

SCHOOL COUNCIL



Cairine Wilson Secondary School
School Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 18, 2018

Chair: Mark Lecuyer

Secretary: Jennifer Pyne

Attendance: Mark Lecuyer Marcia O'Connor Jennifer Pyne
Marlene MacRae Stephanie Greenham Maureen Ritchie
Rorey Brown Julietta Jablasone Cindy Kay
Doreen Cummins Pam Hawley Jennifer Coleman
Uzo Onochie-Roy Heather Mawhinney Anne Corrigan
Carl Dobbin

Regrets*

1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Mark at 7:15 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

3. Approval of September Minutes – Mark and Stephanie

4. Chair's Report

- Mark explained that there had been a request that meetings be moved to the third Thursday of the month. This was agreed to by all those in attendance.

5. Student Representative Report

- Rorey updated on Halloween for Hunger. They are in the process of dividing students into neighbourhoods. Each group will have a driver. There may be a need for more drivers. Halloween night, these students will trick or treat for the food bank.
- The first school dance will be October 25, 2018 from 7-10. The theme is a Halloween Glowfest. Tickets can be purchased for \$7 or \$5 plus 2 cans of food.
- The “I give a shirt event” took place this week. Students were asked to donate gently used clothing to this drive.
- A pep rally is in the works. This will likely occur prior to one of the main sporting events to bring enthusiasm to the field/court.
- Voting will take place soon for student council reps and athletic council reps. Some students are leveraging social media as part of their campaign.
- Gradwear forms were due this week. Cairine Wilson wear, will be available for sale in the upcoming weeks. Info will be sent home about that and a booth will be set up so students can see the actual items including some “retro-wear”.
- Student Council would like to start a mental health initiative “by the students, for the students”. Some resource recommendations were provided to Rorey by School Council members.

6. Teaching Staff Liaison Report

- Mr. Clancy: Terry Fox Run raises \$6,500 this year. Many thanks to all the staff and students for their support and generosity. Once again the Terry Fox spirit shines brightly for all of us in his marathon of hope. Thanks for all the miles of smiles.
- Mr. Kelly: The Social and Environmental Justice Club is organizing an event called Halloween For Hunger. The event will take place on the evening of October 31st. Students will be collecting canned/non-perishable goods from throughout the community and bringing them back to the school. The following day, the items will be boxed and picked up for delivery to a local soup kitchen. Addendum to this report from Mr. Kelly—the SEJ club has decided to donate the food to the food bank in Gatineau in order to assist those that were affected there by the recent tornado.
- Mr. Kelly: On December 7,8, the SEJ will be putting on the 4th annual Camp in the Caf/30H Famine. This event is to raise funds and awareness in support of refugees (locally and internationally). We will transform the caf into a mock refugee camp and will be giving tours to our students, students from nearby elementary schools and well as the general public.

The SEJ can use your help in the following ways:

1. We need life jackets, tents and inflatable boats (they will be returned).
2. We also need you to come out to support the event and spread the word.

For more information contact todd.kelly@ocdsb.ca

- Marlene reported that students participated in a mock municipal election on October 16. Results will be released after the actual election. Thanks to Ms. Perry Robin for organizing this event.

7. Principal's Report

- Jennifer reported on the School Learning Plan. This year's plan will be focussed on math. The plan will be co-developed with Sir Wilfred Laurier SS. They will also be considering the feeder elementary schools as they plan is developed. There will be a component of financial literacy included. Also included will be the development of a wellness plan related to math with a focus on healthy risk taking.
- Jennifer updated on the ongoing renovations. Unfortunately, earlier in the week, a pipe burst in one of the newly renovated areas causing some water damage. This is currently being fixed. The wood shop is almost ready and the two science labs should be open by the end of November. Consideration is being given as to whether the other labs should be renovated now or during the summer months.
- Relay-For-Life Update: Discussions are still ongoing as to whether this event will carry on. To date, staff and students have been polled with mixed results regarding the type of event and the location of the event. It is important to note that only about 100 students replied to the poll so may not be a true indication of student sentiment. At this point, all that can be confirmed is that there will be some type of large event but not clear what it will look like and where it will take place. To note, relay-for-life at CW has raised over \$805 000 during their 15 years of participation.
- Awards ceremony will take place on October 23. Families of recipients have already been invited.
- Francine Lalonde, the area MPP visited CW a couple of weeks ago. She will be taking some good news stories back to the provincial legislature.
- Remembrance Day Ceremony will take place on Monday, November 12.

7. Vice-Principal Report

- Carl reported that students in the Outdoor Ed. Classes were camping this week at Frontenac Provincial Park. Two separate groups have gone this week.
- Carl also reported on the success that the CW sports teams are currently having.
- He pointed out that the students always act as good ambassadors for the school whenever they are out and about.
- Anne reported that progress reports were sent home and interviews were taking place that evening.
- She spoke about the full-day "Heads" retreat that took place off-site. They spent some time reviewing academic pathways and ensuring that all appropriate courses are being offered. They want to ensure that all streams of study are well represented.
- Anne also indicated that course selection for next year will be in early February. More time will be spent ensuring that the students understand their options.

8. Financial Report

- At the last meeting, the opening balance for the new school year was reported as \$3492.07. It has come to our attention that one cheque from last year for singlets was not cashed. This means that the actual opening balance for this year is \$4122. 12.

- A new cheque was issued for the singlets at this meeting.
- Additional funds have been deposited this year from table rentals for the craft show.
- Marcia reviewed the recurring expenses for each year. Jennifer committed to following up what the \$500 commitment to the Host Program is for.
- Marcia reported that all financial reports from 2011 to last year are now stored in the school office.
- There were a few requests for funding:
 - Washer and dryer used by the food classes, community living classes and the sports teams need replacing. The washing machine repairs will cost almost as much as the purchase of a new one. The dryer is old and likely won't last much longer. A new washer was estimated at \$650 and washer/dryer combo at \$1200. Jennifer P. put forward a motion to fund \$1200 for the washer/dryer combo and this was seconded by Maureen. All were in favour.
 - A request was made for \$150 for refreshments at the awards ceremony on October 23. Maureen put forward a motion to fund this request and it was seconded by Marcia. All were in favour.
 - Additional Council tables are needed to replace some that can no longer be repaired. These tables are used at the craft show and other events at the school. Maureen committed to checking Costco and Canadian Tire to get the best price. Marcia put forward a motion to spend up to \$500 on new tables. This was seconded by Jennifer P. All were in favour.
 - Cheques were provided to the school for the washer/dryer and the refreshments.
- The Parent Involvement cheque (\$500) has not yet been received at the school.
- See attached spreadsheet for details.

9. PRO Grant

- There has been no confirmation or refusal of the PRO grant to date. Many schools have reported that they have not heard anything back yet so possibly that the Ministry is simply delayed in processing the applications.

10. Christmas Craft Sale

- Maureen Ritchie provided an update on this event. All 140 tables have "sold" which will mean a full house. Many volunteers (student and adult) are required to make this event a success. Marlene committed to speaking to the cafeteria staff about what food they will prepare. Rorey has committed that the students who are part of Voices, will definitely be available to help out. A volunteer list was circulated at the meeting and additional volunteers will be sought.

11. New Business

12. Next Meeting

- The next council meeting will be Thursday, November 15 @ 7pm in the Learning Commons.

13. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

