

Cedarbrae School Council Minutes

Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Library

Agenda:

- Territorial Acknowledgement
- Welcome and Introductions
In attendance: Birgit Sievert, Erin Agnello, Melinda Metzger, Mya Weber, Cordelia Juhlke, Adam Clemens

- Administrators' Update by Birgit and Erin

Courtyard Project Update

[Promotional Video](#)

- Pioneer Craftsman is creating a production schedule to begin coordinating material deliveries and trades; hoping to begin excavating in April
- still aiming for completion by September 2024

Microforest

- in collaboration with City of Waterloo; Gore Mutual sending volunteers
- gifted 100 trees, variety of types
- April 16th is planting day!
- area for microforest is beyond main parking lot
- students will be involved with digging holes, adding mulch, watering
- lots of outdoor education activities for all grades

Solar Eclipse

- Monday, April 8th
- board has posted messages on their website and school websites
- School Day message will go out to parents (update: sent March 29th)
- parents may choose to keep their children home or pick them up early if they wish; asked to email attendance line: ced-attendance@wrdsb.ca
- students will be kept inside during second nutrition break but dismissal at 3:40 pm is happening as usual

Intramurals

- occurring during nutrition breaks for students who are interested
- futsal, run by Jon Hallett
- Indiana basketball: opportunity to play in weekend tournament at Laurier as well (Ballstars); compete against other schools; run by Delaney Ryan and Ryann Martin
- coding club occurring with juniors (grade 4-6), run by Ryann Martin

Prayer Room and Fasting Room

- many students celebrating Ramadan
- prayer rooms available for boys and girls
- have mats for students who wish to use one
- presently have a classroom for students who are fasting during Ramadan

Safe, Caring, and Inclusive School Survey

- grades 4-12, provided with class time to complete
- required by Ministry every two years
- questions are about well-being, physical health, self-esteem, connectedness to caring adults, school experiences
- responses are confidential, overall results are shared with our school; individual responses are not shared
- board posted info on their website and school websites; we sent out School Day msg on March 15th and again yesterday; board put out message today
- parents can read survey questions in link board posted; can opt child out if they wish, do so by March 31st

- Teacher Update by Melinda

- Rotary Grant Application has been submitted; if accepted, would use money towards new musical instruments like rhythm sticks and hand bells
- Primary Choir has started; grade 1-3, Wednesdays at second nutrition break
- Spring Concert: primary and Kodaly choirs will perform; more info to come
- Kodaly Choir is going to Vista Hills on April 3rd, joining about 10 other schools to practise songs; choirs will be performing at Centre in the Square on May 7th at 7:30 pm; we have a bus to transport our students and families (we received board funding to cover cost); concert tickets are \$16 each, anyone can attend, about 300 tickets left, tickets available on School Day
- doing recorders in class; have ukuleles that grade 5/6 and 6 classes will use
- had organization here to teach students how to play cricket and another one for ringette

- Fundraising and Spending Possibilities

- current School Council balance: \$2747.72 (school funds) and \$1766.67 (WEFI donations to school council)
- possible expenditures: gaga ball pit, B&E will look into cost; also, plaque to recognize those that donated to courtyard project to display in front hall

- Other

- would like to plan a ribbon cutting event for courtyard in September

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 24th at 6:00 p.m. in the library