



# Central Elementary School

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## November 6, 2019 School Council Meeting

<b>PRESENT:</b>		
Mohammad Kibria (Chair)	Tannis Hamill (Principal)	Melike Yilmaz (Parent Representative)
Cynthia Boodo (Parent)	Sara Flavelle (Teacher Representative)	Barb Stares (Community Representative)
Darlene Scott (Public Health Nurse)	Christine Sandor (Parent)	Darren Barlow (Parent)
Erin Jaggard (Parent/Secretary)	Dan Thomas (Parent)	
<b>DISTRIBUTION:</b>		
Matt Calvano (Parent)		

### School Council Positions:

- Erin as secretary

### Agenda additions:

- Set remainder of meeting dates for 2019/2020 school year

### Agenda:

Item	Notes	Action Items
Approval of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No comments</li> <li>- Minutes approved</li> </ul>	
Principals Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reading by end of grade 1 – reading is focus at Central               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o PD available; reading specialist a part of teaching team</li> <li>o goals/targets established</li> <li>o consistent/tailored approaches for each student</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Improving in Math               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Approval for some PD</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Annual School Fundraising Plan               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Prepared by Tannis</li> <li>o School holiday bazaar - \$600-700 typically raised; for 2-3 pizza days</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Positive Culture and Well-Being – update from Darlene</li> </ul>	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Central Cares Club: approx. 12 students participating; grade 4/5               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ November: “Central is Kind” Banner being prepared; observations/words documented by students</li> <li>▪ December: “Positive Emotions”</li> <li>▪ 2020 – mindfulness, plastic pollution reduction/environmental focus</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Workshop on vaping upcoming – Liuna station; free event Nov 21</li> <li>○ Dental screening dates – Nov 26/27 – JK/SK/2/4</li> <li>○ Yourspacehamilton.ca – webinar upcoming on cyber bullying Nov 28; online resources available</li> <li>○ Translated health information resources available through city website regarding some topics discussed previously <a href="http://www.newcomerhealth.ca">www.newcomerhealth.ca</a></li> </ul>	
Chair Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Kibria and Tannis attended school council startup session on October 16               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ HWDSB launched school council handbook</li> <li>○ Shared about fundraising opportunities</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Parent Reaching Out (PRO) grant Application               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Due in January/Feb</li> <li>○ Concern that two goals of translating AND workshops is too much to take on; focus on collection of already translated materials by different agencies and organizing workshop;</li> <li>○ Members feel that the need for workshop topic could be assessed through parent survey</li> <li>○ Council to develop survey questionnaires in simple language</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Members need to send feedback on PRO application draft to Kibria as soon as possible</li> <li>- Kibria to develop draft survey questionnaires to be distributed to the members for feedback</li> </ul>



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Holiday Bazaar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2-day fundraising event to continue this year</li> <li>- Barb won't be available to lead the event this year, and she is seeking new leader/coordinator; time commitment largely during 2-day event; Barb can provide details to any interested individuals.</li> <li>- 3-4 previous volunteers will continue to support the event</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Confirmed date Dec 10 &amp; 11, 2019</li> <li>- Dan and Kibria confirmed their availability on Dec 10.</li> <li>- Need volunteers for Dec 11. Members need to confirm ASAP if they are willing to volunteer</li> <li>- Dan and Kibria to meet with Barb and others to review tasks, lesson learned for 2019 bazaar</li> </ul>
Other upcoming events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Clothing swap typically takes place in spring (and early fall)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-No clothing swap in 2019; spring 2020?</li> <li>-Multicultural day scheduled for May 28, 2020</li> </ul>
Teacher Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Parent-teacher interviews Nov 7/8; interpreters present</li> <li>- Progress reports recently went home</li> <li>- Swim meet on Nov 12; 20 students in grade 3/4/5/</li> <li>- Fire safety presentation recently for grade 1-4</li> </ul>	
Playground improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Teachers very interested in this initiative</li> <li>- Grant opportunity?</li> <li>- Funding may be available from the board</li> <li>- What other surfaces exist?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tannis to follow up with teacher regarding grant opportunity and investigate some cost estimation of alternative options in collaboration with the council</li> </ul>
Bike Racks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We can lock bikes to fences in the interim</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Christine to look at</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There may be money available from school funds</li> <li>- Are there other avenues to fund this? – Green Venture, Cycle Hamilton</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>alternative avenues for funding (Green Venture, Cycle Hamilton, Sobi)</li> <li>- Tannis to look at costs, suppliers, funding from existing funds</li> </ul>
Music Instruction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Piano program – instructors come to the school for small group piano lessons</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Christine to provide a contact to Tannis</li> </ul>
Website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Updates required – newsletter with calendars, meeting times, etc.</li> <li>- Meeting minutes to be distributed to council members for review and action items prior to being published online on school website</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tannis to update</li> </ul>
Upcoming Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Jan 8 at 6 pm</li> <li>- Feb 5 at 6 pm</li> <li>- March 4 at 6 pm</li> <li>- April 8 at 6 pm</li> <li>- May 6 at 6 pm</li> </ul>	

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, January 8 at 6:00 p.m.