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| <b>Date</b>                  | October 26, 2022  |   |
| <b>Start Time – End Time</b> | 6:30-7:30pm   |   |
| <b>Meeting Location</b>      | In-Person & MS Teams meeting  |   |
| <b>Attendees</b>             | <i>Present In-Person</i><br>Gordon Carey, Principal<br>Christine Sandor, Co-Chair<br>Alyson Shields, Treasurer<br>Erica Speakman, Parent Rep<br>Louai Moghrabi, Parent Rep<br>Beth Grosso, Teacher Rep<br>Corinne Carlin, Public Health Nurse | <i>Present Virtual</i><br>Daren Myles, Parent Rep<br>Rebecca Antoszek, Parent Rep<br>Jeremy Sandor, Parent Rep<br>Maria Difalco, Teacher Rep<br>Renata Gal, Teacher Rep<br><br>Quorum - Yes |
|                              | <i>Regrets</i><br>Yonatin Rozenszajn, Co-Chair<br>Andrea Gulyas, Secretary<br>Trishna Balchandani, Parent Rep<br>Nick Berrafati, Teacher Rep<br>Rufayda Ali (SWIS) – Community Representative   |   |

| Agenda Item   | Topic  |  |
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| <b>Welcome and Land Acknowledgment</b><br>(Christine – 2 min) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting start: 6:32pm</li> </ul>  |  |
| <b>Introduction</b><br>(Christine – 5 min)                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduction of those present in person and online, name, grade of child(ren) at Central or grade teaching.</li> </ul>  |  |
| <b>Review of Previous Minutes</b><br>(Christine - 2)          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review minutes from Tues September 27, 2022</li> <li>Meeting minutes approved</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gord – to post meeting minutes to SC Webpage</li> </ul> |
| <b>Principal's Report</b><br>(Gord – 5 min)                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staffing – have made it through re org</li> <li>Able to rehire Mr. Eaton from last year</li> <li>Assembly from last Friday – learning skills, work habits; well received by students</li> </ul> <i>Facilities</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gord is meeting with facilities manager –</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gord to report back to council regarding</li> </ul>     |



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|  | <p>Central has been approved for renos in corridors, gym and playfield - happening this week</p>   | <p>facilities plan and next steps</p>  |
| <p><b>Teacher’s Report</b><br/>         ( Beth -- 5 min)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PD Day on Monday, topics covered included</li> <li>• UDL – Universal design for learning</li> <li>• Differentiated instruction – modified instruction based on unique student needs</li> <li>• Student profiles – looking at students very carefully – where teacher/teaching partner/French teacher etc see students</li> <li>• Progress reports are in progress – focus on learning skills – snapshot of where they are, how they are doing in math, science etc.</li> <li>• Water bottles went home on Friday to all students – ordered last year and were given out at the assembly on Friday – celebrate everyone coming together – feedback from students was really positive</li> </ul>  |  |
| <p><b>Chair Report</b><br/>         (Christine – 5 min)</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goals for the year – community engagement, fundraising, playground rejuvenation</li> <li>• Christine attended the PIC School Council Start Up event on Oct 12 – reviewed key info from HWDSB School Council handbook; fundraising details etc</li> </ul> <p>Priorities for this school year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Engagement – inviting all parents to attend SC meetings – important to get a sense of what SC is doing and how to get involved; FB page started “Central Elementary Public School Council” – to post on SC website;</li> <li>• Christine, Louai, Andrea, and Rebecca met on Friday to chat about ideas for this year including things like: market where people can purchase a table for \$x and then sell what they want; winter clothing drive and</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If someone has experience or is interested moderating/admin this page, please let Christine know</li> </ul> |



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|  | <p>clothing swap in fall/spring;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christine is involved with the Durand Neighbourhood Association (DNA) to help create a better connection between the school and the neighbourhood in order to help with both fundraising, and to let families at central know about community events that the DNA is running</li> <li>• Playground Rejuvenation – something a lot of people are interested in seeing; will plan to follow up with this following Gord’s meeting with the facilities department</li> <li>• Alyson asked if there was a previous calendar of activities/events that has been done in the past; There is not, so we have the opportunity to decide where we want to focus our time and energy and what we want to plan for next school year.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christine will start compiling a list of ideas that people bring forward, so that we can start to think about events etc that SC wants to organize</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Public Health Nurse</b><br/>         (Corinne – 5 min)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corinne is a public health nurse that is at Central every Tuesday; she has worked with youth and teens and this is her first year working with younger kids</li> <li>• Focus on health information and promotion</li> <li>• Plan to run a series of stress lessons – approved by the board and focus on specific topics for each grade</li> <li>• Health Action Team – group of Gr 4 &amp;5 students who meet one lunch/week to work on a project – some examples of previous projects: anti-bullying, kindness wall, mural, dance-a-thon, chalk event, kindness and inclusion, cultural diversity event, daily positive quotes on announcements, hat &amp; mitten tree, button-making event etc.</li> <li>• Corinne is also available to help with other SC events, such as fundriaing, grant writing etc</li> </ul> |  |



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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent Engagement Social Tea – Tues Nov 1, 2-3pm– primarily for ELL families</li> <li>• Run in collaboration with Rufayda, the school’s SWIS worker</li> <li>• Invitation for families to be sent out in email and school messenger</li> <li>• Alyson asked if it would be appropriate for someone from school council to attend to let parents know about school council, and also to hear if there is anything that parents are looking for that school council can help support</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christine and maybe Erica are available to attend this event on Tuesday; will email Rufayda to see if she has an electronic version of the invitation to post to FB page</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>Group Norms and Terms of Reference</b><br/>(Jeremy – 15 min)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review draft of Group Norms and Terms of References</li> <li>• Teacher representatives and voting members</li> <li>• Changes and vote for acceptance</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All members, please review these documents prior to next meeting (Nov 29) and add edits/comments within the document. We will plan to review and vote to accept these documents at our November meeting</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>Budget and Fundraising</b><br/>(10 min)</p>                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review school Fundraising Plan -- Purpose for all fundraisers this year is to “Subsidize field trips” – flexible fundraising purpose since extra funds could be used for end-of-year celebrations; beginning of year celebration, or other that council decides.</li> </ul> <p>Fundraising efforts for this school year –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kernels Popcorn – if this is a regular part of school events, families and kids will be used to it.</li> <li>• Pizza days – Run by ECE Ms. Charters -- will likely ask for day-of parent volunteers</li> <li>• TruEarth – eco laundry and cleaning products – use a fundraising link and school gets 20% of all sales; shipping is free across Canada – low initial investment<br/><a href="https://www.tru.earth/Fundraising">https://www.tru.earth/Fundraising</a></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gord to post School Fundraising Plan to school website</li> <li>• Christine will email Ms. Charters to let her know that SC can try to help find volunteers to help on pizza day as needed</li> <li>• Fundraising sub-committee will meet separately to work out details and compile info about fundraising initiatives (Christine, Alyson, Erica, Corinne –</li> </ul> |



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|                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FundScrip – gift card fundraiser<br/> <a href="https://www.fundscrip.com/home">https://www.fundscrip.com/home</a></li> <li>• Mables Lables – Alyson mentioned this one and it is another free, online platform, so may be worthwhile trying this out to see if people are interested.<br/> <a href="https://mabelslables.ca/en_CA/fundraising/info">https://mabelslables.ca/en_CA/fundraising/info</a></li> <li>• Erica suggested looking into a fundraising to support our community, such as a fundraiser to support Indigenous communities to go along with Orange Shirt Day</li> <li>• Alyson suggested that a winter-clothing drive might be beneficial right now as the weather changes; Gord identified the challenge of no storage on site; Alyson suggested something similar to one that is run at Hamilton General, that involves winter items being hung on the outdoor fence, might be possible since it does not require indoor storage</li> </ul> | <p>anyone else interested please email Christine or the SC email address)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christine will add this to “SC ideas list”</li> <li>• Alyson to follow up with contact at Hamilton General about the details of this program</li> <li>• To discuss this further with fundraising meeting</li> </ul> |
| <b>Facilities (Gord)</b><br>(5 min) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Covered in Principal Update</li> </ul>   |  |
| <b>Meeting Adjournment</b>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7:38pm</li> </ul>  |  |
| <b>Upcoming Meetings</b>            | Tues Nov 29<br>Tues Jan 31<br>Tues Feb 28<br>Tues Apr 25<br>Tues May 30<br>Tues Jun 20  |  |