

Cairine Wilson S.S. Parent Council



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Thursday November 30, 2023

Chair: Les Robinson

Secretary: Janine Stewart

Attendance: Janine Stewart
Les Robinson
Crystal Manias

Derek Black
Andrew Murphy
Pam Hawley

Anne-Marie Dugal
Laurie Labelle
Guy MacDougall

Regrets: Melissa Britton
Janine Stewart -
(attended virtually)

1 Call to Order (L. Robinson):

- The meeting was called to order at 8:15 pm.

2 Land Acknowledgement (L. Robinson)

3 Introductions/Regrets (L. Robinson)

- A. Murphy - Student Rep. has been chosen to represent council; however, was unable to come to this meeting – will be able to make the January meeting

4 Approval of the Agenda (L. Robinson)

- Agenda was approved without any changes, A. Dugal moved, C. Manias 2nd the move, all in favour

5 Approval of the Minutes of October 26, 2023 (L. Robinson)

- Minutes were approved without any changes, D. Black moved, C. Manias 2nd the move, all in favour

6 Business arising from the Minutes (October 26th)

6.1 C.W. Craft Fair (Nov. 18)-final update (A. Dugal/L. Robinson/P. Hawley)

- Overall, very good feedback
- Students were very helpful – great feedback from the crafters on the amount of help they received, extra dollies helped
- Issues with parking – people parking on the grass, in the loop in front of the school, use of signage helped, look at possibility of using some of Metro parking next year
- Issues with signage – 2 day craft fair, start times, may want to look at purchasing new signs for next year (colour changes – from red to orange in order to distinguish it from other craft fairs)

6.2 OCASC meeting – Nov. 16 and AGM – Oct. 19 – update (L. Robinson)

- Was not able to attend the Nov. 16th meeting due to the Awards Night presentations
- Oct 19th – updates from the minutes:
 - P.I.C. - Motion to eliminate OCASC appointed reps. was successful
 - Rationale: Other reps had to go through rigorous process to be appointed, OCASC reps did not. Also, looking to fill some gaps from a diversity standpoint. Also, PIC missing out on good people because they have too many applicants
 - Problems with this motion – OCASC did not have time to review the motion, PIC had legal representation to back the proposal

6.3 Council Funded Activities from 2022/23 – update (D. Black)

- A. Murphy - the school benches have been ordered, but haven't arrived, remains an outstanding item
- A. Murphy - the line items related to DDP grad wear and Diversity Day could be removed from the budget

6.4 Link Leadership Events – Motion (\$770.00)**6.5 S.C. website – (J. Stewart)**

- Updated our site with this year's meeting dates, links to the google meet, new email address, and the S.C. members
- Worked with J. Kirby – great in updating the site, very responsive
- A. Murphy – J. Kirby will be working on revamping the entire C.W. website

7 Reports of Executive Members:**7.1 Chair's Report (L. Robinson)**

- Craft Fair – give thanks to Richard and the care staff for all their help with the dollies, tables, etc.
- Where the Poppies Blow – congratulations and thanks to Ms. Adma for putting on an amazing production
- Awards Night – thanks to the staff for putting on a fantastic event that celebrated the remarkable academic accomplishments of our students

7.2 Student's Report (TBD)**7.3 Staff Report – (A. Dugal):**

From	Topic/Good news/ Request	Request for Funds
Student Services	<p>Nov.8 - The annual CW parent information evening was a big success this year. Mr.Wolfe and Mr.Kirby hosted a record number of parents. Parents had the opportunity to speak directly to representatives from Algonquin College, U of Ottawa, Carleton U, as well as U St. Paul's and Discover Year.</p> <p>Dec. 4-15 - 11 students from Maple Bear School in Brazil will be attending CW on a short-term stay</p> <p>Dec 12th from 6pm to 7:30pm - Grade 8 Parent Information Evening</p> <p>Jan. 15-19 - Grade 8 Week: one feeder school per day will visit CW that week as part of transition support</p>	
Mr.Kirby & Mr.Brown/	Mr.Kirby noticed when transporting a student in a wheelchair to a parent's vehicle the wheelchair was unable to	

safety accessibility	roll out of school due to a door threshold problem. There was an elevated sill on the bottom plate that prevented the wheelchair from rolling out the door. The parent had to lift the front of the wheelchair to roll their daughter to the waiting car. After witnessing this, Mr. Kirby brought it to the attention of Mr. Brown, who immediately actioned a repair to the floor sill. This improvement to our building now significantly increases the accessibility for our students and our community. In case of an emergency and a paramedic needs to wheel in a gurney, this can now easily roll in to our building. Thank you Mr. Brown	
Mr.Kirby, Mr.MacDougall, Mr.Sveinbjornson	Wrestling On another positive athletic note, this year's wrestling team has started training. Coaches are happy to see record numbers out again for this team. We have 67 athletes on the books, which once again makes us the largest team in the school. We have a full season planned with NCSSAA. Clash in the caf will be Jan.11. Mr. Kirby and Mr. MacDougall continue on as the NCSSAA wrestling convenors for another year.	
Mr.Sacharuk, Mr.MacDougall	New Exercise equipment Mr.Sacharuk has secured a donation of 20 brand new spin bikes, and 9 sets of free weights that range from 5-50 lbs. The retail value of this donation to CW is approximately \$50,000	
Mr. McCrae	After a long hiatus, our DDP Work Experience is back to life. We are excited to build relationships with three community partners that will work with us to enable our students to access essential curricular skills. Our partners include Pet Value (Jeanne D'arc), Value Village (Innes), and Capital Courts (centrum)	
Mr. McCrae	DDP students made a number of items that were sold at this year's fantastic CW Craft Fair. Scented pine cones, Christmas cards, cookies, coasters, ornaments, and scented bath salts were all available for sale. As you may remember, last year this council supported our vision with a donation to get us started. This year we continued this vision and are excited to share that we earned enough money to rent a bus for a field trip. Last year's trip to Parc Omega was an absolute highlight. I have no doubt that this year's trip to Domain l'Ange Gardien will be too.	
Key Ideas Club Student: Sophia Cooney Teachers: Kelsey Knowles Todd Kelly & army of student volunteers and parents	The annual Halloween For Hunger Food Drive was a massive success this year. Students collected, packed, and loaded 4350 non-perishable items (6300 lbs) donated to the Ottawa Food Bank.	
SST (Anne-Marie)	Ms. Dugal provides lunch and snacks to the students throughout the Student Success program Specifically, the light snacks (fruit, cereal, toast, yogurt, cheese, muffins) and light meals (frozen pasta/ soup/cans)	\$500

Dugal)	and drinks for the students This year's budget has been slashed; therefore, the lunch and snacks can no longer be sustained	
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Questions:

- L. Robinson moved a motion for the request for funds for the SST nutrition program for \$500
 - D. Black 2nd the motion and the vote was unanimously passed
- A. Dugal – pizza receipt from the craft fair, will forward to D. Black for reimbursement

7.4 V.P.'s Report – (L. Labelle):

- High School Information night – being held on Dec. 12th
- C. Jebb – held the Literacy tests – Nov 22nd, 23rd, test must be passed in order to graduate
- Student Survey – grade 9 & grade 10 students, what type of courses do you want C.W. to offer
 - survey came out a little late for next year but will show the results to the departments for the following year
- Starting to work on the schedules for the next school year – surveys out to students, show of interest (in Feb '24)

7.5 Principal's Report (A. Murphy)

- Budget has come out – presented to the staff this past week (see attached budget)
- Trustees reduced all budgets amounting to 10% in operating costs
- Student Success Program was reduced by 80%
- Outdoor Education – increase in funding
- Largest expenses are in supplies (i.e., photocopying)
- School generated funds – projector, prom, vending machines
- International Students – 11 students from Brazil (\$500)
- PD Day – went well:
 - Thank you to the teachers who put on presentations, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Knowles, Ms. Dewar
 - Teachers enjoyed sharing their practices
 - Presented the school improvement plan
- January – final evaluations will be issued
 - Student success – some classes will have final assessments in grades 9 and grades 10
 - Grade 11 and Grade 12 non academic classes will not have exams
 - Those students without a final exam; similar activities as last year (i.e., tutoring, mentoring, etc.)

7.6 Financial Report (D. Black)

- Cheque for the June grad award had been re-issued and subsequently cashed by the recipient
- Receipts for the grad garden party were provided, a cheque was prepared, and it was cashed
- Motioned that the previous amount (\$500) that was approved for the art frames be amended to \$700, C. Manias 1st, L. Robinson 2nd the motion, unanimously approved

8.0 New Business: (L. Robinson)

8.1 Parents Reaching Out (PRO) – Grant up to \$750.00, Deadline - January 12, 2024

- Any interest in spearheading the project?
- Need to meet prior to the next meeting as the deadline is January 12th

Next Meeting:

- The next council meeting will be Thursday, Jan. 25/24 at 7:00 pm

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM