**School Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, November 24, 2015**

1. Welcome - Chair (Carol)
* Minutes: A few corrections made.
	+ Moved to approve by Deirdre Mander and seconded by Sarah Machan
* Agenda: Approved by Robyn and seconded by Stephanie
1. Communications Corner – Deirdre Mander/Robyn Bascombe
* Blog discussion:
	+ There is a new theme for the blog
	+ Events calendar from CES blog now linked to Council blog and will be updated in sync
	+ A comment was made to stop hosting all events on Friday evening and this will be taken into account for future event planning

**ACTION ITEM:** Robyn to change "volunteers" to "sign up genius" and add additional items to homepage

**ACTION ITEM**: A blog post to come on recruiting volunteers to clarify process

* Facebook discussion:
	+ FB being used well as a means of communicating
	+ Need to ensure all Council events originate on blog and are not on FB alone.
	+ Question asked if we should we separate CES and KES FB pages?
		- Consensus was that we should keep one - just be clear which school you are referencing

**ACTION ITEM**: Will ask Kim D'Angelo to add a post/reminder to specify school in each post

* Advertising events discussion: Will look into possibility of having signs on CES lawn to advertise school events and Council website
* Deirdre donating a book to parent resource library, called, "Me to We".
1. Chairs’ Report – Carol Mothersill
* Chapter's fundraiser:
	+ Megan Venner sent in a report on the Chapters fundraiser.
	+ Event was very successful with CES getting $1300 in gift cards for Chapters
	+ CES librarian has already started purchasing the books
* Bookfair:
	+ surpassed expectations (almost $9000)
	+ Surpassed our French book goal by $600.
	+ Library to be able to buy over $1000 in French books and $3700 in English
	+ Over 750 books donated through pyjama patrol drive
* Carol thanked Megan Venner for all her hard work organizing the Chapter's fundraiser and bookfair.
* Proposed changes to French immersion:
	+ report went to the board of trustees to extend consultation period to delay implementation by one year
	+ Another motion today to extend consultation into January
	+ Not clear whether it could potentially still come into effect in September
* Carol thanked the parents for helping out during the work to rule action
	+ Staff sent you a thank you letter to council
1. Upcoming Events
	* Family Movie Night – December 4:
		+ Survey to select movie via Facebook
		+ In addition to movie, there will be two crafting tables and silent auction
		+ All funds raised to go towards Xmas hampers for CES families in need
		+ Will be pizza for sale
		+ Admission will include popcorn and a drink. Extra popcorn to be provided by Kernals for $2/bag
		+ Discussion about admission fee - e.g. whether it should be set at $10/family, or Pay what you can?
			- Agreed to set as "pay what you can".
		+ Volunteers needed for evening
	* Family Wellness Evening- January 27/February 3
		+ First meeting held with lead teachers
		+ To focus on 4 aspects of family wellbeing: physical activity, mindfulness, nutrition, and sleep

**ACTION ITEM**: Looking for suggestions of a sleep expert - please send suggestions to Carol

1. Principal’s Report – Barb Martinez
	* Progress reports on Dec 10th
	* First staff meeting took place in November
	* Focus away from mindfulness to something new, perhaps differentiation or how to adapt teaching to needs in the classroom
	* Two central coaches to come teach about inquiry learning
	* Hoping to have a math problem given to all students in December to see similarities and differences in how kids approach the problem. Work to be posted around the school to see how all the kids solved it.
	* CES received computers to replace all of the old ones taken away, including new laptops
	* Barb thanked Megan Venner for her work and Kim D'Angelo for the dance. She also thanked all the others for their behind-the-scenes work.
	* Parent-teacher interviews went very smoothly
	* Overall, all things running smoothly
2. Teacher’s Report – Val Cook
	* Noted that December could be Barb's last month at CES
	* Movember going along well
	* Holiday showcase on Friday, December 11, 8:45-11AM, for parents only. Children will only watch the dress rehearsal
	* Dental screening for JK/SK and grade 2 on December 9
	* Fire prevention activity on December 3 and 10
	* Hydro Ottawa safety presentation in January
	* Food drive Dec 7-11
	* Grade 2s do a holiday cultural activity in December
	* December 18 is pyjama day
	* Another musical to be done in the new year, maybe Cinderella

1. OCASC Report – Stephanie Nasmith
	* Family skating night suggested at Katimavik rink
	* Suggested looking into giving money away to more needy schools
		+ Val asked about being paired with more needy schools
	* There was a discussion on council insurance and Barb clarified that we are covered by the Board. To be discussed at the next OCASC meeting.
		+ Every council event needs to have First Aid training and materials within easy access. Something to think about for future events.
	* Board improvement plan is improvement on junior math. Kids are not prepared for jump from grade 3-4. Math scores have been dropping.

**ACTION ITEM:** Inform parents that the Board Improvement Plan can be obtained from Stephanie

1. Treasurer’s Report – Jennifer Kemp
	* Budget Review
		+ Changes made from last update
		+ Funding Requests
		+ Staff wish list (approx $3200 to spend) included suggestions for (1) scientists in the school ($1460 needed from council), (2) technology component (~$600 for small stuff and ~$1800 for ipads), (3) silk screened pinneys with CES logo ($200), (4) compressor pump for balls ($150)
			- Decided to remove pinneys and ball pumps from list at this time
			- Left with Drumfit, Scientists in the school and technology items.
			- Moved by Teri MacDonald to support remaining items and Chris Brown seconded it. Council supported this motion. Passed.

**ACTION ITEM**: Allocate $6260 required for purchase of scientists in the school, ipads and drumfit.

* + Fundraising
		- Popcorn - Stephanie Nasmith
			* Papa Jack's 6x/year. $.57/bag is our cost.
			* price to students is our decision.
			* minimum order is 280 bags of popcorn but an order 2 months supply at a time.
			* Need 2 volunteers to divvy up among the classes.
			* Compliant with school nutrition rules.
			* To be held on school colours day every month.
			* Agreed to sell at $2/bag.
		- Bake sale upcoming on December 16th.
1. Other Business/Discussion
	* Raffle for VIP parking at holiday showcase to go ahead
2. Adjournment

**Next meeting: January 26, 2016**