



Minutes
 CHAPMAN MILLS SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, February 21stth – 7 p.m. in the school staff room.

Present: Howard Martin, Shawn Hocking, Katrina Parker-Smith, Jennifer Earle, Cam Krisciunas, Bahaa Sunallah, Stephanie Poulton, Marva Major, Bahaa Sunallah, Nita Tandon, Luc Poirier, Jasmine Bhatena, Patricia Smith, Amy Ruff, Bimal Vyas

Regrets: Colleen Powe, Catherine Ghiourelotis, Vijay Muthucumarasamy, Kendra Bonnell, Kelly-Ann Waung, Neil Drimer

Item	Agenda topic	Presenter
1.	Welcome and Introductions	Nita Tandon
2.	<p>Update from the Principal’s Office</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There are 717 students enrolled at CMPS . There is an operating budget of 68 thousand dollars (based on Sept. enrollment) which focuses on such things as a renewed Math strategy and outdoor funding. ● Staff replacement costs are now centrally covered by the school board and do not come out of the operating budget. ● School generated funds come from fundraising initiatives such as pizza lunch. ● Voluntary student fees (20\$) covers items such as student agendas (partial coverage), scientists in schools, kinder workshops, drama workshops. ● Ms. Majors presented a school year plan which includes “wish list” items for the school that would enhance learning/student experiences. These include, but are not limited to, Leveled literacy intervention kit, ORFF music instruments, iPads, line painting for the yard, library funding, science equipment and social studies resources. The rough total for the wish list amounts to approximately \$27,000. ● Mr. Hawking presented the feedback from the “Belonging” survey sent to parents. There is a high degree of satisfaction among parents and the results were well rounded. The top 3 languages spoken by students (mother tongue) are: English, Arabic and Mandarin. Children enjoy being at school and parents report that CMPS is an inviting place to learn. PArnts feel welcome, students feel accepted by adults. There were some parents who indicated that their child felt uncomfortable/unwelcome at school. Some reasons given were not making a sports team, having trouble making friends. ● Parents identified that they would appreciate more conflict resolution, more cultural representation and more opportunities for parents to come into the building. ● Blg ideas that emerged include: building healthy relationships, consistency of practice, welcoming and inclusive practice. ● Results of survey will be shared with parents (T.B.D.). Perhaps shared in an 	Marva Major and Shawn Hocking

	assembly. The data will help drive the school mission statement.	
3.	<p>Update from the Teacher Rep</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 2's off to China on Feb 22nd (Social Studies). They will be making a dragon, talking about Chinese New Year, using chopsticks, making a hat learning to write 2018 in mandarin, learning about the zodiac and discussing animals, getting together to do some tai chi. • Grade 5's are going to the museum of nature for a human body workshop. French immersion students going Feb 25th and English classes attending on the 27th. • Grade 4/5 Tier 2 Triple Ball Monday March 5th (girls) and March 6th (boys). Tier 1 (Grade 6 girls) March 23rd. 	Sent in by Colleen Powe
4.	<p>Finances</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estimated funds available to council approximately 28 thousand. • Much discussion as to whether council should spend funds on School Plan (wish list); perhaps a percentage? Questions as to whether there will be more requests for funding this year (musical, leaving ceremony, staff appreciation??). Are there priorities on the wish list? Music was identified as a new direction for council spending. • Bahaa presented a motion that \$20 000 of council funds should be spent for the 2017-2018 School Year Plan, with a stipulation that this remain a standing item at each council meeting to further allocate funds. Motion seconded by Cam. All in favour, no one opposed. 	Cam Krisciunas
5.	<p>Lunch Program Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Update 	
6.	<p>Fundraising & Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Movie night: About 250 people attended and we raised \$1000. Comet clothing was on sale at the event. The final movie night will be on April 13th. • Comet clothing: Orders should arrive within 2 weeks. • Spring Fair: Only 3 parents and 3 council members attended the "Save the Spring Fair" meeting. It is noted that a paper reminder of the meeting went home to all families. It will not be possible to proceed with the Spring Fair this year with such a small committee (and an apparent lack of interest in holding the event). • Alternatives. Jennifer suggested a school dance. \$700-\$1200 to book an interactive DJ. A potluck was also suggested. A sub-committee will look into alternatives. 	Howard Martin
7.	<p>Communications Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update today. Posters were put up at school for guest wi-fi users. 	Jasmine Bhatena
8.	<p>OCASC Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trustees will present financial plan next meeting. 	Katrina Parker-Smith/Luc

		Poirier
9.	<p>Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EXTRA-CURRICULARS: Jasmine has coordinated STEAM Saturdays (private business), starting April 7th. Location is not necessarily Chapman Mills PS. Perhaps to be held at community center. There will be a JK-2 group and a 3-6 group for robotics and visual arts. Cost is \$150-160 for 8 weeks of instruction. There would be space for 10-20 kids per session; a lottery will be held if there is an overwhelming response. Enrolment would be limited to CMPS students. Jasmine asked if council would like to support student (s) who could not afford the program (perhaps one students per session). A spirited discussion ensued as to whether or not this extra curricular program is to be considered a “council affiliated” program. Is it appropriate for council to support monetarily if it is not a council event? Previous minutes were looked at to determine if a motion was ever put forth regarding extra curriculans and a conversation regarding possible miscommunication was had. It would appear that council agreed with Jasmine moving forward with regards to looking into program options and community use of schools. However, there was no motion approving any programs. Jasmine was under the impression that she had council support to move forward with booking the programs. She has vetted both programs (science and art). During discussion it was realized that the visual arts program was going to be offered by an OCDSB employee. Possible conflict of interest was noted. Possible motions were put forth but it was ultimately decided that Jasmine will disseminate further information regarding the programs via email to council members. She will put forth a formal motion as to her specific requests within 24hrs via email as well. <p>Meeting adjourned; proposed by Bahaa, seconded by Luc. All in favour.</p> 	Jasmine Bhathena

Next meeting: March 21st, 2018