



Central Elementary School

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November 28, 2018 School Council Meeting

Present:

Mohammad Kibria (Chair), Tannis Hamill (Principal), Sara Flavelle (Teacher Representative / Secretary), Barb Stares (Community Representative), Cynthia Boodo (Parent)

Welcome & Approval of October minutes and November Agenda

Principal Report

- **Public Health nurse, Social worker** now attached to our school, **Student Success EA (Educational Assistant)** also
- creation of “**Central Cares**” club where students can voice concerns and needs they see in our school and then work together to help increase positive school climate
 - resources: “Supporting Caring Schools – Bullying Prevention and Intervention Program” (binder) and OPHEA (Ontario Physical and Health Education Association)
- every year **we set goals for positive school climate, literacy and numeracy**,
 - staff Professional Development (PD) is currently focused on **literacy and reading** (Kindergarten and Grades 1, 2, 3 have met so far)

Teacher Report

- **Bell Canada** (office in our neighbourhood) had been kindly **donating winter clothing** for our students in need again this year
- **Intramurals** will start (for Grades 1-5) next week, once a week for each team in gym at Nutrition Break
- **Parent Corner meeting** was on Tues. Nov. 27, topic: **volunteering at our school, police checks**
- Central’s **swim team** went to the meet at McMaster and did very well
- **Holiday / Winter concert** is coming up, dates to be determined, classes are practising their songs
- More **newcomers to Canada** have been arriving at Central lately, from a **variety of countries** (Sudan, Cameroon, Tanzania, Japan, Brazil etc.)
- Grade 1 / 2 students went to a **Jack Grunsky concert** in early November, lots of fun
- **CCAT testing** (screen for giftedness – Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test) was administered to all Grade 4 students in early November

Business

- **Parents Reaching Out Grant**, deadline to apply is **February 2019**, **\$1000** available, expires end of the year, website shows different projects that have been supported by this grant



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- thinking about possibly having a **guest speaker** in to help our parents learn more about how to handle the **issues of screen time, internet safety, video games with their children**, also possibly creating sustainability with a **community sharing group** where trusted community experts come and assist parents with ongoing advice regarding these issues

- for next meeting think about: Who would be a good guest speaker that would be appealing to different cultural groups? Interpreting needs? When?

- **Bazaar: Dec. 11 & 12**, storage is outside of school right now, items to be brought in the morning of Dec. 11 for set up
- **Newsletter** is on Central's website, check during second week of December to see the next one
- **Playground** (including Kindergarten play area) has a historical fence around it, making repairs and changes more challenging, custodian doing his best to keep things safe and a work order has also been placed, some concrete patching was done on the playground earlier this year

Next meeting: Wednesday January 16, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.