

**CPS & MES Minutes - October 10, 2017 Parent Council Meeting (Revised at Nov. 6 Parent Council Meeting)**

**1. Introduction of council members.**

**2. What's happening around the school?**

a. Work Orders

- windows on doors for classrooms (safety measures)
- Lock Down blinds on all classrooms
- Bathrooms: - top of door on washrooms is being taken off so adults can see in washrooms (to increase safety and less behavioural issues)
- More FOB swipes on entrances (back doors) (Safety concern)
- Coldwater location: - light switches in gym being switched
- Wheelchair accessible bathrooms
- Locks on gates to get to trail to river
- Sliding glass doors for display case at front entrance being used to display student work - plaques being removed
- AED removed from foyer to in-front of gym
- Couches ordered for the front of Coldwater to make it more inviting
- Board games have been ordered
- Math manipulatives have been ordered for all classrooms
- 2 new laminators ordered for teachers

b) Roots of Empathy will be coming to Coldwater, grade 7 class.

- This program involves teaching students how to take care of a baby, and grow empathy and compassion for other individuals
- Baby Nora (daughter of a staff member)

c) Grade 3 Swim to Survive (both Moonstone and Coldwater students participating)

- Students learn survival skills around water

d) Violin club at Coldwater by Ms. Joseph

e) 3 Fire Drills to date

Coldwater- new thing: 1 congregating spot

- Grade 8's to match cup with kindergarten students if evacuation needed
- 3rd drill it was silent (and only took 2 minutes to clear the building)

f) Grade 5,6,7,8 - issue with inappropriate use of phones/photographing

- school has connected with police so students get the message

g) Snack Programs: -

- More nourishment during the day
- Distributor - AVRON- everything is packages (no health and safety concerns with handling food etc.)
- Funded by Eat Well to Excel
- Concern from parent: How do we regulate if student wants something from snack bins rather than their own lunch?
- Answer: learning moments: teach respect

- There are gluten free items, all nut free, dairy free options as well
- Website for more information: [AVRONforkids.com](http://AVRONforkids.com)
- Will be keeping selection to a minimum

Issues brought up by parents:

- Fence in the Coldwater playground has holes that kids can climb under
- Snow fence has been put up temporarily
- Kathy will look into this

h) Fun Friends

- Child and Youth Worker- working in many classrooms in the school
- Purpose: - reduce conflicts (social skills, turn taking)

i) Rainbows program (for students who have experienced a loss of a parent or have been through a separation/divorce in the family)

- Starting in February
- Teachers have to be qualified to run a group

j) Ms. Hayden will kiss a pig

- Raised over \$4000 for Terry Fox
- Colt's game profits went towards Terry Fox as well

k) New Walkie Talkies ordered for schools

### 3. Review of Council Members Roles and Responsibilities

Co-chair:

- Communicates with principal regularly
- Prepares agenda with principal
- Runs council meetings
- Ensures minutes are recorded
- Attends board meetings
- Ensures regular communication with school community
- Act in accordance of school code of conduct

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To Do:

- Annual reports to be signed off from last year: completed by Jen Lussier (co-chair form last year)
- School Council Annual School Admin. Profile fill in
  - What are the council priorities?
  - What are the most important leadership qualities you would like to see in an Administrator?

### 4. Budget

Fundraised: \$106 732.82

- Goal is to collectively work together to spend the money effectively
- \$ 16000 in field trips

- Pay for all bussing
- Offset field trips, but not make trips free
- All students must be able to attend field trips

Money can be re-allocated for items within budget

- No community fundraising this school year- just lunch program
- Question in regards to Grade 8 trip coverage- jobs doing community service (this would be the family's responsibilities to initiate this)
- Can fundraise for charitable organization in community

\$15 000 Reserved from last year

- Some allocated to couches, laminators, glass for display cases

### **5. Website update**

- Increase in viewing of website
- Newsletters will be posted on website
- Both schools have twitter handles

### **6. Groove Education (Amy Tepperman)**

- School needs a boost of fun/confidence
- Reduce conflict/bullying requires building positive school culture
- Program uses dance as a tool to improve school climate
- Inclusive education, kinesthetic learning, and creativity are all involved in program
- Physical literature combined with creativity
- Program also deals with mental health
- Groove education provides workshops for students and teachers
- Planning a parent engagement night where students and parents come to school in the evening and participate in Groove Education
- Question posed: Is this something parents would promote? Answer from council: Definitely yes!
- Program provide 18 weeks- weekly emails- password through board
- Teachers can use the lessons

### **7. Next Meeting**

- November, 6, 2017 @ Moonstone location
- Council meetings will occur on the first Monday of the month (not monthly, as this is not needed)

### **8. Concerns over Moonstone's pavement where students play.**

- Suggestion to pave the gravel part
- Would be nice if completed in the spring
- Pavement is uneven and not safe for students
- Parents suggest to use the resources from the school
- Kathy suggested that low ropes be placed in Moonstone's play area to provide more for students to do at outside breaks