



Michael Cranny Public School

School Council Meeting Minutes



Location: Virtual, GoToMeeting

Date of Meeting: November 10, 2020

Time: 7:30pm-9:00pm

Minutes by: Shachar

Present: Ritch McNaughton, Janis Jones, Marina, Ecaterina, Karen, Celine, Despina, Cecilia, Sandra, Francisco, Betty, Maya, Maryam, Sangeeta, Andre, Shachar

1. Welcome and Approval of Minutes - Marina & Ecaterina

- The school council meeting agenda and minutes were approved

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

- Extra curriculars
 - Grade 8 Student Leadership Team started and is the only one currently planned
- Black Lives Matters Meeting
 - Survey was sent out to black families in the school, results were families felt very included
 - Survey indicated there was not much representation in the school
 - Another meeting scheduled later in November to refine goals for school so black students have positive experience at MCES
 - Major focus for the school this year, every staff meeting, time is spent looking for ways for staff to address anti-black racism and looking to connect resources to curriculum
 - Professional Development – teachers to understand new curriculum and strategies to implement in classroom
- Report Card and interviews
 - Parent-Teacher interviews will be conducted via Google Meet
 - May resort to phone calls if Google Meet doesn't work
 - Report Cards going out via e-mail on November 18 & 19
- Virtual Grad on Nov.19 – must watch live, not being recorded
- New Math Curriculum
 - Staff working in small groups on new math curriculum to compare what they learned in the past and form plan for the year

- Spending entire year in PD on new math curriculum
 - First part on long-term planning
 - Next part on individual expectations and lesson planning

- Questions asked before:
 - COVID-19
 - Fun on the Run program, positive case mentioned
 - Some kids come from other school to attend FOTR, a student from the school was identified as COVID positive
 - Admin called YR Public Health to get next steps
 - Public Health investigated this case to identify their last school attendance, when they were tested positive, etc.
 - Public health said they were not symptomatic when they attended school, therefore, no letter came from public health to send to parents.
 - The class was not sanitized and deep cleaned because it was not deemed contagious, no classes were under quarantine
 - Administration had training on decision trees from public health and they are being used when a child goes to the office with possible symptoms or not feeling well
 - ANDRE Question: Are school admin allowed to deviate in more conservative ways from public health?
 - RITCH: We are told to follow directly what public health says especially with issues related to COVID
 - SHACHAR Question: If at school, we are trying to keep all kids in their specific cohorts, why are they all being mixed, along with students from other schools at FOTR?
 - RITCH: Board makes decisions around after care programs, board deemed more important to have the after-care program than the cohort strictness, also FOTR uses two classes within the school that are not used during the regular school day.
 - Agendas
 - They are a significant cost to school council
 - Kids in older grades use them less or not at all due to electronic organizational tools
 - Suggested not going forward with them in the future for all grades
 - We notice younger kids still using them, we will do a survey to get a sense to the use of them before moving forward
 - Agenda orders are made in May and June and you can order as many agendas as you want in whatever format you choose.
 - CELINE: At other schools, the parents pay for the agenda rather than the school council, we should look to implement the same going forward

3. Treasurer's Report - Celine

- Start of the year Balance: \$2383
- Agenda charge: \$1681 in October
- Balance \$702
- School donated total of \$2666, but not yet posted in bank account, working with Ms. Kaufmann

4. Previous meeting follow up questions - Marina & Maya

- ESL families support initiative
 - Worked with ESL leader Ms. Christina Franz on Three Ideas:
 - **First idea:**
 - To do a virtual meet & greet for ESL families to discuss information and resources available at the school and ways to support kids at home
 - Invite a resource personnel from Vaughan Public Library to the call to discuss information and resources available in the community
 - Communication should be sent in the top three languages spoken in the school via PDF flyers
 - Date: Dec.3 10-11am - link will be sent through EDSBY; Meeting will be held in English
 - **Second idea:**
 - Hold a student art competition called, "Inspire Me Art Contest"
 - To create inspirational posters including quotes and work of art to include different languages
 - Created work included in art wall exhibit
 - One winter in each group receives a \$25 gift certificate to Indigo; total of \$75
 - Dates: mid-Nov to mid-Dec
 - **Third Idea:**
 - Become an Ambassador to the family
 - Connect the Ambassadors to those families who need the support
 - Google Forms will be used to identify the Ambassadors and those families looking for support
 - Also thinking about an all school survey to parents/families/students/teachers addressing different topics and this topic would be covered as well
- Virtual Bingo Night

- This is not a fundraising event, its a community event
- Option to play virtually
- Flyer was created already
- Parents sign up through school cash online
- Work with Ms. Kaufmann to help with school cash online setup
- 1 ticket for \$1 or 4 tickets for \$3
- Each player will receive individual link to cards the day before the game
- Each card has unique digital ID
- Host calls numbers using online platform
- Participant calls BINGO; host verifies the card for the win
- At the end of each game, there will be a winner who will receive an e-gift card of \$25 Indigo (Indigo card gives 6% back to school when we use Flipgive)
- Platform to be used: Google Meet up to 100 participants
- Event Date/Time: Dec.2 @ 7pm
- KAREN to follow up and look into a possible permit requirement from the Alcohol & Gaming Commission of Ontario
- More information can be found here: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/not-profit-fundraising>

*****Due to time constraint, the meeting ended here, the below agenda topics were not discussed.*****

- Read-a-Thon

5. Update on the progress of each subcommittee - Ecaterina, Francisco, Shachar

- Grants, community outreach
Possible fundraising ideas (Shachar)

6. Wrap Up & Next Steps

- Discuss possibility of inviting external speakers to Council meeting (school Social Worker to talk about Mental Health issues most commonly faced at school, invite Public Health nurse to speak on various topics, e.g. eye strain strategies, etc.)
- Parents/ Staff/ Students Survey (team sign up)