

Cornell Village School Advisory Council

Date: April 3, 2006

Time: 7pm-9pm

Parent Council Attendees:

Laura Buckley	Y	Shara Carr	Y
Carroll Blair	Y	Kathryn Ellis	Y
Pam Giannis	Y	Jennifer Guest	Y
Sara Reeves	Y	Deb Larsen	Y
Michelle Wright	Y	Michele O'Sullivan	Y
Vivien Page	Y	Cindy Sabo	Y
Kathie Higgins	Y	Karen Sutch	Y
Sam Demel	Y	Renee Torrington	N
Zoe Millar	n		

Community Attendees:

Parent Attendees: Jeannie Daniels-Burry, Elizabeth Gallant, Linda Duncan

Staff Attendees: John Hopkins, Jan Jang, Catherine Arnold, Marianne Balkos, Juliana D'Angelo

1 Acceptance of Minutes from February 13, 2006

- Cindy motioned to accept
- Kathie 2nd
- Passed

2 Acceptance of Agenda

- Added flower sale, school logo, clothing
- Carroll motioned to accept
- Jennifer 2nd
- Passed

3 Principal's Report

3.1 Growth

- 4 K's, 4 Grade 1's – fill most of first floor!
- Grade 1 is a year of tremendous change
- Any questions?
- Any recommendations based on teacher style, learning style, etc. will be taken in writing, but other considerations need to be balanced (social, gender, academic level,
- Early May newsletter will include form asking for learning style characteristics that your child will thrive (eg. independent? More/less structure). Describe the child's ideal learning environment rather than specify a specific teacher.

- Hold off until fall in high growth situations to say what class a child will be in
- Adding 6 classes – need new furniture, new books
- Expecting 113 new students

3.2 Family Math Night (Catherine Arnold)

- Catherine expressed Thanks for literacy night support!
- Math Night - April 20th, 7-8:30pm
- Initial meeting in gym, expectations addressed
- Hands on, interactive night
- Passport handed out to parents
- Grade 8's will go around stamping passports
- 3 areas for 3 divisions, draw for completed passports
- station for each of 5 strands of Math
- publisher displays in library
- face painting (math related)
- teacher overseeing each of 5 strands
- in conjunction with School Plan, will serve to inform parents of 5 strands of Math, benefits of concrete manipulatives, etc.
- almost entire Grade 8 class have volunteered
- Kathie to call Catherine regarding refreshments

3.3 Prep for meeting with Town of Markham

- deferred

3.4 Focus on reading of Level 1 and 2 students

- deferred

4 Treasurer's Report (Pam Giannis)

- <http://www.cornellvillage.ps.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/schoolcouncil/TreasurersReport.htm>
- money from summer read-a-thon not spent from Junior division yet. John to follow-up with Mr. Saunders.
- Motion to accept – Shara
- 2nd Sam
- Passed

5 Notice of Motion (Kathryn) – discussion and vote on use of \$10000 GIC originally slated for school playground structure

- Trigger for discussion - Due to impending portables and diminishing playground area, may take up to 10 years to get the space back and the need for literacy, math manipulatives, may be more imminent, etc.

- Motion to release funds for something other than traditional playground equipment
- Laura to follow-up and research open classroom concept, including eligibility for subsequent years
- Do we have space? Unclear at this point since no promise for a 6-pack, which takes less space
- Portables will be sited during summer.
- Timeline for portables is 2-3 years until we know if they leave or if they become an addition – depends on South Cornell and if it is in the next 5 year plan
- Need proposal for open classroom (costs, benefits, potential grants, etc)
- Need more computer money (board has opened up 50/50 proposal)
- Many proposals possible and can be evaluated once there is agreement that money can be used other for
- Point brought that even if monies are released from a playground, should be kept in same interest as outside use for the kids
- Fundraising also came from community, outdoor facilities would benefit community
- Monies can't be released until June at the earliest when GIC comes up for renewal
- Consensus that funds will be released
- Shara - motion to release the funds in order to entertain proposals on how to spend it.
- Cindy 2nd
- Passed unanimously
- Suggestion to ask staff for consensus on how to spend funds
- Requests for proposal – John to put in newsletter, Jennifer to talk to Madame Penrose to talk to student council, put in Parent-Parent newsletter
- Deadline for proposals is May 1, must include budget and timeline

6 Spring Fundraiser (Shara)

- Changed date to May 7th, 12-4pm, due to conflict with Markham Rodeo parade
- Posters are up, talking to newspapers (Econ and Sun, Cornell Crier)
- List of donations passed around; doing fairly well, but need more since silent auction is main source of funds
- Need more volunteers (core group of about 6 people are being stretched)
- Sponsorship package and donation letter handed out
- Phone calls and 2nd call follow-up help needed
- Karen is heading scavenger hunt – open to ideas, forward any ideas to Karen
- Diana Cape heading silent auction
- Tickets are \$5/person
- Pam and Sam will be selling tickets at café on April 22 from 9am-noon
- School plan working on a parent survey; response opportunity to hand out on their way out
- Suggestion to provide incentive for returned surveys (School Plan committee to investigate)

7 School logo

- Cornell Cobra
- Jan Jang passed around design (cool enough for Grade 8's, not scary for K's)
- Estimate of <\$100 to do the logo in the gym
- Need to show to Student Council
- Shara motioned to support the funds Jan needs to paint the logo in the gym
- Jennifer 2nd
passed

8 Flower sale

- Delivery on May 18th
- Renee running this
- Order forms going out early May

9 Questions regarding subcommittee minutes

9.1 Fundraising (Shara)

<http://www.cornellvillage.ps.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/schoolcouncil/FundraisingMinutes.htm>

- any questions on budget, direct to Shara or Pam

9.2 Communications

- April 14th – deadline for next Parent-Parent

9.3 Health and Safety (Sara)

<http://www.cornellvillage.ps.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/schoolcouncil/HealthAndSafety.htm>

- Bike rodeo
 - May 12th (Raindate: June 9)
 - Ribbons for accomplishment \$123+tax
 - Asking for \$230 from school council
 - John offers the \$230 from school funds
 - All day during school hours
 - Need volunteers.

9.4 Staff Appreciation (Karen)

<http://www.cornellvillage.ps.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/schoolcouncil/StaffAppreciation.htm>

- April 26th, 7pm next meeting

9.5 School Plan (Kathie)

<http://www.cornellvillage.ps.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/schoolcouncil/SchoolPlan.htm>

- working on communicating school plan to parents

10 Business Arising

- To add to next meeting's agenda:
 - If no proposal is finalized by May, need to adjust terms for GIC
 - Proposals

11 Next meeting

- Monday May 8th, 2006

Motion to adjourn (9pm)

Pam
2nd Sam

If any discrepancies in these minutes, please let me know,

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