

Cairine Wilson S.S. Parent Council



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Thursday, May 25, 2023

Chair: Mara Andriescu/ Les
Robinson

Secretary: Janine Stewart

Attendance: Janine Stewart
Les Robinson
Mara Andriescu

Derek Black
Andrew Murphy
Laurie Labelle

Uzo Onochie-Roy
Anne-Marie Dugal

Regrets* Pam Hawley
Anna Jowsey

Call to Order (L. Robinson):

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

Land Acknowledgement (L. Robinson)

Approval of the Agenda (L. Robinson)

- A. Dugal, D. Black moved to approve the agenda, all in favour

Approval May 2023 Minutes (L. Robinson):

- Spelling edits – “Bylaw”
- D. Black, M. Andriescu moved to approve the minutes, all in favour, none opposed

Chair Report (M. Andriescu):

- Continues to work on the council’s official email address
- Looking for help in drafting the end of the year report
- Seeking help in the grant (\$750) reporting
 - A. Murphy will look at what is required for the reporting requirements (contact name, receipts, etc.)

Student Report (M. Andriescu):

- Planning stages for spirit week (dates are TBD)
- Picnic benches for outside the school
 - A. Murphy – cannot be made of combustible material, cannot be self built
 - Will inquire with grounds keeping - Nature Nook

Teaching Staff Liaison Report (A. Dugal):

From	Good News/ Info to Share
Sarah Jones (Food & Culture)	THANK YOU for the Cultural Diversity funds from the PRO grant. Part of it was used last week for an amazing workshop put on by Thirteen: A Social Enterprise. Students LOVED the experience of learning about African cuisine. Here are some photos from the workshop: Cultural Diversity Workshop with Thirteen

Student Services	<p>The graduation ceremony for current <i>Grade 12</i> students in the International Certificate Program is on June 8th at 440 Albert Street from 7pm to 8:45pm</p> <p>The last day for grads to accept a University offer of admission is June 1, 2023. If a grad has not heard by now, they should be in to see their guidance counsellor to discuss options.</p> <p>Summer school registration is open until June 19th for interested students. They should see their Guidance Counsellor for more info and to register for a course</p> <p>There are still a TON of scholarships available for this year's graduating students. All details can be found on the <i>CW</i> student services website.</p> <p>There are a lot of summer volunteer positions and jobs also listed on the <i>CW</i> student services website.</p> <p>Grads should have completed by now the minimum amount of 40 community hours that is required for graduation from Ontario high schools. If they have not, they should see their Guidance Counsellor ASAP</p> <p>Take Our Kids To Work Day is scheduled for November 1st, 2023. More info to follow.</p> <p>Launch 2023 - for next year's <i>Grade 11</i> and <i>Grade 12</i> students - is scheduled to take place on November 1st, 2023. More info to follow.</p>
Felicia Persaud (Music)	<p>The music department is hosting 2 feeder schools (Terry Fox and Henry Larsen) on June 9 for the End of Year concert. Tickets will be by donation and will be available on school cash online.</p>
Outdoor ed	<p>The grade 10 class completed their hiking trips in Frontenac Provincial Park this past month and will be paddling down the Ottawa River on June 2nd for their canoe day trip.</p>

	<p>The grade 12's were on their Algonquin Park 4-day canoe trip last week. For many, this was their first overnight wilderness trip due to no overnight trips allowed in their grade 10 & 11 years due to the pandemic. Needless to say, some cold temperatures and the famous Algonquin Blackflies did not slow this group down.</p> <p>I just want to quickly mention that without our alumni and parent community supporting these trips by being supervisors and driving our canoes to Algonquin Park, that these trips would not be possible. So, thank you for all your hard work in supporting us.</p> <p>June is LET'S BIKE month in Ottawa.</p> <p>We have made a CW Wildcats Team and want as many staff, students, parents and alumni to join our team. The goal is to get as many people biking in the month of June, whether that is your commute to school/work or going for a bike ride on the weekend or a mountain bike at Larose Forest. It all counts and as little as 1 ride makes you eligible for some of the amazing prizes this event will be handing out.</p> <p>Check it out: https://letsbike.ca/</p> <p>Here is the link to the team: https://app.letsbike.ca/t/646f6713a7655</p>
Kim Stanzell	<p>Help required: we would like to ask if any parent / family would be willing to help clean the front garden. It has potential to be nice and just needs some TLC.</p> <p>Students could also work on it and potentially earn volunteer hours.</p>
Staff	<p>Picnic tables (multiple teachers)</p>

Questions (L. Robinson) – did the council want to donate money to the school for the purchase of picnic tables?

- A. Dugal – heavy duty picnic tables (\$800 – \$2,000)
- M. Andriescu – good to get the students involved
 - A. Murphy – union issues with having the students building the picnic benches
 - Most of the vandalism is not our students but rather the outside community – have been able to see this through surveillance, most take place late at night and/or on the weekends
- L. Robinson – daughter went on the outdoor ed trip and had a great time, very good experience
- M. Andriescu – is it possible to promote the scholarships more, esp. for the younger grades
 - A. Dugal – many scholarships, really have to go through all the web sites
 - A. Murphy – new scholarships come up all the time (scope is large) but that he would take this comment back to Mr. Wolfe
 - U. Onochie-Roy - Mr. Wolfe has been promoting the scholarships

VP's Report (L. Labelle):

- Student management has been better
 - Admin. team has been visible, checking washrooms, stairwells, etc.
- Planning for next year's activities – waiting on the board's "starred" dates (religious dates where activities cannot be held)
- Timetables are looking good – guidance will now be looking at the student's schedules (conflicts, etc.)
- Exam preparation (Mr. Jupp), EQAO testing (grade 9 students board testing on mathematics) – June 14/15
- D. Black – when will the students have their timetables
 - L. Labelle – students will have their timetables in September (teachers, classrooms, etc.)
 - There can be changes over the summer, (i.e. summer school)
- M. Andriescu – which AP courses will be offered next year
 - L. Labelle – chemistry, no math

- M. Andriescu – if a course is not offered at CW and is offered at another school can a student take that course at the other school?
 - A. Murphy – no, but students can take e-learning courses, best to make an appointment with Mr. Wolfe
- L. Robinson – guidelines for grade 9 and grade 10 students from the board are the same for the exam period in June as they were in January?
 - A. Murphy – yes, they are the same, an email (May 16th) went out to the parents regarding the exam period in June (June 21 to June 27) and what is expected of the students:
 - students are only required to attend school to engage in student success activities (grade 9 and grade 10)
 - expectations for students will vary by course and grade level (some classes may have final assessments, others may offer a “credit improvement”)
 - grade 11 and grade 12 students will be writing exams during this period
 - a Student Success Days/Exam Days schedule will be published by the school two weeks prior to the start of these five days
 - A. Dugal – work is already been done with those students who are in risk of not passing a course (credit rescue), as well the credit rescue will continue in the afternoons during the exam period

Principal’s Report (A. Murphy):

- Administration has been busy planning for the next school year, with the master schedule
 - Same administration next year as was for this year:
 - A. Murphy – Principal
 - Vice-Principals: C. Jupp, L. Labelle
- Professional development – will be sending more teachers in May for de-streaming training
- Next year – focus on literacy and what literacy looks like in each course
- Currently in the process of choosing the graduating class valedictorian
 - Staff nominations, students vote, top 4 or 5 candidates are interviewed and must meet academic standards as well
- Fire drills and lock downs have been conducted (thanks to the Chief Custodian)
- Physical school – many renovations are expected over the summer period, (roof replacement, outside yard, nature nook)
- Currently hiring for teachers and Education Assistants
- Moveathon – event set for May 26th

Financial Report (D. Black):

- See attached Budget 2022-2023
- For cheques to be written, - require receipts for:
 - DDP grad wear, coffee program
 - Diversity Day
 - A. Dugal – will follow up with R. McCrae
 - Grad Party
- Items to be voted on by the council:
 - Coin sorter - \$250
 - School projector - \$3,400
 - Staff Appreciation - \$400
 - Picnic tables - \$1,000
 - Graduation Award - \$200

Old Business:

- **Tree Planting Initiative - A. Murphy**
 - Defer to the fall, once the renovations have been completed
 - M. Andriescu – to speak with Anna re: deadline for the grant to be used
- **Year book – A. Murphy**
 - Working with the school newspaper (The Wilson) to come up with something
- **C.W. Craft Fair – J. Stewart P. Hawley, A. Dugal, L. Robinson)**
 - P. Hawley, A. Dugal, L. Robinson and J. Stewart met regarding the craft fair
 - P. Hawley – will be handling the registrations for this year
 - Help is required come September – November and organizing the actual fair

New Business

- **Staff Appreciation Event (U. Onochie-Roy)**
 - Cookie, grab and go event
 - Extremely busy time for the staff
 - Total staff 74 + 5 custodians
 - L. Labelle – dietary restrictions, attached note is very much appreciated
 - June 28th – PD Day – best day for the event
 - U. Onochie-Roy, L. Labelle, L. Robinson will meet to discuss the appreciation night
- **OCASC Update (L. Robinson)**
 - Notes - from last meetings (March, April and May)
 - Unfortunately, the board has become somewhat dysfunctional
 - issues with attendance, require a secretary, looking for communications help
 - PIC – Parent Involvement Committee are looking for a greater voice with the school board
 - Looking for more parent volunteers
 - School climate survey – members have found not much follow up from the survey
 - A. Murphy – at C.W. we reviewed the survey with the teacher heads, VP
 - Shared with the students (assemblies at the beginning of the year) – what can we do better (sense of belonging)
 - Various actions have taken place as a result of the student voices (i.e. gender neutral washrooms)
 - Deferred the AGM to elect the new executive to the fall
 - meet and greet in June from 7-9 pm in Fisher Park
 - Members have voiced concerns regarding the school budgets and a lack of transparency (mostly in the elementary schools)
 - A new code of conduct has been approved for how delegations go to the school board meetings – recently there have been issues with inappropriate behaviours at the meetings
 - Arts Advisory Board – schools have begun to revive their arts programs – currently 45 mins/week at the elementary level
 - Committee of the Whole has worked on the field trip policies

Next Meeting:

- The next council meeting will be Wednesday, June 7th @ 7pm (in person)
- Top of the agenda will be a discussion on the finances and voting for pending expenses

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM