

# CORNELL VILLAGE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA Monday November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 7:00 pm – 8:30pm Teams Meeting - Virtual Meeting

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| 1) <i>Land Acknowledgment</i>                        | 1 min  | Heather |
| 2) <i>Welcome &amp; Overview of Agenda</i>           | 2 mins | Wendy   |
| 3) <i>Acceptance of Current Agenda</i>               | 1 min  | Wendy   |
| Motioned by Sabina; Seconded by Haafid               |        |         |
| 4) <i>Introductions of Council Members/Attendees</i> | 5 mins | All     |
| a. Council Members and Guest Attendees               |        |         |

	Attendance	Voting Member		Attendance	Voting Member
Niro	Y	Y	Sarah Y	Y	Y
Karen B	Y	Y	Sarah M	Y	Y
Amanda	Y	Y	Haafid	Y	Y
Liz	Y	Y	Marie	N	Y
Sabina	Y	Y	Karen K	Y	Y
Wendy L	Y	Y	Kelly	Y	Y
Carol	Y	N	Sandra	Y	Y
Heather Purcell	Y	N/A	Myka Hang	Y	N/A
Wendy C	Y	N	Vala	Y	Y

- b. *Request to add Carol Tsang to distribution for Council emails.*
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| 5) <i>Acceptance of September meeting minutes</i>   | 1min   | Wendy |
| Motioned by Haafid, seconded by Karen B   |        |       |
| 6) <i>Treasurer's Report</i>  | 5 mins | Niro  |
| a. Committee members voted to purchase movie licenses for movie nights, classrooms, etc.; Cost was \$655.40 |        |       |
| b. Subway lunch brings in about \$150/week to Council funds.  |        |       |
| c. Updated report will be provided at the next meeting.   |        |       |
| 7) <i>Overview of Current Committees</i>  | 5 mins | Wendy |

- i. Each member of Council should be part of the Fundraising Committee and must be on at least one other committee. Other parents or community members can also join a committee or volunteer at any time.
- ii. We added members to each committee in the meeting.
- iii. We folded Spirit Wear into the Fundraising Committee.

8) *Spirit Wear Update* 5 mins Wendy

- a. Prices from new supplier (Sandra's contact in Huntsville) seem higher than before but that seems to be a market-wide issue. Also, previous supplier that provided very low cost options is no longer available (they were a personal connection to parents who are no longer part of the school).
- b. Other vendors could be explored; depends on timing – if we want to offer Spirit Wear for the holidays, we need to move quickly.
- c. Liz may be able to get a quote from a local vendor, and Heather offered to get more information from what Rouge Park is doing for spirit wear. Fundraising committee will make a decision on next steps.

9) *Fundraising Discussion* 30 mins All

- a. Heather discussed needs with teachers:
  - i. Technology – Chromebook supply is depleting (many machines are older) and teachers would love to have a 1:1 ratio of computers to students.
  - ii. Phys Ed and recess equipment would also be beneficial.
- b. Goals:
  - i. As a Council, do we want to organize a few big fundraising events or multiple small ones? We should look at what's most impactful without taking too many resources.
  - ii. Past initiatives that did well were dance-a-thons (5K), movie nights (4K)
  - iii. Do we have a fundraising goal? Fundraising committee should discuss in partnership with school administration.
- c. Review ideas for fundraising this year:
  - i. Fundraising committee to review options.
  - ii. Direct fundraising letter – the Council agreed to issue the letter this year but request is to ensure we outline what the money will be spent on and clearly describe why we always need technology. Heather will take the lead on preparing/distributing the letter – Sarah M. to send the letter used last year.
- d. Recommendations to Council

- i. The Fundraising Committee will make recommendations on the plans for 2022/2023 at the next meeting (December 5).

10) Update from School

20 mins

Heather

- a. Terry Fox fundraiser raised: \$1848.90. Thank you to everyone who participated and raised money – and thanks to the community and parents/guardians for coming to the school to show support.
- b. Health and Safety visit has been re-scheduled. To date, the school has had one lockdown drill, one hold and secure, and two fire drills.
- c. Meet the Families Night – The Book Fair brought in \$3085 total, just under half in books (\$1224)
- d. Student Fundraiser- \$180.27
- e. Some school activity updates:
  - i. CVPS sent 5 cross country athletes to regionals
  - ii. We have started intermediate volleyball (girls and boys), choir for grades 4/5 and the strings programme
- f. We have selected admin/teacher representatives for various programs/committees:
  - i. FNMI representative - Inez Ng
  - ii. Equity lead - Karen Germano
  - iii. Mental Health Leads - Karolynn Vaisanen, Catherine Ho, Laura Burns
  - iv. Healthy Schools - Laura Crouse
  - v. Math Network - Heather Purcell, Jennifer Worthington, Colin Tyler, Lindsey Dobben
  - vi. CRRP - Jennifer Worthington
  - vii. Literacy – number of representatives
- g. Student Council – CVPS will be introducing a Student Council soon. Stay tuned!
- h. Gifted Screening – This will take place Nov 28-Dec 2.
- i. EQAO Update – The Ministry published last spring’s EQAO results on November 3<sup>rd</sup> ([www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com)). While CVPS results are strong and we are proud of the results, we want to remind our community of some key messaging:
  - EQAO assessment data provide one small source of information to support the improvement of student learning.
  - The Board does not support the use of results to rank or compare schools.
  - Improving student learning is a slow, gradual process. We need to look for sustained growth in achievement over time.

- In response to the pandemic, students in the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years did not participate in any of the EQAO assessments. Prior to 2019 all EQAO assessments were written using paper-and-pencil assessments, while this year, students did the tests online - a very different process!

The table shows the percentage of students in grade 3 and 6 who scored at or above the Provincial Standard (Level 3 and 4):

	Grade 3			Grade 6		
	CVPS	YRDSB	Province	CVPS	YRDSB	Province
Reading	81.8	80	77	93.2	93	90
Writing	62.5	75	69	97.7	95	90
Math	78.8	73	63	70.5	67	50

- j. Sewing programme – The Sewing Programme is one that students really enjoy and the school is thrilled to be able to offer it this year. The information regarding payment is still on School Cash On-line. The cost for the programme is \$20.00 per student. Please use Cash on-line to pay. There is also an option of paying by cash. It is not too late to pay! You have until November 18th to pay for the programme. Support in providing this incredible opportunity to our students is appreciated.

11) *New Business*

*10 mins*

*All*

- a. *Use of pronouns in progress reports*

*Liz/All*

We want to be respectful as parents and continue to learn more. But, the pronouns “they/them” were used in all 2021/2022 year end report cards and were therefore not personalized to each student. This was not a Board decision but rather a school choice – but this will be changing for our upcoming progress reports. There is currently no school or Board policy in place. Teachers know their students best – and will use the preferred pronouns.

- b. *Naming - School Council vs. Parent Council*

*Wendy/All*

We have been inconsistent in how we refer to our Council. There has been a shift from Parent Council to School Council, and it is an advisory board. Any community member can participate, and it is encouraged. So, it is best moving

forward to proceed with School Council or Council for short. The communications committee can ensure this is monitored and consistent moving forward.

c. *Lunch Craft Activity* *Wendy C/All*

Wendy C. offered to run a lunchtime craft activity (where kids would make greeting cards, bookmarks, etc.) monthly, to give more variety of activities for kids during school. The cost to participate would be approx. \$5/student and we would need to use School Cash Online. If this were to be a school endorsed activity, logistics would need to be investigated – if it is during school time, there would need to be space booked and supervision organized. It was suggested that it could be part of the Parent Engagement work – as virtual classes. Wendy L. to connect Wendy C. to the Parent Engagement Committee to discuss next steps.

d. *Principal Profile Review* *Haafid*

Haafid has drafted the CVPS Principal’s Profile. This will be circulated to the Council with the Minutes – feedback is required by Monday Nov 21. The profile is due Dec 1.

e. *Other items*

i. *Meet the Council Wall – council members are to send their pics and bios; then we can have an area on a school wall to display so school visitors can learn more about us and reach out. The communications committee to discuss and move forward.*

ii. *Do we want to create a suggestion box? Could we make it digital? Could we create a google form? Yes – let’s have the communications committee tackle this and report back.*

12) *Motion to end Meeting* *1 min Wendy*

Motioned by Haafid; Seconded by Niro

*Upcoming Events:*

- Photo Retake Day – Tuesday November 15
- Parent/Teacher Interviews - November 17&18
- PA Day - Friday November 18
- Immunizations Grades 7/8 - November 29
- Winter concert – December 14
- Grade 8 Graduation – June 21

*Meeting Dates (Mondays @ 7pm):*

December 5, January 30, February 27, March 27, April 24, May 29, June TBD (Social)