



Country Hills School Council  
January 25, 2023 6:30-7:30pm

1. Call to Order: 6:33 pm

In attendance: Beth Creighton, Outar Ramhit, Bethany Leis, Karina Carpenter, Joshua Windle, Aaron Fewkes, Laura Eady, Jennifer Boyer

Regrets: Tarra Stumpf, Keiko App, Becca Jayne, Joanna Kneale, Sawdeep Singh,

2. Territorial acknowledgement

3. Approval of Minutes (from November 2022): Aaron Fewkes, Bethany Leis

4. Approval of Agenda: Karina Carpenter, Aaron Fewkes

5. Principal's Report – Beth Creighton

- we have PRO grant information, will be shared with Karina and Aaron, and will be due in February (between \$500-\$750).

- we have information on the parent participation grants, staff will come up with the idea on how to use it, possibly for a speaker to come to the school for students and families.

- safe caring inclusive schools committee, staff/grade 6 students/2 family rep from community - looking for 2 parent reps - looking for ways to help build safe and inclusive environments in our school. If interested, reach out to Beth or Aaron. First meeting TBD.

- EQAO results, will be coming at a future meeting, will be shared with staff and making a presentation looking at the results.

- When gotchas are awarded, the reason why the student received the gotcha will now be announced with their name.

6. Educator's Report – Joanna Kneale & Aaron Fewkes

- whole school bingo in December was enjoyed by students, giving tree was also a success, 500 lbs of food was donated to the Food Bank (feeds 391 people), 5 full boxes of hats/mittens/boots

- students are happy to be back, transition from break has gone well.

- remaining spirit days : January flannel day, February hat day, March spring into spring day,

April backwards day, May me day, June school colours day

- humane society visits are Thursday and Friday
- kodaly choir attended field trip to see K-W Glee with the K-W Symphony
- winter assembly was well attended by parent community
- floor hockey has begun for junior students - 60 have signed up and staff have volunteered to officiate games
- newspaper club has been working on a new issue, will be out within the next few weeks
- junior classes are attending a Laurier hockey game Thursday - weather permitting
- 5/6A attended Blair Outdoor Education Center program yesterday
- January 30th assembly planned for Celebration Black Joy, will have classroom components for further discussions and conversations
- Secret Mission Sensory update: LIFT grant was not approved, project is worthwhile and will be moving forward as new grants are pursued
- Secret Mission Sensory timeline: Feb 1 packets go home, Feb 10 return date, Mar 4\25 or Apr 1/15 Saturday install

MOTION: Together, Aaron and Karina are directed to apply for the Parents Reaching Out Grant with the purpose of funding going to Country Hills Public School's Sensory Pathway project titled "Secret Mission Sensory." The ask will be for \$750.00.

Seconded: Bethany

Vote: Majority in favour.

#### 7. Treasurer's Report – Tarra Stumpf (delivered by Beth)

Balance \$5323.35

- Beth and Jenn were able to get a more accurate picture of how much we have in our account
- this number includes Fresh From The Farm
- there is such a backlog in board reporting, a side tallying on our part would be helpful
- movie night \$181 (\$156 to Laura Secord chocolates)
- popcorn machine was fixed and is now working - Thanks Brandon

#### 8. Sub-Committee Reports

- WRAPC Meeting Report – Tarra Stumpf
- Fundraising - Karina

- next fundraiser will be Read-A-Thon, tentatively will be in the weeks leading up to March Break. Help will be needed for this, if interested reach out to Karina. Possibly a book donation and sell night. Beth will reach out to Diane about the possibility of a Scholastic book fair.

- Playground enhancement - Outdoor play equipment
- Bethany will send out a list of missing outdoor items, a staff member will need to be assigned to liaise with Bethany to get items listed and delivered to classes. More

responsibility to be put in before items can be sent out, if something is taken out it needs to come back in.

- Communications

- would be helpful if we fundraise for a digital sign, then we can get more messages out - look into cost for future meetings - important to highlight upcoming PD days for families, by adding to school calendar or providing reminder on School Day

- Grants

- By-laws/mission/vision statements

- Beth to get some examples from other schools, will start off with discussion during council meetings and then shift to a smaller group discussion

## 9. New Business

- exploring to offer volunteer opportunities

- can we have high school students pre-register with us so we know who we can call upon when we have events - 2 ways would be either we go through guidance counsellors in schools or we go through our school community and put out a letter if any former students need hours to reach out to Beth.

- Fun Fair: high volunteer involvement, tentative date?

- caution needs to be practised as there is a huge need for people power in this and staff may not be in a position to volunteer, and council numbers are small.

- best practice would be to start planning in the fall for a large year end event.

- idea of an outdoor movie night instead with some outdoor activities, instead of a fun fair.

## 10. Discussion Items

- Movie night - possibly April 20 before the PD date, or Thursday before Good Friday

- New Kirk costume - Beth will look into Procurement to see where we should start as we look into a new costume.

Tentative dates for future meetings: February 22, April 26, May 31

Meeting adjourned : 7:38pm