

# CORNELL VILLAGE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Monday January 13, 2025

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm, School Staff Room

- 1) *Land Acknowledgment (1 min)* Heather  
2) *Welcome & Attendance (1 min)* Haafid

Name	Name	Name
Sarah M – Yes	Sarah Y – Yes	Soma – No
Karen B – Yes	Karen K – Yes (virtual)	Chen – Yes (virtual)
Sam – Yes	Ashley – No	Apurva – No
Chaithali – Yes	Wendy – Yes	Shilpa – NO
Niro – Yes	Sabina – Yes	Kelly – No
Haafid – Yes	Tahir – Yes	Vibianna – No
Joanne Trim – Yes	Heather Purcell – Yes	Jessica Kennedy – No

- 3) *Acceptance of December Meeting Minutes* Haafid  
Accepted by Sabina, seconded by Niro, all in favour
- 4) *Acceptance of January Meeting Agenda* Haafid  
Accepted by Karen B, seconded by Sarah Y, all in favour
- 5) *Student Council Report* Esam/Raya
- Upcoming Carnival Event – Taking place in February (date TBD); details coming soon; Jeopardy and Just Dance could be activities
  - Tamil Heritage Month Activities – planning underway
  - Lunar New Year Activities – planning underway; kids making lanterns class-wide activities, announcements, Lion Dance (Feb 6)
  - Black History Month – announcements, posters, colouring, class-based activities, guest speaker
  - Volleyball Intramurals – first tournament starting tomorrow
  - Candy Grams – big hit with the students
  - Snack Shack – going very well; cookies are possible
  - MOGA Event – considering one for January; could include sculptures and a dance
- 6) *School Report* Heather
- Outstanding music concerts in December!
  - Very successful winter walk day in the last week of December. Thank you to all who volunteered and joined.
  - Two new clubs starting – Cleaning Club (helping the Caretakers) and Kindness Club.
  - 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.

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- e. Food Drive, Sock Drive, Clothing Donation Drive – All very successful, and any leftover clothing was donated to a community agency in Lindsay.
- f. Two teachers – Ms Burns and Ms Vaisenan – secured \$3,000 in funding from Desjardins for mental health week activities (themed Blow Away the Blues).
- g. Snowshoes are arriving next week – borrowed from Outdoor Ed Depot (thank you for booking that early and securing for our kids).

## 7) Committee Updates/Discussions (60 mins)

All

Reminder: Council members are required to join 2 committees. All members are part of the Fundraising committee and should sign up for at least one additional committee. **ACTION: If you haven't signed up for a committee, please let us know which committee you are joining at the next meeting.**

### a. Fundraising

- o Spirit Wear
  - o Sales were low (likely due to timing – too close to the holidays)
  - o Opening sales up again on SCO in February and keep open past Movie Night (close Feb 21)
- o Donation Letter – Done; results TBD
- o Movie Night
  - o Feb 19
  - o SCO – can we include “would you like to volunteer?”
  - o Keep all food/ticket orders the same for now but consider additional option to test out – patties, Love Gelato
  - o **ACTION: Sam to send out volunteer sign up sheet; Admin to decide on movie (Inside Out) and start communications; Wendy to investigate patties**
- o Arts Night (to be discussed in next meeting)
  - o Planning underway but thinking about June
  - o Could include food trucks and silent auction
- o Other ideas (to be discussed in the April or May meeting)
  - o Holiday Market (Late November – indoors; vendors charged a fee to attend; parents could pay a nominal entrance fee)
  - o Community Garage Sale

### 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 Committee members: Sarah M, Sarah Y, Karen B, Karen K, Shilpa
- o If you are reading this sentence, you win the “I read the minutes thoroughly” prize! Send a message to Sarah M to claim your prize.

### c. Parent Engagement

- o Update from Heather/Joanne – leadership team considering a math/literacy curriculum night; tentative date of April 2<sup>nd</sup>; parents/students TBC; could be on the theme of The Amazing Race
- o How do we entice attendees? Could we bribe with free food?
- o **ACTION: Heather/Joanne to continue working with teachers and confirm back**
- o **ACTION: Committee to reach out to parents who offered to support Council activities and analyze responses; report back to Council later in the school year**

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- Committee members: Sabina, Ashley, Tahir, Wendy
- d. Staff Appreciation
  - End of Jan (Jan 31 am) – around Term 1 report cards – coffee/treats
  - End of April/Early May – Admin/Teacher Week – Flowers for Admin/Treats for Teachers
  - End of Year – Potluck TBD
  - ACTION: Chaithali to pull together a short write up for the Jan 17&25 Cobra News to share what we did in November on behalf of all parents/guardians (include photo), and a request to email Council if they want to get involved with future staff appreciation activities.
  - 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 now
  - New options for consideration – Freshii (Karen B), Bar Burrito (Niro)
  - ACTION: Investigate options before Feb 3
  - 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. End of last week – overall balance of \$15,000
- b. Includes the Borrow-A-Book program expense but not the Technology expense (\$4,425)
- c. Cost sharing technology purchases:
  - Micro:Bit coding Kit 10 student classroom packages
  - 10 Chromebooks
  - 10 iPads

## 10) New Business (10 mins)

All

- a. No new items

## 11) Motion to end Meeting (1 min)

Haafid

- a. Accepted by Sabina: Seconded by Karen B

### Upcoming Events:

Jan 20-24 Blow Away the Blues Week  
Feb 3 Grade 8 Grad Photos  
Feb 3-5 Lake St. George (Grade 7)  
Feb 14 Winter Carnival

### Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Feb 3, Apr 7, May 5, June 2