



Michael Cranny Public School

School Council Meeting Minutes

Location: Virtual Meeting **Date of Meeting:** April 5, 2021 **Time:** 7:00pm-8:00pm
Minutes by: Francisco L.

Present: Anna B. (Principal); Janis J. (Vice- Principal); Celine S.; Ecaterina A.; Francisco L.;
Melissa M.; Sandra L. W.

Absent: Shachar S.; Andre L; Maryna S.

1. Approval for the meeting agenda

The meeting agenda is approved by the council before the meeting.

2. Approval for the previous meeting minutes

- As the number of members present is less than the constitution requirements, the approval is deferred.
- Action item: Francisco will send the draft meetings for approval by email after the meeting

3. Admin report

- The School celebrated International Women's Day on Tuesday, March 8th, 2022 by wearing purple and learning about influential women past and present.
- Ms. Din Lovinescu had students who created and coordinated a "Math Bowl Contest" for students in Grades 6-8. The event was held in the gym. The students worked in teams to solve math problems.
- There have been two exhibition games for the Intermediate Volleyball team. The team was able to go to Discovery Public School with Mr. Milette and Ms. Osborne, and Discovery Public School will be coming to Michael Cranny ES on April 7th, 2022. Unfortunately, there are no spectators allowed at this time.
- Mr. Milette has started a badminton club for intermediate students.
- Graduation Photos were taken.
- The graduation committee has started plans for the Grade 8 Graduation celebration. The Grad Committee has been selling popcorn for \$2 a bag to be able to subsidize the Grade 8 Graduation for students.
- We have started the second annual "Inspire Me" Art Celebration. Students were asked to create artwork using their favourite quote. Students were strongly encouraged to write the quote in their home language/s to celebrate the many languages spoken in MCES homes! Submissions were due by April 4th. Some of the exceptional submissions will be displayed in the hallways of the school and shared in the Cranny Chronicle Family Newsletter and in the School Yearbook.
- As part of our Mental Health Plan, MCES intermediate students and teachers will be participating in "Cranny Gets Steppin'". Here is a bit more about it:
 - o Who? Staff and intermediate students @ MCES
 - o What? A month-long step count challenge
 - o Where? MCES (and around)
 - o When? April 4-April 29, 2022 (school days only)

Why? To start Spring off on the right foot, encourage healthy activity and promote a little friendly competition.

- Ms. Hempseed is working with students on a Yearbook Club which has started already to commemorate this school year!
- On April 22, 2022, MCES will participate in a schoolyard clean-up to celebrate Earth Day. Teachers will speak to students about what garbage is safe to pick up prior to the clean-up. Students will wear gloves to pick up garbage. Teachers will ensure students sanitize their hands before and after the clean-up.
- MCES would like to start hot lunches again in September. We would use the Lunchbox Company. Students can vote for what local food companies they would like to have lunches from. Each day could be a different restaurant. Lunchbox would put the food that meets our Health Food Guidelines. Parents/Guardians would order by Sunday afternoon and can order as much or as little as they want for their children. The food is individually wrapped and the company hands it out to the students so no volunteers are needed. This company would also run the milk program. The school gets a portion of the profits.
- Parents/guardians have been asking about the criteria for the Character Attributes Awards. Administration talked to teachers and discovered the following: Teachers do learning around the Character Attribute for the month. There are no definitive criteria. Teachers keep an eye on which students are exhibiting the character attribute and choose who will receive the award that month. The school staff plans to have a discussion around this topic and will decide if it requires to be remodelled and criteria added to bring more transparency and clarity for the students.

4. The treasurer's report was presented

- Current balance is \$2220.01. The only change since last meeting is the additional of \$72.75 coming from Cash Online Donations.

5. Governance

- A special meeting on April 7th will be held to discuss this topic and one or two council representatives will report back in the next meeting
- Action item: Francisco will invite all members to attend the discussion and report back in the next meeting

6. Parent's Reaching Out (PRO) Grant

- As Andre is absent from the meeting, this topic is deferred to the next meeting

7. Event planning update

- Based on the direction from the school board, only virtual events can be conducted.
- A special meeting on April 14th will be held to brainstorm and determine the possible event for this term.
- **Action items:**

- A message of this special meeting will be posted to the MCES Cranny Chronicle Family Newsletter and Francisco will invite all parents and report back in the next meeting

8. Next Meeting

The next School Council Meeting will be May 10, 2022 at 7 pm.