

CORNELL VILLAGE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Monday February 3, 2025

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm, School Staff Room

1) *Land Acknowledgment (1 min)* Student Council

2) *Welcome & Attendance (1 min)* Haafid

Name	Name	Name
Sarah M – Y	Sarah Y – Y	Soma – Y (virtual)
Karen B – Y	Karen K – Y (virtual)	Chen – Y
Sam – Y (virtual)	Ashley – Y	Apurva – N
Chaithali – N	Wendy – Y	Shilpa – N
Niro – Y	Sabina – Y	Kelly – N
Haafid – Y	Tahir – N	Vibianna – Y
Joanne Trim – N	Heather Purcell – Y	Jessica Kennedy – Y

3) *Acceptance of January Meeting Minutes* Haafid

Accepted by Karen B, seconded by Sarah Y, all in favour

4) *Acceptance of February Meeting Agenda* Haafid

Accepted by Vibianna, seconded by Ashley, all in favour

5) *Student Council Report* Rehya/Esam

- a. Upcoming Carnival Event – taking place February 14; outdoor event; requesting parent/guardian volunteers to run activities (curling, bowling, ice run relay-race, three-legged race) between 12:10-12:50 pm and early set-up (11:10am -12:10 pm)
 - o Volunteers – Mrs. Kennedy, Vibianna, Sarah M, Ashely (maybe)
 - o **ACTION ITEMS: Admin to include request for volunteers in Cobra News**
- b. Black History Month activities underway – posters, visit from Njacko Backo, announcements, colouring, class-based activities
- c. Snack Shack – still going very well; moving to morning recess

6) *School Report* Heather

- a. Very successful Blow Away the Blues week in honour of mental health week.
- b. Three trips taking place this week (Lake St. George and Milne x2). Transportation is very expensive – might approach School Council in the future to help offset costs.
- c. Winter Walk taking place Friday February 7.
- d. Aurora the Therapy Dog – Visiting the school and certain classes, in a different outfit each visit. Hoping to expand the visits to more classrooms in the future.
- e. Snowshoes were borrowed from Outdoor Ed Depot – enjoyed by lots of students!
- f. Curriculum Night in April – Not ideal timing for the staff given what else is going on in the school. Alternatives for consideration:
 - o Daytime “Sip & share” in the library in April focused on literacy.

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- o “Books for breakfast” before school – time for parents/guardians to come in and read with their kids, and learn a bit more about literacy.
- o Incorporate as part of “Meet the Families Nigh” in Sept – with more formal presentations (perhaps for primacy/intermediate/senior) and make it more of a curriculum night
- o “Open door” periods each month, during the day or before/after school, for parents/guardians to come into the school and see all of the great community, school, celebration, and curriculum-based work that is happening in the school. Idea to engage “school ambassadors”.

g. \$1,356 received in general donations – thank you to all who supported CVPS!

7) Committee Updates/Discussions (60 mins)

All

a. Fundraising

- o Spirit Wear
 - o Recommendation to open sales up again on SCO in February (by Feb 7) and keep open past Movie Night (close Feb 21)
 - o ACTION: Niro to email Anji to make the SCO request
- o Movie Night
 - o Feb 19
 - o Ticket preparation will be managed by Vibianna and supported by Sabina, Ashley or Sarah M (on Tues Feb 18); Karen B and Sarah Y to get supplies ready (on Wed Feb 12); Karen B to prep additional tickets for patties
 - o ACTION: Reminder to all to sign up to volunteer
- o Arts Night
 - o Planning underway but thinking about June 11, “Glow in the dark” theme
 - o Could include food trucks and silent auction
 - o Silent auction discussion:
 - It generally does well (approx. \$2000)
 - But there is a concern that vendors donate a lot of items, and that we don’t get the true value of the donation in bids.
 - Council agreed to proceed with Silent Auction as organized in past years
 - ATION: Sarah M to locate/update donation letter and send out to Council

b. Communications

- o Shared Council/School calendar to be set up
 - o ACTION: Shilpa to create shared calendar of events with school dates and adding in our Council events
- o Council members are being asked to wear their favourite hat to our next meeting for good luck!
- o Committee members: Sarah M, Sarah Y, Karen B, Karen K, Shilpa

c. Parent Engagement

- o Postponing April even for literacy/math
- o Committee members: Sabina, Ashley, Tahir, Wendy

d. Staff Appreciation

- o Thank you to Chaithali and Ashley for treats provided on Jan 31!
- o End of April/Early May – Admin/Teacher Week – Thinking about flowers/planters for Admin and treats for teachers
- o End of June – Love Gelato option?
- o ACTION: Committee to investigate and communicate options

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- Committee members: Chaithali, Ashley, Vibianna
- e. Constitution
 - No update in this meeting
 - Committee is committing to a review in Q1 2025
 - Committee members: Wendy, Haafid, Niro
- f. Lunch Program
 - Status quo for next session for Pizza (1 slice option to be introduced for 3.25 – yay!), Subway, Hero Burgers
 - New options for consideration – Freshii (Karen B), Bar Burrito (Niro)
 - Council voted – all in favour of Bar Burrito on Thursday
 - Wendy volunteered to admin; on-site volunteers to be determined
 - **ACTION: Council members to consider volunteering for Thurs lunches; vendor contacts to request options on SCO to be open February 18; Sarah M to write up announcement for Cobra News**
 - Committee members: Karen K, Karen B, Sarah Y, Sarah M (plus non-Committee or Council members Kelly, Wing, Amanda, Wendy)

9) Treasurer's Report (5 mins)

Niro

- a. Quiet month for transactions
- b. Carrying quite a surplus – here are some areas where funding could be beneficial for the most students:
 - Transportation for field trips
 - Guest speakers, scientists in the school
 - Arts supplies
 - Recess activities
 - Spirit Wear – rolling stock
- c. **ACTION: Admin to consider additional needs areas; Council to vote on approved amounts.**

10) New Business (10 mins)

All

- a. No new items

11) Motion to end Meeting (1 min)

Haafid

- a. Accepted by Sarah Y: Seconded by Niro

Upcoming Events:

Feb 7 Winter Walk to School
Feb 14 Winter Carnival
Feb 19 Movie Night
Feb 26 Pink Shirt Day
Mar 6-7 Milne Gr 2
Mar 17-18 Milne Gr 4
Mar 19-20 Milne Gr 7

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Apr 7, May 5, June 2