



Record of Decision – 2014-01-09

1. Welcome and Attendance: Hana Bland, Cathy Bryson, Corrine Davidson, Kevin Gilmore, Connie Hamilton Jesso, Juniper Hayes, Allison Lamothe, Donata Leuenberger, Janet Patch, Andrew Solomon, Eamonn Stinson O’Gorman, Lori Stinson, Cameron Stotts, Susan Woodhouse
Regrets: Debbie Aufleger, Jim Elliott, George Gao, Miriam Halevy, Corrie Hamilton, Nancy Lebrun, Nicky Romain

2. Approval of the Record of Decision for Dec. 5, 2013 Meeting
Motion: Donata motions to approve minutes as is.
Seconded: Lori
Carried

3. a) Voices (Student) Report – Eamonn Stinson O’Gorman, Cameron Stotts
 - Recent and upcoming events
 - i. Link crew are planning a “Coco and Cram” which is tutoring and studying over hot chocolate to assist grade 9’s with their first exams.
 - ii. Pizza party to celebrate winning first place at this year’s “Parade of Lights”
 - iii. Spirit week to celebrate the birthday of Cairine Wilson and each day of the week will carry a different theme.
 - iv. Planning school events for “Fun Fridays”

- b) Teacher’s Report – Andrew Solomon
 - Presently working on summatives and exam preparation
 - The teachers would like to thank the Parent Council for disbursements received. Purchases have already been made and items already put to good use!
 - Rick Sambel and our two Improv teams will be competing for “Connor’s Cup” at the U. of O. Academic Hall on Mon. Feb 3rd (Jr.) and Sat. Feb. 8th (Sr.)
 - Our school play, “A Mid-Summer Nights Dream” group are working on rehearsing and set production. The play will run from Wed. Feb. 26th to Saturday March 1st.
 - Cheryl Trachy-Goulet and the concert band are performing at Music fest at Woodroffe High school on Feb. 19th at 9pm.

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- Anne-Marie Robinson-Sisk performed a waste audit at CW with OCDSB staff. 48hrs of waste was sorted and results revealed good efforts for recycled paper 96% and cans and bottles 78%, however we need to improve on what ends up in the garbage. 50% of our garbage waste could be going to compost and 11% of that was untouched food. Parents can help by sending litter less lunches and other suggestions made to increase awareness to students about compost bin locations and providing reminders to sort their garbage.
- Ms. Macrae will be presenting at our next meeting on Feb. 13th.

c) Principal's Report – Kevin Gilmore

- Our Christmas Concert was terrific and the student spirit was a nice finish for the year.
- Compliments to Andre Vinette our Chief Custodian for his attempts to remedy the ice rink that is our parking lot at the moment. Freezing rain/weather has made it a challenge but there have been no serious incidents.
- Summatives are in the 2nd week and we are preparing for exams. The exam schedule is up on the website and will be held Jan. 27th to 31st. The last day will be for practicals and missed exams.
- Semester 2 starts the following Monday and students are to present to their semester 1 first period where they will receive their new schedules.
- Arts groups had a good trip to NYC
- Girl's soccer team will be going to UK on the March Break.
- Spirit events and school play coming up.
- We have a "fill in" Art teacher that is helping to work on stage sets.

d) Chair's Report – Susan Woodhouse

- Nothing new to report at this time.

e) Treasurer's Report – Donata Leuenberger

Updated budget provided to council with new breakdowns to assist ease of use.

Cathy Bryson has generously donated \$500 that she received from RBC for her volunteer hours.

Motion: Connie motioned to approve budget as presented by Donata.

Seconded: Lori

Carried

4. Old Business

Craft Sale Report – Janet Patch

- Another highly successful craft sale year. Thank you to all the volunteers!
- Janet agrees to champion next years craft sale and Donata will be our treasurer.
- Discussion of areas done well and suggestions for next year.

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- Janet to set up a review committee to prepare for next year. Debbie Aufleger, Cathy Bryson, and Jacque Fildes will assist with the review. Report to follow.
- Kevin suggests that signs will be organized and distributed by CW staff.
- New recruits will be required next year as seniors will graduate. Suggestions to recruit new parents: Grade 8 night, PT interviews.

b) PRO Grant –We have a \$1000 budget to hold workshops on our three chosen topics determined by 107 survey results:

1. How to help our kids plan, prioritize, focus, etc.
2. Anxiety and Stress: Coping with school, family, and peer demands.
3. Picking post secondary programs, with future employment in mind.

These workshops still in planning. There are issues with availability of speakers. The OCDSB will be presenting to students in the area of stress and anxiety and we could possibly have these speakers return to present to parents in the evening. Kevin will look into this. Discussion regarding possible speakers with Corrine Davidson volunteering to assist Kevin to find speakers.

c) School Improvement Plan – handouts provided.

- 1) “Reading for Meaning”
- 2) School Improvement Plan for Student Achievement: 2013-2014 Kindergarten to Success
- 3) Numeracy Guide for Parents/Guardians

As per the Director of Education’s yearly mandate, there are improvement plans in place at the board, school, and teacher level. These plans need to align and we have developed a school improvement plan that is available on the school and board websites. There are key strategies to be used with a focus on reading for meaning and proportional reasoning. Council discussed CWSS goals.

5. Action Items

a) Parent Involvement Exercise – Susan held an exercise to brainstorm ways that parents can become more involved with their child’s education. This exercise revealed traditional ways as well as those less obvious and extended towards those that help with parents who have the challenge of geographics and time constraints. Susan will draw up an information sheet to present to parents at grade 8 information night on Feb. 6th.

6. New Business

- Relay for Life- This fundraiser is held in May; however we need to request the Navan fairgrounds now. Donata will champion this event. Many families volunteered last year as well as the Lions Club and teachers: Colleen Dupuis-Strong and Diane Lemieux-Couture.

7. Adjournment: **Motion:** Allison motions to adjourn at 9:04pm
Seconded: Hana

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