



Michael Cranny Public School

School Council Meeting Minutes

Location: Virtual Meeting **Date of Meeting:** December 7, 2021 **Time:** 7:00pm-8:20pm

Minutes by: Francisco L.

Present: Anna B. (Principal); Janis J. (Vice- Principal); Andre L. ; Celine S.; Ecaterina A.; Francisco L.; Fanta L.; Marina S.

Absent: Shachar S.

1. Approval for the meeting agenda

The meeting agenda is approved, first by Francisco L., second by Celine S., all in favor.

2. Approval for the previous meeting minutes

The approval of the November minutes were deferred to the next meeting as the minutes were sent to non-Executive council members on the same day as the council meeting. At the February School Council Meeting, both the November and December minutes will be approved.

3. School council governance

- The monthly rhythm was discussed and agreed

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week before School Council Meeting	Proposed Agenda items due to Executive	Meeting with School Administration and Executive	Agenda shared with School Council Members		Agenda, Draft Minutes and meeting link sent to school community via Cranny Chronicles
Week of School Council Meeting		School Council Meeting (includes approval of Draft Minutes)		Approved Minutes from previous meeting posted to School website	Draft Minutes from most recent meeting completed AND shared with School Council Members

- o **Action item:**
 - Francisco L. will create a google form so that all parents can submit agenda items.
 - Ms. Bruno will post the google form two weeks before the meeting via the Micheal Cranny Chronicles Newsletter
- The membership was updated
 - o Shachar S. has resigned as Secretary but will remain as a School Council Member. Thank you for your hard work and support.
 - o The current members are Anna B. (Principal); Andre L. (Co-Chair); Celine S. (Treasurer); Ecaterina A.; Francisco L. (Co-Chair); Marina S. and Shachar S. as per October 8, 2021 meeting minutes.
 - o **Action item:**
 - The Executive Committee will review the constitution to investigate the possibility of adding more members after 30 days of the school start date
- The communication channel was discussed

- Currently, the Edsby is the main communication channel between the school and the parents. Information from administrators and teachers is all through this channel. It is important to enable the notification to receive the latest news.
- **Action item:**
 - Francisco L. will work with all school council members to investigate the necessity and possibility of creating other communication channels to reach more families.

4. Parent's Reaching Out (PRO) Grant

- Background information was introduced
 - YRDSB will give us up to \$800 to pay for a project in support of Parents and aligned with Anti-racism, mental health, and community building
 - The application deadline is January 19, 2022 via a google form
 - Funding and project must be completed within the 2021-2022 school year
 - School projects will demonstrate commitment to respecting the role of parents and families in students' educational experiences by working with parents and families or seeking parents' input on how schools can improve in at least one of the following areas:
 - Addressing social inclusion and racism specifically anti-Asian, anti-Black, and anti-Indigenous racism and other biases or discrimination toward racialized and marginalized groups
 - Creating a safe and welcoming environment
 - Demonstrating respect for parents as valued partners within the education system regarding decisions about their child's education
 - Enhancing communication with teachers
 - Informing parents about the expectations of the Ontario Curriculum and supporting resources.
- **Action item:**
 - Andre L. will lead a sub-committee to discuss options, draft the google form and present it to the School Council.

5. Admin report:

The Student Leadership Team created a video sharing everything that has occurred at Michael Cranny ES and celebrating school wide learning. Here are some highlights from the video

- Students shared the new school motto "At Michael Cranny, everyone matters and everyone belongs: Be Kind!" and the theme of kindness, and how that has impacted the school wide events such as:
 - Anti-bullying awareness week events (Kindness Tree filled with affirmations on sticky notes, Door Decorating Contest, School Wide Bulletin Board where peers can recognize each other's acts of kindness, Spirit Days).
- Food Drive for Vaughan Food Bank
- The Student Leadership Team created a display celebrating the diversity in celebrations MCEs observe during the school year such as Diwali, Eid, Hannukah, Kwanzaa, Christmas and Chinese New Year.

- The return of sports such as Cross Country and Volley-ball
- The beginning of Extra-Curricular Clubs (many student led) such as Dungeons and Dragons, Coding Club, Student Leadership, Grad Committee and Chess Club.
- Students participated in presentations such as The Yellow Brick House on Self Confidence and Kindness and Skills Ontario to learn about various career paths.

6. Ambassador Program update

- There are 7 volunteer families and 1 requesting family
- It was discussed how to reach out to families who may benefit from the program. More promotion of this program and encouragement of participation are needed.
- **Action item:**
 - Celine S. and Marina S. will lead a sub-committee to discuss how to engage more families in this program will present recommendations to February's council meeting

7. The Treasurer's report was presented

- No change to balance compared to last month – current balance is \$1847.71.
- Donation campaign at this time has generated \$100
- **Action item:**
 - Ms. Bruno will repost information in Cranny Chronicle News Letter to encourage donating before the end of year (December and February).

8. The upcoming events were discussed:

- It was suggested to organize an event around the Family Day Holiday
- It was suggested to set up routine events around a school year to create Michael Cranny traditional events to involve the engagement of families.
- **Action item:**
 - Francisco L. will lead a working group to discuss the options of the regular Michael Cranny events and recommendations for the Family Day event. The recommendations will be presented in February's council meeting

9. The Holiday Greeting to teachers and staff was discussed

- Options were discussed for holiday greetings.