

Cairine Wilson S.S. Parent Council



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Cairine Wilson Secondary School

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Thursday January 25, 2024

Chair: Les Robinson

Secretary: Janine Stewart

Attendance: Janine Stewart
Les Robinson
Crystal Manias

Derek Black
Andrew Murphy
Melissa Britton

Anne-Marie Dugal
Laurie Labelle
Guy MacDougall

Regrets: Pam Hawley

1 Call to Order (L. Robinson):

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

2 Land Acknowledgement (L. Robinson)

3 Introductions/Regrets (L. Robinson)

4 Approval of the Agenda (L. Robinson)

- Agenda was approved without any changes, D. Black moved, M. Britton 2nd the move, all in favour

5 Approval of the Minutes of November 30, 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 (November 30th)

6.1 C.W. Craft Fair signage (L. Robinson)

- look at purchasing new signs for next year
- colour changes – from red to orange in order to distinguish it from other craft fairs
- no date, time at 9:30 without an end time so that we may use again in years to come
- need signage for parking
- need to look at list of activities for next year's craft fair

6.2 OCASC meeting – January 18th – update (L. Robinson)

- Unfortunately, not very organized, issues with sound, certain unfriendly tone – internal fighting with OCASC and PIC and issues with the Board
- Ottawa Children's Festival – very successful event, long running event, May 10th – May 14th, issues with transportation will work on sorting through
- Parent Engagement Committee – excellent event, great resources
- CIAK – new software – Lexia – promotes literacy skills, very good program
- PIC – if OCASC is no longer on PIC, how will parents stay informed? Need to understand how to move forward

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

- the school benches have been ordered, but haven't arrived, remains an outstanding item

7 Reports of Executive Members:

7.1 Chair's Report (L. Robinson) – none for this meeting

7.2 Student's Report (TBD) – none for this meeting

7.3 Staff Report – (G. MacDougall):

From	Topic/Good news/ Request	Request for Funds
Student Services	<p>Feb. 1st - start of semester 2</p> <p>Feb. 7th and 8th - virtual course selection presentations to students currently in Grades 9-10 and 11, respectively. The Feb. 7th presentation starts at 7pm and the Feb. 8th presentation starts at 8pm. The links to join have been shared with students and posted on our website</p> <p>Feb. 14th - deadline for students to make any changes to their semester 2 timetable</p> <p>Mar. 1st - deadline for students to submit their course selections in Xello</p> <p>Mar. 21st - Eastern Ontario College Fair taking place during the afternoon in the CW cafeteria</p>	
<p>Learning Commons/Library</p> <p>Marlene MacRae</p>	<p>Request for funds (exact quote to follow after computer tech consulted)</p> <p>The Learning Commons is a learning hub that is lacking a permanent projector and screen. Although the library is not a designated classroom according to the OCDSB definition, heaps of teaching and learning occurs there. We require a quality projector and a screen.</p> <p>This equipment is necessary so that students/ staff learning/teaching needs are met. Classes and teachers need access to this technology to further the teaching of digital literacy skills and to develop the transferable skills that are found in each curriculum document.</p>	<p>Could you please forward the form that was developed to marlene.macrae@ocsb.ca.</p> <p>I will be sure that the necessary people are contacted so that we have an exact quote for the February meeting.</p> <p>Thanks for considering.</p>
<p>DD classes/ Andrew McCrae</p>	<p>With the success of our annual craft sale and our desire to continue to develop more rich learning opportunities that increase the relationships, connections, and visibility of our students, the DD classes will be running the Valentine's Day candy grams.</p>	

	<p>We wanted to say thank you again for your support and let you know how that craft fair kick-started our ability to do more events like this.</p> <p>Proceeds will go towards an annual trip (last year was Parc Omega) this year potentially to Domain De L'Ange Gardien.</p>	
Drama	<p>Lots going on in the drama department.</p> <p>Students from our Production Class competed at the STAR Festival at the University of Ottawa on Dec. 13th (it's a festival where students from all over the city perform short scenes, monologues or singing performances and receive adjudication from specialists in the field). Seven of our students received distinction awards and will be competing at the National STAR Festival in May.</p> <p>They may also be performing the play Where Poppies Blow (our big production done in November) at the STAR Festival as well as the National Theatre Festival in March. Our students wrote and performed a play for the holiday assembly.</p> <p>Our Jr and Sr Improv Teams will be competing in their regional tournament the week of March 21st. We have a talented group of improvisers and are hoping to achieve high results in this tournament.</p>	
Physical and Health Education	<p>The PSK4U - Introduction to Kinesiology class ran a successful Little Buddies program with Mrs. Kaitlyn's kindergarten class at Orleans Wood this past semester. This is the first time back to Orleans Wood in 5 years for the Kinesiology students.</p> <p>The Little Buddies program helps support kindergarten aged children once per week throughout the first semester. The goal of the program is to develop the children's fundamental movement skills and physical literacy in accordance with Canada's Long Term Athlete Development Model. In a nutshell, the grade 12 students created relationships with 4 and 5 year olds, played games, had fun and developed some important movement skills for the kids to build on.</p>	



Recreation and leadership class will be starting their challenger baseball (best buddies program in Sem 2) - asking for baseball equipment

Learn to skate - asking for skates and hockey equipment

Mr.Sacharuk,
Mr.MacDougall

New Exercise equipment arrived
Phys-ed department looks to expand the weight to utilize all of the new equipment.

Mr.Kirby,
Mr.MacDougall,
Mr.Sveinbjornson

Wrestling:
Clash in the Caf was a great success. Well attended and featured many upcoming wrestlers.

Qualifying wrestlers will travel to Hamilton this year for the OFSAA wrestling championship.

Mrs. MacDougall

Thank you to the school council!

Art frames were ordered today.

Mr. MacDougall

Badminton jerseys did arrive

Mr. Casey

21 Guitar kids registered for Cairine Wilson's new course (we only have 11 guitars as of now)

	Mr. Murphy got us 4 from SWL on loan	
	Donations - Any guitars in any condition	

7.4 V.P.'s Report – (L. Labelle):

- Credit recovery programs are running
- Exam period – bump and slide day, due to snow day, exams moved to next day
- Preparing for the start of the new semester – Feb. 1st, QR code and a hard copy list posted for students to see their homeroom where they will then receive their whole schedule
- Parents will receive the report cards for semester 1 on Feb. 12th
- EQAO – testing completed, went smoothly
- Grad photos retake – Feb. 20 to 23rd
- Student management on the whole has been good
- Feminine hygiene products available in washrooms (from the board), also available in male washrooms
- Presentations for choosing courses for the next school year – Mr. Kirby and Mr. Wolfe will be hosting presentations; recording will also be made available
- Start planning for the next school year will begin in the 1st week of March

7.5 Principal's Report (A. Murphy)

- Bump and slid with the weather this week – requiring a full day of exams on the Monday and Tuesday
- Destreaming updates:
 - 1st phase all grade 9 students are together (i.e. no more academic and applied streams)
 - Now grade 10 students are together
 - 25% are in learning sprints or with a curriculum coach
 - Departmental learning sprints – at staff meetings teachers are presenting what is working well in their classes
- School Improvement Plan:
 - Increase in literacy, numeracy goal
 - Next meeting will bring in the improvement plan, would like our input into the plan
- Semester II:
 - New positions, new sections, courses and new hires
 - Begin to plan for next school year with V.P., department heads,
 - Projections for the number of students anticipated - likely growing for next year (grade 9 – 200 students)

- There will be more emergency procedure drills in semester II
- Feb. 12th report cards will be going out to students
- Grade 8s are coming in one school at a time for orientations
- Budget
 - Received 50% in November, we have now received the remaining 50%
 - Received \$34,730 initially; therefore total = \$90,000 Operating Budget
- Questions
 - L. Robinson – is the school receiving additional funding/resources for destreaming?
 - A. Murphy – better this year than last year
 - J. Stewart – where do the instructors come from for destreaming?
 - A. Murphy – they come from the board

7.6 Financial Report (D. Black)

- See attached budget
- Parent Involvement Fund (\$500) will come into the school's account
- School Council will write a cheque to the school for the expense minus the \$500 (Parent Involvement Fund)

8.0 New Business: (L. Robinson)

8.1 Motion-Appointment of a Community Representative to the CWSS School Council

- L. Robinson brought about the motion to appoint A. Dugal to the Community Representative effective Feb. 1, 2024
- J. Stewart – 2nd the motion, a vote was taken and was unanimously voted in favour

8.2 Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant up to \$750.00- Submission for 2023/2024 (see attached)

Next Meeting:

- The next council meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 29/24 at 7:00 pm

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm