

Cedarbrae School Council Minutes
Wednesday, January 10, 2024
6:00 p.m.

Welcome and Introductions

Erin Agnello - Principal

Birgit Sievert - Vice Principal

Melinda Metzger - Planning Time Teacher (Music, Health, Drama & Dance, FDK)

School Community Attendees: Jessica Lowe, Nancy Ferrier, Cordelia Juhlke, Adam Clemens, Andrii Borozdykh +1, Mya Weber, Mrugank Trivedi

Outline of School Council

Erin - What is school council all about?

It is an **advisory committee** for administrators of the school. It is not about having to do more things in your already busy schedules. It is about **information sharing** - learning more about the events and initiatives at school. It is not a forum to ask a student specific question. The **focus is on the whole school**. Becoming involved in school council does not mean you must come to every meeting. Normally it is an **opportunity for caregivers to donate their time**. Typically, there are fall elections for positions like chair, co-chair, treasurer, secretary, fundraising, etc. Often times the fundraising chair or treasurer will work with Crystal Snyder, our head secretary if there is money involved. Our current balance for school council is about \$1,600. Crystal will be able to give us an update for our next meeting.

Administrators' Update

- **PD Day Jan 19** - these types of days are posted on School day. Our teachers will be working on report cards. DECEs, EAs & CYWs have PD that they will be accessing

- **Term 1 Report Cards:**

-go home on Feb 12 (addendum - February 16 due to technical issues)

-next one is in June

The Kindergarten communication of Learning is written by the teacher and DECE. The report cards are written by classroom and planning time teachers. The focus is on learning skills, letter grades for academics and next steps. As always, if any caregiver would like the opportunity to speak with the teacher, please connect with them to arrange a time.

- **School Bus Safety:**

January 23rd (addendum - occurred on February 14, rescheduled due to weather)

-students previously participated in bus evacuation

- **Adventure4Change:** Jean Morrison and Elysia Bednarek

-currently using a room in the school with a Memorandum of Understanding for programming

-Monday mornings - Moms Conversation and Coffee time

-Wednesdays after school - 4:30 - 5:30 - STEM & reading & activities in the gym

-will probably have a summer camp in July like past years

-if you would like to be involved, please connect with A4C

- **Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Project**

-we are a part of the first group of schools to be involved in a 2 year project with the board. Jon Hallett (Elementary Behaviour Program teacher) was involved with Birgit and Erin last year. This year we welcome

Kylie Padiath and Ryann Martin to our group as well. We have been focussed on supporting teachers to consider bias in books and pictures, teaching opportunities, addressing discrimination with the DIRECT tool, naming racist behaviour, hiring staff to reflect diversity of student population, challenging staff with scenarios, attending PD, etc. We will be meeting with Equity and Inclusion staff to support us and identify goals for our school. We meet monthly to discuss and address concerns, new learning opportunities, etc.

- **Courtyard:**

- Pioneer Craftsman has designed an IMPROVED courtyard (center of school) [See video here](#)
- will need to look at opportunities to connect with the broader community to see if we can get \$\$ donated, in kind (person or supplies)
- will be ready for September

Teacher Update

- Kodaly choir - Gr 4, 5, 6 will be up and running with performances in May - stay tuned!
- lots of intramurals planned for later in January/February - will update at next council meeting

Discussion:

Question: What about fundraising?

Answer: Currently we have pizza that raises a small amount. Attendees expressed interest in having fundraisers - what would that look like? Discuss at next meeting

Question: Parent/Teacher engagement - we'd like to get to know them

Answer: We can look into having pictures put up on the TV screen at the front. You are always encouraged to reach out to your child's teachers.

Question: What about breakfast program?

Answer: Currently we have the Nutrition for Learning program - snacks available for students throughout the day. In our Extended Day Care Program, there are snacks through "Organic Kids." We hope to have the Breakfast program up and running again once the renos in the kitchen are complete and we can reconnect with N4L.

For next time:

Territorial Acknowledgement

Ask teachers to inform parents through planners, School Day

Have Google Slides up for parent to see

Jun 19, 2024 Family Fun Night (rain date - June 20) SAIDAT

Jun 26, 2024 -2:45pm - Gr 6 Celebration

Jun 27, 2024 10am Year-End Assembly

NEXT MEETING: Feb 14, 6pm in the Library - **CHANGED TO FEBRUARY 28 at 6pm in the library**