <p>Virtual course selection for the 2023-2024 school year presentation dates:</p> <p>Grades 9-10: Feb. 6th from 7pm to 8pm</p> <p>Grade 11: Feb. 7th from 7pm to 8pm</p> <p>Deadline to submit course selections in Xello:</p> <p>Feb. 24th, 2023</p> <p>Grade 8 Parent Information Evening:</p> <p>Feb. 8th, 2023 from 6pm to 7:30pm - RSVP is not required to attend</p>
Sean Sacharuk School Events/Guest speakers, student media Projects etc.	<p>Requesting funds for the purchase of a 'Wireless Microphone" PA system that would benefit multiple areas of the school. The system is called Rode Wireless GO II, PLAY(RODE Wireless Go VIDEO LINK). We first learned about this system when we had a wheelchair basketball demonstration. The two presenters were using this system and it allowed them to walk around the gym floor teaching the students how to use the wheelchairs while playing basketball, cord free.</p>

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	<p>This system would be a true advantage to so many programs and areas around Cairine. It could be shared by departments, used for school events, used for guest speakers and more specifically our students' media projects as it can be plugged into laptops, desktops, cellphone's and cameras.</p> <p>This system unfortunately is in two steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. RODE Wireless GO II system we can get directly from the company or there are a number of different outlets it can be purchased from. The cheapest I have found is on Amazon.ca, which still allows for us to register it under the company's warranty program.2. The second part of the system is to Purchase a Portable Bluetooth PA speaker. There are many brands and some high end ones like a BOSE system the two presenters had which were spoken about earlier, but this one has a \$700 price tag (for the future). I have done some research and have found a PA speaker company called 'LYXPro' 12" PA system which would work well with the speaker system. <p>Requesting \$500, leaving a balance of \$159.00 which will be financed by the Phys-ed department. The gym is a shared space, which hosts many large school events for all students. This piece of technology would benefit and enhance many programs in our school community.</p> <p>Thanks Sean Sacharuk</p>
Music Department	<p>There is a Holiday Buy-in Concert on December 22nd put on by the Music Department. The students are working hard to put this together Unfortunately, this concert had to be cancelled due to the snow day</p> <p>THANK YOU for the Chime Rental in Jan/Feb. I have gotten a quote and it will be even</p>

	cheaper. The band is excited to get to use the chimes prior to festival
IDEA Club	<p>We had a superbly successful Coffee House to raise money for two Indigenous Organizations: Project Storm, which helps Indigenous women who are pulled into trafficking, and The First Nations Child and Family Caring Society which supports equality of education.</p> <p>The event raised over \$1100, and included performances from the Improv Team, the Jazz Band, individual slam poets and singers as well as a drama class short play. Mme Lamoureux's NBE class is also currently working on a donation campaign to make purses filled with supplies to support Project Storm women as well (Purses of Hope).</p>
Nominations for Orleans Outstanding Youth Award	<p>Teachers worked together to send in nominations for 9 of our high achieving students for their success in the arts, in philanthropy, in academics and in sport.</p> <p>Last year, 7 of our students won, and 1 received an honourable mention. Hopefully, we will be successful again this year.</p>

- Derek/Mara/Les – discussion around AP courses and challenges with course selections this year
 - Andrew – this '23-'24 will be different then last year – technical issues with ASPEN have been resolved
 - Students will have their course schedules prior to going on summer break
 - Anne-Marie – critical that the Feb 24th deadline (students submit their course selection through Xello) be met
 - Students can set up meetings with guidance councillors to ask questions, address issues/concerns, etc.
 - Andrew – if students are interested in AP courses, they should enroll, - based on feedback from students and parents interest in AP courses is high

7. Principal's Report/VP's Report:

- EKO testing (week of Jan. 16th) – board Wifi disruptions – caused some delays in the test sessions
- School has moved into the final evaluation/Student Success/Credit Recovery period

Upcoming Events:

- December 21st, Trustee visit spoke with students

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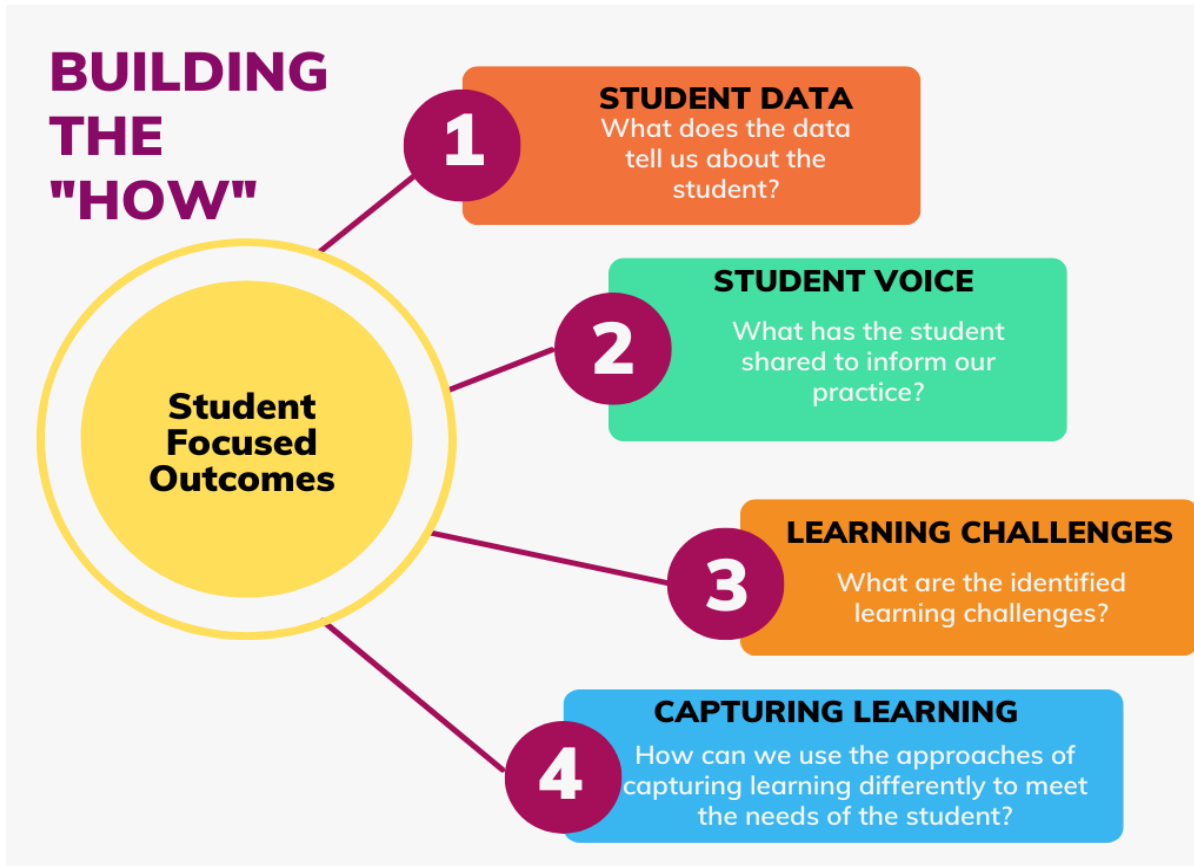
- Great student feedback
- Exams/Assessment tasks Finish January 30th
- Black history month Coming up, have an Assembly with guest Speaker Ahmed Hussen's MP (Student lead and driven)
- Semester 2 begins Feb 1, 2023
- Report Cards for Sem 1 to be distributed Feb 10.
- MADD (presentations to Youth)
- Added spiritual care workers
- Looking to bring an anti-racism and cyber bullying educational groups into the school
- Student support groups
- Welcome to High School and Grade 8 night. Wednesday, February 8th.

Staffing Update:

- Admin Team
 - Darlene Laporte: Will be leaving (Re-retiring)
 - Christopher Jupp: has been placed at Cairine Wilson Secondary School
 - Chris starts Feb 1, 2023 Cairine Wilson Secondary School in the Vice Principal (A-K)
 - Laurie Labelle Vice Principal (L-Z)
- New Staff
 - Paul Emerson – English and CWS
 - Mark Viani – Science and Physical Education
 - Meena Dowlut – Programming
 - Kaitlin Hammell – Chemistry
 - Brigitte Cusson – ASD
- Welcome Back
 - Sara Farquhar
 - Olivia Seillier
- Good Byes
 - Joanne Muir

Pedagogy:

- PD day will be held on January 31st:
 - Student Agency,
 - Evidence records
 - Examining how we are capturing evidence of learning



Meaningful Learning (Deep Learning)	Rote Learning
-high retention and deep levels of knowledge	-superficial knowledge and low retention
-context understood and synthesis of knowledge opens other understanding	-non contextualized facts or information
Style of Instruction:	Style of Instructions:

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-direct instruction techniques -collaboration and reciprocal instruction -jigsaw method -SPACED	-repetition and skill drills -simple assessments of learning for non contextualized facts -MASSED
Goal is learning and performance - deep learning and grades are an outcome Criterion Referenced Need for quality assessment	Goal is grades - lack of knowledge and skills is an outcome and lower grades than desired Norm Referenced Assessment quality can vary

Knowledge and Understanding: John Hattie - [High Yield Strategies](#)

Retention: [Memory Palace](#)

VP's Report:

- seeing much better behaviour from students
- reports from teachers that student behaviour is improving
- still having issues with vandalism – continue to work on these issues

Questions:

- Derek - Year books – there are a couple of students interested in running a year book; however, they are looking for a staff member to supervise the initiative
- Les – Exam Period – will there be any feedback to see how students are doing with the decision for exams to be only in grades 11 and 12 (no exams for grade 9, 10 students)
 - Andrew – there will be need to be analysis done (differences in student achievement data) after a full year

8. Financial Report:

- See attached Budget 2022-2023
- Discussion regarding prioritizing the expenses, rather than spending based on 1st come, 1st serve
- Anne-Marie – suggested take a third or half of the money and spend on little projects and then save the remainder for the bigger projects
- Andrew - bigger project – fundraising for the assembly/performance area – proper projector

- Mara – brought forward the 2022-2023 School Council Parents Reaching Out Grant - \$750 grant, applications must be submitted by February 20, 2023
 - Anna indicated that she has experience with putting together proposals
- Derek – put forth the motion to grant the requests for funding from the current meeting, totally \$1270, Les 2nd the motion, all in favour for granting the money for the 4 requests

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9. Other Business:

- OCASC – Les
 - Les attended the OCASC meeting on Jan. 19/23
 - Made up of 19 schools, 6 or 7 secondary schools, various committees' reports
 - OCASC dues \$35 (membership fees)
 - Previous meetings – special fundraising information
 - Issues with board Wifi – can approach the board as a group rather than as a single school,
 - this has been a long standing issue
 - causes issues with staff and students – Pam indicated that without the Wifi, the photocopiers can also not be used, issue with Chromebook
 - Les volunteered to attending the remainder of the meetings (end of May)
 - Only issue is that the OCASC meetings run at the same time as our current meetings
 - Mara brought forward (Derek 2nd) the motion to move our meeting dates to the following:
 - Feb 23/23
 - April 27/23
 - May 25/23
 - June 8/23
 - All in favour to move the meeting to the above dates
- Uzo – Chat GPT – AI application which can generate text in response to a prompt, including articles, essays, etc.
 - There has been media around the ability for students to use this application for cheating
 - Andrew – this can be brought back to how we are collecting evidence of students' learning; it is possible to tell if a student is cheating if teachers know their students
- Pam - Craft Show
 - Lots of positive feedback from crafters about our students
 - Lessons learned – the ATM machine unfortunately did not show up

10. Next Meeting:

- The next council meeting will be Thursday, February 23rd @ 7pm.

11. Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.