



Minutes
 CHAPMAN MILLS SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, November 16, 2016 – 7 p.m. in the school staff room.

Present: Mike Price; Shawn Hocking; Ujwala Kulkarni; Amy Ruff; Roger Lee; Colleen Powe; Stephanie Poulton; Bimal Vyas; Vijay Muthucumarasamy; Luc Poirier; Jennifer Earle; Shaena Freistadt; Nita Tandon; Kendra Bonnell, Penny Webster; Darren Budrow; Tracy Budrow

Regrets: Karen Sauter; Sunil Kulkarni; Reena Patel; Ashley Price; Neil Drimer

Item	Agenda topic	Presenter
1.	<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previous minutes were approved (moved by Luc) • Reminder, this weekend is the bridging home and school conference. Action Item: Darren requested feedback from those who attend. • Looking ahead to December, next council meeting rescheduled to Dec 14th 	Darren Budrow
2.	<p>Update from the Principal's Office</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. School Learning Plan (SLP): all schools are working on a common goal; 4 week instructional focus on one specific component: organizing thoughts and communicating ideas in math. All years are participating, even kindergarten. 2. The school website platform is changing; Janice McLeod has worked hard to load it. Feedback is that it is not user friendly. There is going to be another platform change which will be more user friendly. 3. Luc presented a slide deck on bridging home and school. Including, different methods of how teachers communicate and share news with parents. Action Item: Luc will send Roger his presentation to share. 4. Progress report went home – they are designed to connect with parents, so they are updated on how their children are doing. Interviews will be this coming week. However, teachers have had ongoing interviews for the last 5 weeks and interviews can also be booked in the future. 5. Remembrance Day ceremonies were very successful. Music and presentations were outstanding; students were great and well prepared. 	Roger Lee
3.	<p>Update from the Teacher Rep</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choir presented at the Remembrance Day ceremony. The group is now accepting new students (junior). Primary choir to start soon. • Borden ball started • Intermurals started 	Colleen Powe

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Try out of the competitive teams started this week and next • ECO-club started today, there was lots of interest. There is a 3R contest. Board wide contest to win 1000 for the school. ECO will be focusing on the use of the black bin. • Grade 3 are still doing swim to survive • Field trips Parliament hill, outdoor-ed • Grade 6 recently had scientists in the school, topic was biodiversity • Tomorrow, passion projects, students choose something they are passionate about- self-directed learning. Open house to present their projects • Buddy bench is still being used, survey done and the main issue is we still can't anchor it • Book fair ongoing now and tomorrow then Friday again • Santa Claus parade- green comet Christmas – everything on the float is recycled • Spirit days- next Friday – will be “appreciation”, crazy hair and PJ day upcoming 	
4.	<p>Communications</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Movie night went well 2. Spring Fair- 4 sponsors are on board. Action Item: Please reach out to any sponsors if you know of any. 3. Survey went out to grade 4/ 5 students- (1) what do they want to see at movies and (2) Ideas: what do the students want to do? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Fun haven – 45% want to go back to do Fun haven II. Open gym night III. Skating IV. Graduation (grade 6) 4. Mike shared photos of CMPS logo clothing: Ball hats, toques, t-shirts, hoodies. There are 2 options with the clothing (1) Pre-purchase and sell at events or (2) pre-purchase? Combination of both was agreed to be preferred. We could set up through the hot lunch.net so teachers are not collecting money. Action Item: Mike to generate competitive quotes for the clothing. 	Mike Price
5.	<p>Time allotted for students to eat at School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern is that students don't have enough time to eat • 20 minutes to get in undressed, use washroom, wash hands, eat etc. seems to be too little. Can we look at other options? • Warning bell goes off before final bell, duty teachers ask students to pack up before they may be finished • Differences since last year: (1) warning bell; (2) more classes getting upstairs • 8 mins. to get up the stairs (line ups, 2 rows up the stairs) • The suggestion was made to eat first and outside 2nd? Action Item: Roger to discuss with the staff 	Nita Tandon
6.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luc brought to our attention a resource website (needhelpnow.ca) for teens looking for help with cyberbullying. 	Luc Poirier

7.	Constitution Review Action Item: Darren will update the Constitution as was agreed last year and will circulate the revised version to council.	Darren Budrow
8.	2016/17 Annual Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggest that council consider drafting an annual plan. The goal of the plan would be to schedule events and programs in advance, then to prepare by matching funds against the events that are planned for the coming school year. • This is something that came up at the OCASC meeting, some councils are doing 1, 2, 3 year plans. Especially where there is a need for funds in larger amounts, which cannot be accumulated in 1 school year (saving money for the future). Luc gave example of a school year calendar – so you know early on for things that will need a volunteer. • The suggestion of a council handbook was also raised • Ujwala gave specific examples of how the annual plan might look. If you can plan ahead, people know how they can contribute with sufficient notice. • Ujwala continued the Events discussion with ideas for an Art Show, Dance Presentation, Foodstall/potluck - each with a variety of our students cultural traditions represented. • Action Item: Ujwala to send her ideas to council and define how the plan might be implemented and drafted. 	Ujwala Kulkarni
9.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Finances 2. Fundraising & Events 3. OCASC 4. Lunch Program 	All deferred to future meeting

In October there was a request for council support to achieve the goal of \$1500 spent on French books. An electronic vote was held on this matter between meetings. Results were 16 "yes", 0 "no" and 2 did not cast a vote. Motion approved on Oct 31st 2016.

Next meeting: **Dec 14th 2016** (please note this is one week earlier)