

# CORNELL VILLAGE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday April 15, 2024

6:30 pm – 8:00pm, School Staff Room

- 1) *Land Acknowledgment* Heather  
2) *Welcome & Attendance* Wendy

Name	Attendance	Voting Member	Name	Attendance	Voting Member
Niro	N	Y	Sarah M	Y	Y
Karen B	Y	Y	Haafid	Y	Y
Amanda	Y	Y	Karen K	N	Y
Sarah Y	Y	Y	Kelly	Y	Y
Sabina	Y	Y	Priyanka	N	Y
Wendy	Y	Y	Ashley	Y	Y
Sam	N	Y	Chaithali	Y	Y
Heather Purcell	Y	N/A	Joanne Trim	Y	N/A
Jessica Kennedy	Y	N/A			

Priyanka has resigned from Council but would like to continue to be involved.

- 3) *Overview & Acceptance of Meeting Agenda* Wendy  
Accepted by Sabina, Seconded by Sarah Y
- 4) *Acceptance of November Meeting Minutes* Wendy  
Accepted by Karen B, Seconded by Amanda
- 5) *School Report* Heather
- Caring and Safe School Assembly took place mid-school year. Included reminders of rules/regulations.
  - Sean Mauricette presented to the school for the end of Black History Month – kids were very engaged and it was very educational.
  - Movie Night was highly successful – good feedback.
  - Big Box Fundraiser raised \$6,928! Feedback is that the cards are great quality – great value/deal.
  - Group called Unlearn came in for kids in grades 4-6 to help challenge bias. Staff/student feedback being collected.
  - Lunar New Year celebration took place.
  - Little Jammerz done for the school year; Northern Karate is coming for May/June. Admin will look into alternatives for Northern Karate for next school year and we can ask parents for input.
  - Swim to Survive (run by the Lifesaving Society) kicked off for grade 3 students at Cornell Community Centre – free and provided by the Board.
  - So many clubs – slime (new), anime dance club (new), presentation club (new), etc.
  - Willy Wonka Musical – it is almost showtime so please come out to support.
  - Arts Night and Spring Showcases – initial ticket limits (2 per family) but will be opened up for families who want more tickets.
  - Lots of new families coming to the area/school throughout the year. Admin would like to have Council members who could be paired up with the families to help them acclimatize to living in Markham and accessing resources and meeting people who speak their languages – Council agrees.

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- m. Council to do call out to community members to help out one family who just moved here and is very much in need of supplies for the home.
- ACTION ITEMS:
    - Heather to give details to Council and we will organize a drive/donation.
    - Council to send out communication via Facebook.

n. Kindergarten team has a request for new outdoor equipment (plasma cars, wooden equipment, etc.). Total request is up to \$3K. Council all voted in favour of a motion to fund as long as we have a float of \$2K in our account.

    - ACTION ITEMS:
      - Niro to confirm.

## 6) *New Business*

All

- a. Kindergarten Night May 1 (6:30-7:30)
- Council Volunteers: Karen K, Sam, Amanda, Sarah Y, Karen B (Kelly and Wendy to help set up)
  - Display spirit wear
  - Sign up sheet for parents interested in Council
- b. May Meeting Date Change
- Proposing May 13 or 15
  - ACTION ITEMS:
    - Sarah to send out a survey for date preferences
    - June 3 remains a meeting – possibly for Fun Fair planning

## 7) *Committee Updates/Discussions*

All

### a. *Communications*

- i. Accessible Council Meetings
- Future meeting options should have child care option with designated room and high school student volunteers (or grade 8 students).
  - Still need a virtual meeting option – audio call option.
  - ACTION ITEMS:
    - Sarah M to follow up with Niro to send speaker options to Heather to consider purchasing.

### b. *Parent Engagement*

- i. Presentation on cyber safety (Paul Davis) booked for October 2024.
- ii. Re. Council meetings for next year, survey could be sent to parents to see if child minding would be of interest and/or virtual meeting options.
- iii. Language Supports
- Survey
    - Would you like to help to be an interpreter for welcoming new families?
  - Fun Fair
    - Sign up sheet for parents who speak other languages
- iv. Survey for Parents
- Wendy started a survey; Parent Engagement Committee to review/modify/complete.
  - ACTION REQUIRED:

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- Wendy to send out survey to the Parent Engagement Committee to complete.
  - Survey to be ready for Fun Fair.
- c. *Staff Appreciation*
- i. Administration Appreciation Week is coming up (1<sup>st</sup> week of May).
  - ii. Teacher Appreciation Week is the same week as the concerts.
    - Morning after would be good – coffee, tea, treats.
    - **ACTION ITEMS:**
      - Sarah Y and Ashley to send out instructions and requests
- d. *Sustainability*
- i. Started initiatives this year and continue them into next year (writing utensil, battery and snack pouch recycle)
  - ii. Option for Grade 8s families to donate spirit wear to the school at the end of the year
- e. *Fundraising*
- i. Spirit Wear
    - Still waiting on a few items from the vendors
    - Hoping to get organized and sell spirit wear early in the fall
  - ii. Love Gelato
    - Dedicated site created for direct orders is easier for pre- and post-sale management vs. School Cash Online.
    - Council discussed that it is likely better/more efficient for all parties if we avoid School Cash Online. Although we will miss the reminders and the fact that parents trust the site, Admin and Council will do standalone promo/announcements via email plus social and Cobra News reminder, posters in the school, and an Edsby banner. All communications will link to the dedicated site.
    - **ACTION ITEMS:**
      - Sabina to send link and wording for all emails/reminders to Admin.
  - iii. School lunches
    - School lunches will continue until Friday June 21st. Lunch will not be offered the last week of school.
  - iv. Fun Fair/Silent Auction
    - Excel spreadsheet was sent out from Kelly for Council to fill in as they approach businesses for donations.
    - Admin to ask for donations from the community in the communicator.
    - Council decided against doing the class baskets this year.
    - Curbside dogs and the ice cream trucks are booked for the fun fair, looking to add an additional option.
    - Wendy is looking into the option to have waffles with toppings for sale. The cost is \$2, sold for \$5. Council would need to coordinate ticket sales for the waffles.
    - **ACTION ITEMS:**
      - Council and Admin to ask for donations and fill out the spreadsheet.

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8) *Treasurer's Report (5 mins)*

Niro

Niro will circulate the latest report to the Council and we will review at our next meeting.

9) *Motion to end Meeting (1 min)*

Wendy

Motioned by Amanda; Seconded by Sabina

*Upcoming Events:*

Apr 24 Willy Wonka Musical

May 1 Welcome To Kindergarten Evening

May 7 Junior-Intermediate Strings Showcase and Art Nights

May 8 Kindergarten/Primary Concert

June 12 Fun Fair

June 20 Grade 8 Graduation

*Meeting Dates (Mondays @ 6:30-8pm):* May TBD, June 3