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Central School Council Meeting Minutes	
Date	April 25, 2023
Start Time – End Time	6:30-7:30pm
Meeting Location	Central School and Microsoft Teams meeting
Attendees	<p>Gordon Carey, Principal Christine Sandor, Co-Chair Andrea Gulyas, Secretary – regrets Alyson Shields – Treasurer – regrets Rufayda Ali (SWIS) – Community Representative – regrets</p> <p><i>Parent Representatives</i> Erica Speakman - online Trishna Balchandani - regrets Daren Myles - regrets Rebecca Antoszek - online Louai & Amina Moghrabi - in person Jeremy Sandor - online</p> <p><i>Teacher Representatives</i> Beth Grosso - in person Maria Difalco - regrets Renata Gal - online</p>

Agenda Item	Topic	Action Items
Welcome and Land Acknowledgment Christine (6:33 – 6:35)		
Review of Previous Minutes (6:35)	<i>Minutes from February meeting reviewed and approved.</i>	
Playground Renovations Update and Answers to questions	<p>Renovations Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SOSA Adnan Shahbaz - Renovations project update , next steps, Q &A <p><i>Total project investment - \$1M – 10% for outdoor space</i></p>	



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6:35 to 7:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1/3 of space not being turffed due to remaining space for portables - Bid out to tender – comes back this Friday April 28 - Scope of project includes: Gymnasium, stairs, stage, lift, washroom retrofit, more washroom space to kindergarten classes; staff washrooms - Ideal plan to have it done by September – some elements (eg - gym a/c units not in place for the fall) - If councillor wants to contribute more, then it will have to be through a be a separate project – eg - play structure, community garden, land fronting onto Hunter Street etc. <p>Question re: whether things could have been done differently from school council end of things to have this collaboration more successful – because of the fast turn around time of this project, it’s not likely that big changes to the project could have been incorporated.</p> <p>Question re: What would the next steps be regarding a plan for schoolyard improvements and a collaboration with the city – next steps would be to come up with a project and propose this to the city for funding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Play structure is fully city property 	
Chair Report 7:00-7:10	Fundscrip Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Over \$5000 or orders - Fundraising team will put in orders this week - if ordering goes smoothly then will plan to re-run this fundraiser next year maybe twice Outdoor Bulletin Board – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - plan to purchase with \$\$ from PRO grant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Christine will get quotes from vendors recommended by HWDSB - If there is another sc parent who would like to research quotes, let Christine know



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	<p>Parent Involvement Committee Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Principal Placement Profile: an opportunity to give feedback to the board <p>Upcoming Events:</p> <p>Open House – Thurs May 4 – 4-5:30 pm</p> <p><i>School Council Table</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Granola bars and juice boxes from last month</i> - <i>Flyers about school council meetings, fundraisers, events.</i> <p><i>Other Tables from:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Public health</i> - <i>SWIS</i> - <i>YWCA</i> - <i>Is there anyone else we should invite – city camps?</i> - <i>Library programs</i> <p>Kindergarten Orientation – Thurs May 25 – 4-5pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>SC to set up at that event as well</i> <p>Brainstorm other types of engagement events for 23-24 school year - eg</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Welcome event at beginning of school year?</i> - <i>Welcome flyer from school council to go out in agendas first week of school?</i> - <i>School council table set up before/after school during the first week?</i> <p>Parent Inquiry - Anti - Bullying resources for parents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>HWDSB has some literature on the website re: antibullying</i> - <i>Discussed some ideas and resources for students and parents</i> - <i>Share on School Council FB page</i> - <i>Gord will request postcard/magnet/poster to have at open house</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Christine will send separate email to school council parents for input on this survey</i> - <i>Gord will contact rec center</i> - <i>Beth will contact – Carol Woods</i> - <i>Corinne may have a table</i> - <i>Christine will share resources on SC FB page</i> - <i>Gord will request postcards/ magnets/ postcards to have at open house</i>
Nurse Update	No update	



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(Corinne if available – 6 min)		
Teacher Report 7:10	Division updates - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Junior – school trips and extracurricular activities happening toward the end of the year Extra Curriculars Student Treasures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Student Treasures book – many classes participated; if parents did not order the books then teachers have an order form Grade 5 Farewell - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - June 23rd - first in-person since before the pandemic - If school council wants to contribute with refreshments, balloons etc - Also if volunteers were needed to help at refreshment tables, set up on day of Other events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - possibility of doing talent show in the spring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School council to discuss \$\$ to contribute to Grade 5 Farewell – confirm at May meeting
Principal's Report 7:20	Earth Day and Other School Initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - tomorrow is walk/ride/roll to school Wednesday April 26 - Mental health week – sharing resources and activities to increase awareness of mental health EQAO – June 12-16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Education Quality Accountability Office Gr 3 and Gr 6 testing - Decision to do a little bit later this year for teachers to solidify learning - Some interventions with reading specialist - 1-1/5h for 3-4 days using devices to do language and math - Lots of opportunities for breaks - Try to make it an encouraging environment - Students are given sample EQAO questions Staffing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In progress - Some numbers projections – working on class-building - Students would find out what classroom they are going to and 	



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	<i>what students will be in their class</i>	
Coming up next month...		
Meeting Adjournment	7:32	
Upcoming Meetings	Tues May 30 Tues Jun 20	