



Michael Cranny Public School

School Council Meeting Minutes



Location: Virtual, GoToMeeting

Date of Meeting: December 9, 2020

Time: 7:00pm-8:30pm

Minutes by: Shachar

Present:

Ritch McNaughton

Janis Jones

Marina SCM

Ecaterina SCM

Francisco SCM

Celine SCM

Sandra SCM

Shachar SCM

Betty SCM

Andre SCM

Melissa SCM

Sangeeta

Despina

Cecilia

Lewis F.

1. Welcome and Approval of Minutes - Marina

- The school council meeting agenda and minutes were approved

2. School Admin Report, Q&A - Ritch & Janis

- **Addressing Anti-Black Racism Update**
 - At Staff Meetings we have been watching videos about bias, and meeting in small groups to do some reflection and discussion questions
 - The staff did the Harvard Implicit Bias Questionnaire on Race together at the last staff meeting and discussed results in small groups
 - We will be starting a Professional Book Club with staff on the book "Culturally Responsive Teaching and the Brain" by Zaretta Hammond
 - We had our second Addressing Anti-Black Racism Family Partnership Meeting on December 3rd, 2020 to share staff learning, gather feedback on the AABR facilitation team's idea to address Anti-Racism at school and gather parent input on concepts and ideas to be considered for staff and student learning.

- **Student Leadership Team Update:**
 - The leadership team has planned the first of monthly school wide virtual assemblies for Friday December 11th.

- **Covid Update at Michael Cranny ES**
 - There were five classes that were at home self-isolating for two weeks due to possible exposure to the Covid-19 virus.
 - All five classes are currently back at school; no cases since that week.
 - There was a smooth transition for the classes onto the online platform with teachers reporting good participation among students.

- **Inspection from Public Health**
 - Public Health did an inspection of MCES the first week of December
 - MCES was given a positive report
 - Public Health gave a few further suggestions such as ensuring there was extra soap in the students' washrooms, and designating a separate entry and exit door on the staff room.

- **Gr. 9 Course Selection is going on for our current Grade 8s -**
 - Intermediate Staff are being trained Thursday about the course selection process for Grade 8 students this year.
 - We will continue to update families as we get information

- **Winter Wellness**
 - Winter Wellness are a series of fun indoor and outdoor events for students to promote mental health and wellness
 - The events will run December 14th to 17th, with different cohorts participating each day

3. Treasurer's Report - Celine

- Opening Balance in November: **\$702**
- November deposits of **\$1911** from direct donations + **\$100** from cookie fundraiser
- December deposit (as of Dec.9) of **\$2410** from cookie fundraiser & **\$86** from virtual bingo tickets
- Cheque of **\$1736** made to Terra Cotta Cookies
- Expecting additional deposit of **\$309** from cookie fundraiser & **\$755** more from direct donations

4. Two ways to spend the school council funds – Ritch & Marina

- Mathematics
 - New curriculum involves coding in many grades, robotics would address needs of coding, coding would be delivered to the entire school
 - The funds would be used to purchase robotics
 - Wonder Start Pack – Grades 1-6 → **\$374.90 + tax**
- Musical Instruments
 - Due to large shift in music this year (from band/wind instruments to string instruments, ie. Guitars/Ukeleles)
 - Board money is being directed to this initiative
 - Ask from council:
 - 15 Guitars – Grades 7-8 → **\$2400 + tax**
 - 15 Ekeleles – Grades 4-6 → **\$600 + tax**
 - Council members have asked a few questions regarding this spending and are awaiting answers
 - Council members are to vote on this

5. Update on grants, community outreach – Ecaterina & Francisco

- Grants applied last year are not available this year, they were put on hold by the government
- Many e-mails have been sent to community organizations; many replied they are unable to help
- Possible categories of grants: sports/health/community
- Proposal of two approaches to proceed with grant applications:
 - Asking council members to find grants and 'grants team' will apply for them
 - Grants team will report back with every grant they find for approval to proceed
- Proposal to setup a small group of: Chair, Principal, Executioner

6. Previous meeting follow up questions – Shachar & Marina

- Terra Cotta Cookie Fundraiser
 - Sold 217 boxes (63 orders)
 - Fundraiser profit: **\$1085**
 - Delivery will take place outside the school on Dec.16
- Kahoot! Community Event Night
 - Will take place beginning of February (no exact date set yet)
 - Team needs to be assembled (e-mail Marina if interested)
 - So far: Shachar & Cecilia

- Parents/Staff/Students Survey
 - Survey to be created and sent to hear feedback from parents/students/staff
 - Team needs to be assembled (e-mail Marina if interested)

- Virtual Speakers
 - Ritch suggested possible options and will provide list for us to choose from
 - Speech Language Pathologist
 - PTOT (Physical Therapist / Occupational Therapist)
 - School Psychologist
 - Behaviour team that works with kids from different schools

- Read-a-Thon proposal → Will be discussed at the next meeting