

Cedarcrest School Governing Board

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 27th, 2018

Present:

Civita Tudino, Georgia Stamatopoulos, Mina Bilios, Lorraine Belanger, Ian Hanchet, Tia Nicholls, Paula Etrusco, Raymond Ayas, and Lydia Kansou-Johnstone and Caroline Doré.

Absent:

Stephanie Vezina-Tulli and Mauro Parissi.

Meeting Start time: 6:30

1. Welcome and opening remarks

2. Addition to the agenda

Letter from Mr. Michael MacKenzie re. environment and renovations to school.

3. Adoption of the agenda

Moved by Tia – Seconded Ian

4. Review of minutes from November 21st, 2017 and January 26th, 2018

5. Approval of minutes of November 21st, 2017:

November 21st, 2017: Moved by Georgia – Seconded Lorraine

January 26th, 2018: Moved by Georgia – Seconded Paula

6. BUSINESS ISSUES:

a) Triangulum

- Students not wearing the uniform as stipulated in the agenda – sometimes very inappropriate. The way students look is very important – Sense of pride in our school.
- Went through the Triangulum Item list and would like to remove certain items:
 - ◆ 1710 (leggings), 1935 (Boys spandex track pants), 1610 (girls elastic yoga pants), 4910 (t-shirt long sleeve), 2910 (tunic v-neck), 2940 (tunic box-pleated), 5030/5130 (full hooded zip sweatshirt A/Y), 7950 (Navy jogging pants no elastic on bottom), and 7070 (crewneck sweatshirt).

- Maybe different color for gym – teachers willing to change t-shirt to grey.
- Everyone must have a polo with school crest.
- Discussion ensued on dress code: Uniform vs. Color scheme.
- Get quote from Triangulum for crest.

New Triangulum Dress Code List: Adopted by Raymond – Seconded by Lydia

Motion to change gym t-shirt color: Approved by Raymond – Seconded by Lydia

Motion: Each child must have shirt with crest: Approved by Tia – Seconded by Paula

b) Lockers

- Purchasing new lockers for the main floor and second floor .
- H&S agreed to donate for 1st phase of lockers in kindergarten and gym area
- Proposing that GB supports the plan,
Motion to approve: Raymond – Seconded by Tia
- H&S to give \$6000 and Daycare to give \$5250 (Fund 3 from Daycare)

Approved by Raymond – Seconded by Mina

c) Letter from Mr. Michael MacKenzie

- Letter brought to the board from Mr. Michael regarding concerns with pollution. Discussion ensued – Not a GB issue – He should see his union if he still feels strongly, which in turn will deal with the school board.

7. Reports:

a) Principal's report

- **Anti-bullying Campaign:** March 19th – April 6th. Every Student can be a superhero! No Excuses! No Limits! Shirts ordered for students and staff.
- **Attendance – Term 3:** Re-iterate the importance in maintaining a regular school attendance. The students in cycle 2 and 3 (grades 3, 4, 5, 6,) will be taking part in END OF CYCLE EXAMS in ENGLISH, FRENCH, and MATH over the next coming weeks .Please take note that last term is worth **60 %** .
- **Black History Month:** The students took part in a Haitian dance instruction and a percussionist performance. A great big thank you to *Ms Jamal* and the students in Grade 4 for their power point presentation. The students introduced some important figures in history to the entire student body during the school assembly.
- **Board Wide Pedagogical Day – April 20th** - There is **no school for students** on Friday April 20th. This is a Board Wide Pedagogical day. The **daycare will be open from 7 am to 6 p.m.**
- **Concordia University, McGill University, UQAM, Vanier** - Please take note we are fortunate to have student teachers this year in grades 1, 2, 3 5, 6, Gym and Music class. Thank you to our student stagiaires for their continued support and we wish them much success in their future endeavors.
- **Family Night – Pius April 13th** Sold out in less than 2 days!

- **Kindergarten Home Reading Program:** Starting literacy early.
- **Grade 6 - Visit Marymount Academy:** The grade 6 students participated in a community exchange held at Marymount, participating in leadership activities, and meeting students from several other EMSB schools.
- **Grade 6 - Graduation Pictures – March 21st 8a.m.:** The graduating students took their Graduation pictures. Photo Packages will be sent to parents. All photo purchases are optional.
- We would ask that parents **clearly label all school clothing.** Our lost and found bins continue to be overflowing with unclaimed items.
- **Q.A.M.T - Math Competition – Grade 6:** The Quebec Association of Math Teachers holds a competition annually, where top Math students at the primary level get to be challenged. This year, over 20 schools from 6 major school boards will participate in the 2018 Q.A.M.T. Competition. It is the 1st time Cedarcrest's Grade 6 students participate. The students are quite enthusiastic, and we wish them the best of luck... Thank you to *Mrs. Milonas* for her dedication in preparing her students for this challenge and in instilling in them a **love for MATH.**
- **Parent Teacher Interviews – Term 2:** The Term 2 interviews were a huge success. Thank you to the families who attended.
- **RoboCup -April 13 and 14th – Rosemount Highschool:** Ms Batzios will be working with the students for the ROBO CUP competition which will take place on April 13 and 14 at Rosemount High School. Robotics has played a key role at Cedarcrest – both within the curriculum and as an extra-curricular activity. We believe in the importance of introducing and helping our students from kindergarten to grade 6 achieve a wide knowledge and better understanding of both science and technology. Let's continue to support them and wish them much success at the ROBO CUP Competition. A great big thank you to Ms Batzios and to the following students for their hard work and dedication in representing the Cedarcrest community.
- **Scholastic Book Fair:** Thank you to the students and parents for making our Scholastic Book Fair a very successful. Over \$4000 raised! \$2700 goes back to the teachers to purchase class novels and reading units for all classes from k to Grade 6.
- **Science Fair:** May 24th and 25th. Mandatory for grades 5&6, Grades 3&4 can participate (voluntary). Parents can attend from 6:30 – 8 pm.
- **Spring Concert April 19th at 6:30:** Songs, Merlin and choir.
- **Storytelling:** Huge success! 4 students representing Cedarcrest – Congrats!
- **WE Day:** Great experience! We are now a WE school! Miss Stacey and Miss Bilios are ambassadors.
- **Parent Conference:** Sunday, April 22nd. All day 8-4:30.
- **Summer Camp:** CHOIR with Dimitris – July session will take place at Cedarcrest.
- **CATS musical:** Will take place at Royal Vale High school – May 30th.
- **Graduation:** Wednesda, June 20th.
- **Kindergarten picnic:** June 22nd.

- **BASE:** garden club – we want to make it a permanent garden. Removal of trees by parking lot - \$600 for cleanup and to build planters).
 - Raymond offered to help.
 - Tia has a list of parents willing to help.

b) Commissioner's report:

N/AP – not present

c) Teacher's report:

All issues have been covered.

d) Regional Committee report: Now called: Parents' Committee

- Changed name and logo
- Were consulted on Commitment to success plan – certain objectives
- Sex education was brought up – we have no info
- Consultant coming in April
- Literary prize for graduation class – donating a book – Stephen Hawking book: George and question on Cosmos.
- 2nd Annual Parent Conference on May 5th, 2018 from 8:45 – 2:15: 6065 des Grandes Prairies. Free! Great workshop!
- Raymond will send mass email link.

e) Daycare report:

- 3rd session Base Daycare after Easter:
 - Green Club
 - Cooking club is not back
 - Art Therapy for kindergarten however the board has not confirmed the personnel at this time
- Motion to approve 3 BASE activities

Session 3 activities approved to be paid by fund 3.

Approved by Tia – Seconded by Mina

f) Home & School report:

- **Teacher Appreciation week** – Went well (Staff appreciated all the support)!
- **Family Night: April 13th** – Sold out!
- **Comedy Nest Night** - May 4th. \$15 per ticket

- **End of Year Celebration:** June 14th. 5 bouncies and 2 BBQs.
- **Phase 1 of lockers:** \$6000 to be donated by H&S
- **Chocolate Drive:**
- Around 50 families choose to not endorse the chocolate drive
- At this time 40% of the monies raised still need to be collected .

8) Question Period:

No questions

9) Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm

Minutes submitted by: Lydia Kansou-Johnstone

Scheduled dates of upcoming meetings

April 17th, 2018

May 15th, 2018

June 5th, 2018

Approved by (Chairperson): Tia Nicholls



Approved by (Principal): Civita Tudino


