

Castor Valley Elementary School Council Meeting 2023-2024



#2 October 19th, 2023 6:30pm



MINUTES

Attendance: (in person only)

#	Voting Members	Sept	Oct	Nov	Jan	Feb	Apr	May
1.	Meagan Keaney Co-Chair	✓	✓					
2.	Kimberly Stone Co-Chair		✓					
3.	Erin Lowe Co-Secretary	✓	✓					
4.	Hayley Buchanan Co-Secretary	✓	✓					
5.	Melanie Streng Co-Treasurer	✓						
6.	Cassi Nadon Co-Treasurer	✓	✓					
7.	Brandi Zebrak	✓						
8.	Kirsten Appleyard	✓						
9.	Victoria Rintoul	✓	✓					
10.	Anu Joseph	✓						
11.	Vero Ielo	✓						
12.	Khalid El Aggan							
13.	Heather Botsford McMillan							
14.	Adam Clarke							
15.	Jancey Harper	✓	✓					
16.	Nat Elliott	✓	✓					
17.	Trish Bezaire	✓	✓					
18.	Jenni Bell	✓	✓					
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	Quorum = (50%+1) = 10							

#	Non-Voting Members	Sep	Oct	Nov	Jan	Feb	Apr	May
1	Deanna Ellerton	✓						
2	Amy Marques		✓					
3	Raylene Black							
4	Alicia Caswell							
5	Kathryn King							
6	Gloria Mackie							
7	Lizzy Low							
8	Elli Kapsalis	✓						
9	Karen Percy	✓						
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#	Non Registered Attendees	Sep	Oct	Nov	Jan	Feb	Apr	May
1	Marcia Graham	✓						
2	Jodi Sooley	✓	✓					
3	Jodi Forest	✓	✓					
4	Julia Demidenko	✓	✓					
5	Carolina Suarez	✓						
6	Steven Winters	✓						
7	Andrea van Ryckeghem		✓					
8	Kathryn Hughes		✓					
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#	Staff		Sep	Oct	Nov	Jan	Feb	Apr	May
1	Tracy Snarr	Principal	✓						
2	Angie Bickmore	Teacher	✓	✓					
3	Suzanne D'eon			✓					
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1. Welcome and Attendance [Meagan Keaney]

- Agenda and other meeting docs can be found at <https://castorvalleyes.ocdsb.ca> under the CVESC info tab, Council Meetings and Minutes section
- Voting - only those that have volunteered to be voting members and/or executive members may participate in voting
- Our purpose is to involve as many parents and guardians as we can to include everyone's voices to enrich the experience for the students and families.

2. Approval of October Agenda [Meagan Keaney]

- Motion to Approve: Jodi Sooley, 2nd Natalie Elliot

3. Approval of September Minutes [Meagan Keaney]

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- Motion to Approve: Natalie Elliot, 2nd Jodi Sooley

4. Principal's Report [Suzanne D'eon for Tracy Snarr]

- September and October PA Days were full of learning for the teaching and support staff of Castor Valley:
 - Implementation of the new Grade 8 language curriculum
 - High impact instructional activities, specifically targeting mathematics
 - Teachers focused on the students feeling safe and welcomed, their well-being with focus on positive relationships
 - First Days (first 10 days of school), and how to positively build from that throughout the remainder of the year
 - Collaborating with support from OCDSB Indigenous partners
- EQAO individual results will be sent out next week
- School sports are back on again
 - The U12 boys were featured on CTV Ottawa News
 - Inter-school sports are back in full swing
- Bus staff and occasional teacher shortages continue

- Ad-Hoc requests from staff are almost done, will be shared with Council in the coming weeks
- Upcoming dates:
 - Friday October 27: photo retake day
 - Friday November 3: PA Day
 - Tuesday November 7: Grade 8 short story workshop
 - Friday November 10: Remembrance Day ceremony in the gym
 - Thursday November 16: progress reports going home
 - November 23 & 24: parent-educator interviews

5. Teaching and Support Staff Report [Angie Bickmore]

- Grade 8 classes will attend a 3-session short story workshop with local author Tim Holmes
- This week teachers are focusing on outdoor classrooms and getting kids outside for learning
- The Ambassadors started this week with a total of 58 kids
 - CVES is partnering with Gowling Public School. CVES will collect winter shoes and boots and set up a free shopping event for families of that school community
- Canned food drive beginning at the school soon
- October 31 is the first Spirit Day. Kids can wear their Halloween costumes or black & orange
- November 2 is the Intermediate dance
- The Green Team for Grade 6 students has started, will focus on recycling collection
- Lunch monitors have started and staff have seen a positive change in classroom behaviours and noise levels
- The Terry Fox walk was a big success and generated good talks with all students
- CVES wish to thank Council for the \$200 they can use for their classrooms

6. Treasurer Report [Nil]

- There is no Treasurer's Report this month

7. Co-Chair Report [Meagan Keaney]

- First fundraising activity: Christmas wreaths and planters
 - Due date: November 14, Delivery date: November 28
- Christmas Shopping Day
 - Date: Monday December 11, giving parents one month to bring donations in
 - Items can be left in the front hallway
 - Ambassadors can move the items and help set up on Sunday December 10
 - Suzanne will see if the gym is booked on Sunday, will book for set up
- Movie Night
 - Date: Friday November 17
 Cassi leading, looking for volunteers to help
- Capital projects:
 - New librarian has been looking at 3D printers. Estimated cost: \$2000
 - Outdoor painting has been tendered and ordered. This will repaint the hopscotch, 100s chart, compass with directions. Will be supported with \$2000 from last year, with help from voluntary student contributions.
 - New shed being ordered and built to support outdoor learning. Next steps: purchase

- gardening tools and other outdoor tools to assist with learning. Glass planter boxes to see the root system?
- Hayley is still looking into the trees.

- Ad Hoc

- List not ready for Council yet. Council is looking to have the Ad Hoc meeting before the next School Council meeting on November 16, so the list is ready to be approved at the next Council meeting.
- Angie: Can we use Ad Hoc funds for sandwich kit supplies for the Ottawa Mission? Meagan: put it on the list, we'll take it from there.

8. Co-Chair Report [Kimberly Stone]

- Fun Night

- Date: Wednesday June 12
- Food Trucks – Merry Dairy, Smoque Shack, Churro – trucks show up at no cost, the school doesn't get any money but provides some variety
- Hot dogs, hamburgers, pizza also provided and will provide revenue. Kimberly will reach out to local firefighters to see how early we can book them. Kathryn's husband works at Costco, she is seeing if we can get food donated
- Ideal: Fries for Charity – Ambassadors could volunteer to peel and cut potatoes, money stays at the school. Natalie will reach out.
- Runamock's "Carnival Package" is available
- Looking Zoo (Barnyard Zoo)
- Lawn Games
- Racing simulators
- Prizes (closer to the date)
- Baskets (closer to the date)
- Volunteer coordination (Meagan and Angie)
- Bake Sale
- FEEDBACK: More Beaver Bucks and raffle tickets printed, more of the traditional outdoor games
- Games4You
- Pre-sale the bracelets, or have a table outside of the lobby with good visible signage Julia and Cassi have a tents to use if it is raining
- Check in with George Darouze for a donation

9. Safe, Caring and Inclusive School Committee [Jodi Sooley]

- Parent conference going ahead, four vendors being looked at right now
- Renewed Dare to Care program this year
- New group to help with mental health within the school
 - Buddy system – Grades 7 & 8 help younger kids, make their day a little better
 - Could help with reading and math homework too?
- Jodi exploring how extra food, donate money to cash online for students who need extra food each day
- Schools looking at a multi-religion prayer room
- Committee wants wall space in the school for affirmations, etc.
- Overall lack of diversity and culture within schools, looking to improve this

10. New Business [Meagan Keaney]

- Kathryn King (outgoing treasurer) asked to have the signing authorities changed. Three new co-signers will be:
 - Cassi Nadon
 - Brandi Zebrak
 - Anu Joseph
- Bus cancellations
 - Little to no communication from OSTA, Suzanne confirmed
 - EDP: Victoria Hall to see if there is any additional information or care help from this service.
 - Castor Valley carpool Facebook page? Bus route chats?
- Is the school obligated to use Green Apple for the school photos?
 - No, but the school does sign a contract. We can change next year, but there are pros and cons to changing.

11. Adjournment [Meagan Keany]

Meeting Adjourned: 7:45 pm

Next Council Meeting Nov 16 at 6:30pm