

Cairine Wilson S.S. Parent Council



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Cairine Wilson Secondary School

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Thursday, February 23, 2023

Chair: Mara Andriescu/ Les
Robinson

Secretary: Janine Stewart

Attendance: Janine Stewart
Les Robinson
Mara Andriescu

Derek Black
Anna Jowsey
Luca Andriescu

Andrew Murphy
Alison Dewar

Regrets* Afeefa Rauf
Ziad Khan
Darlene Laporte/Laurie
Labelle
Uzo Onochie-Roy
Pam Hawley
Anne-Marie Dugal
Jenny Busch-Hallen

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1. Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by Mara at 7:10 pm.

• Approval January 2023 Minutes:

- No changes to the minutes
- Derek – clarification on request for funding - \$500 total for headset and microphone plus PA system
- Les moved to accept the minutes, Anna 2nd, all in favour, none opposed

• Chair Report:

- Les/Anna - worked on proposal for the 2022-2023 School Council Parents Reaching Out Grant - \$750 – Mr. Murphy submitted the proposal to the board
 - If received, the school will bring in parents/community members to share personal experiences and work with the Foods classes to prepare food from their culture
 - The funds would also be used to purchase seeds for the DDS group's garden, with the intention the seeds are for foods from these recipes
- This week Anna will be sending a separate email out regarding the "City of Ottawa Schoolyard Tree Planting" grant
- "TD Friends of the Environment Foundation Grant" – Anna will ask if there were any environmental groups within the school that may have environmental projects in which they could benefit from the grant
- The parent council email address is still locked, Mara is currently working to get this resolved

• Request for Funds – 2 CW students (Muzhda Azimy and Sweny Saija) – Anne-Marie Robinson-Sisk - Special Presentation

- Building awareness around diversity – 2 special events
 - “Diversity Fair” with school and community (April)
 - Would like to include small business in the community and CW clubs
 - Sell snacks, soft drinks, etc.
 - Fashion show – show different cultures (flags, jewelry, etc.)
 - Ramadan Lunch (March)
 - Catering(?)

- Muzhda Azimy, Sweny Saija and Anne-Marie Robinson-Sisk (Teacher/Supervisor) to come back to the School Council with a proposal for funds for the 2 events by March 20, 2023
- **Student Report:**
 - Student dance – Feb 16th – a huge success, 180 students (primarily from grades 9 and 10)
 - Cost of the dance was covered by proceeds from The Coffee House event
 - The Student Council will work on having another dance at the end of the year
- **Teaching Staff Liaison Report:**
 - Ms. Dewar shared the report below with Council

From	Good News/ Info to Share
Nordic Ski	5 athletes going to OFSAA this week!!
Student council	Organised a neon dance that was very well attended and had no issues. Students had a great time and 750\$ was raised to put back into student activities.
Key Club	Our key clubbers worked with the ASD unit to sell, put together, and hand out candy grams to students on Valentine's day. The ASD students had a great time integrating with our classes, and we raised over 150 dollars to put towards their programming. Considering we lost 2/4 days of sales due to the snow day, it was a great success.
International Club	We hosted both International students and ICP students for a big welcome pizza lunch last Thursday. The students were able to meet some of their support persons at school, come up with some ideas for future excursions, and address some homestay issues with the coordinator who attended.
IDEA Club	Preparing for the Black History Assembly - guest speaker, Minister Ahmed Hussen (had to postpone- hopefully, he will be able to attend this week). If not, we will watch his Ted Talk. The students have

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	<p>prepared skits and a dramatic poetry reading of Maya Angelou's poem, "Still I Rise".</p> <p>Turkey and Syria Relief Campaign. CW student, Beril Cinkaya, who is from Turkey, has created a video and is calling on CW families to support the disaster relief in her home country. Messages asking for donations will be sent home this week.</p>
Student Services	<p>The deadline for students to select and submit their course selections in Xello is Feb. 26th, 2023. Students should see their Guidance Counsellor if they have any questions.</p> <p>Pink Shirt Day was Feb. 22nd, 2023. All students were encouraged to wear pink to support anti-bullying initiatives.</p> <p>MADD Canada will be at CWSS on Mar. 10th, 2023 to present to the entire student body. A letter in French and English has been sent out to the CWSS community regarding this presentation.</p>
Music	<p>The Concert Band is attending Capital Region MusicFest this weekend! We will be playing at Earl of March midday. Folks are welcome to watch, it costs \$3.</p> <p>We are working on Arts Night which tentatively will take place April 27 and a collaboration with feeder schools TBD!</p> <p>We are offering a bunch of music courses next year! We will have Voice (singing), Guitar, and Wind/Brass/Percussion in the timetable, and Concert Band (AMR) outside of the timetable</p>

- **VP's Report:**

- Administration has heard about incidents of racism (i.e., jokes, etc.) in online chatter
 - VPs currently going to each grade and having conversations regarding language while online in chat groups
 - Ensure students understand what is "respect" at OCDSB schools
- Mr. Jupp has been working on building relationships with the students
- Mr. Jupp has been tasked with the OSLT (3 day literacy test for grade 10 students)
 - Students must pass the literacy test in order to graduate
- Ms. Labelle – Parent/teacher interviews (March 23rd) – hybrid event
- Ms. Labelle – XELLO - working on the master schedule – goal is to have schedules out to the students by the end of the school year
- Mara – asked about AP courses in grade 11:
 - Mr. Murphy – if students want the AP courses, they should register for the courses, courses can only run if there are enough students enrolled
 - Derek - more AP courses are offered in grade 12

- **Principal's Report:**

- Guest Speaker Ahmed Hussen's MP, was not able to attend the Assembly, will be coming back week of March 26th
- Administration has been busy planning for the next school year
- Dance went well – currently working on getting clarification regarding the Ottawa Police and if there is a requirement to have them on site during an event (i.e., dance)
- Commencement has been set for June 28th, day after the school prom – communication will be going out shortly
- Pedagogy:
 - continue to work on training with regards to de-streaming
 - ongoing training - student agency assessment (student choice in how they demonstrate their skills/knowledge)
- Physical school – the leak in the library has returned, in the summer the entire roof will be replaced and sloped
- Derek – has there been any further developments with regards to the school yearbook
 - Mr. Murphy – students are working on getting a teacher supervisor
- Derek – grade 9, 10 exam period – no exams for grade 9 and grade 10, no formal instruction – parents upset regarding this period, will this be the same in June?
 - Mr. Murphy – board decision regarding the no exams for grade 9 and grade 10, this will be the same in June, too late to make any changes for the June period
 - Les – this was a hot topic at the OCASC meeting
 - OCASC has been looking for feedback to take to the board

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- **Financial Report:**

- See attached Budget 2022-2023
- The blank spaces in the budget (in the “To Date” column) with budgeted amounts indicates more information is required (who to write the cheques to)
- Any grant money that is received is separate from the school council budget
 - Mr. Murphy – grant money goes into school’s accounts – “Grants”

- **Other Business:**

- OCASC – Les - attended the OCASC meeting on Feb 16/23
 - Parent involvement – huge issue is the lack of engagement from parents – this issue will be brought up to PIC (to support and enhance parent’s engagement strategies)
 - PRO Grant & OCASC initiative – deadline was Feb. 20/23, late submissions will be accepted; however, there may not been any money left if it was submitted late
 - Gr. 9 & 10 removal of final exams
 - Will the format be the same in June?
 - Stressful environment for Grade 11 students as they will take exams for first time and when the grades are important for their enrollments in universities and colleges
 - Board should offer opportunities for Gr9 & 10 students to benefit from 8 days vacations in a useful way such as doing volunteer hours, having workshops on how to write exams
 - WIFI Reliability and Computer Access – will be revisited at the next meeting (March)
- School Council page on CW website – Janine/Les – currently being worked on

- **Next Meeting:**

- The next council meeting will be Thursday, April 27th @ 7pm

- **Adjournment:**

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM