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

Agenda Item	Topic	Action Items
<b>Welcome and Land Acknowledgment</b> Christine (6:30 – 6:35)		
<b>Review of Previous Minutes</b> 6:35-6:38	<i>Minutes from April meeting reviewed and approved.</i>	
<b>Principal's Report</b> 6:38-6:50	<p><b>School improvement timeline and updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Not too many updates at this point – just moving and storing furniture – plan to store in portables over summer</li> </ul> <p><b>Staffing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- still in process</li> </ul>	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- requesting more EAs given needs of students</li> </ul> <p><b>Open house</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- great turn out</li> <li>- did have interpreter on site – many families brought someone who could interpret</li> </ul> <p>Kindergarten orientation – successful</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- reorganization end of Sept/beginning of September</li> <li>- Gr 1,2, 3 capped at 20, 4&amp;5 can go a bit higher – considered a high priority school</li> </ul> <p><b>Happy for feedback on communication with families</b></p>	
<p><b>Teacher Report</b> 6:50-7:00</p>	<p><b>Volunteer Assembly - today</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To say thank you to school volunteers</li> </ul> <p><b>Track and Field Day</b> - this week – organized by Mr. Sinke</p> <p><b>Grade 5 Celebration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Friday June 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 9:15am</li> <li>- 1-2 guest/student</li> <li>- first in-person since before the pandemic</li> <li>- Decorations, refreshments, photo booth</li> <li>- 40 students + 1-2 guests - 120 people</li> <li>- What support from School Council would be helpful aside from refreshments? – decorations/balloons? Set-up? Volunteers?</li> </ul> <p><b>EQAO – Language and Math for Gr 3</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Students can use manipulatives</li> <li>- Will be using iPads and on paper</li> <li>- Providing extra snacks for students</li> <li>- ~1hr/day</li> <li>- Happening Wed/Thurs this week and Mon/Tues next week</li> </ul>	<p>Christine will email parents to see if other people might be able to help plan or help with set up/clean up, etc.</p>
<p><b>PH Nurse Update</b> Corinne – 7:00-7:05</p>	<p>Rocks of Kindness Initiative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To acknowledge when someone does something nice</li> </ul> <p>Able to answer questions from students as they come up</p>	



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	Have a JK kit that they have been given -- ? June? - More info to come about that program	
<b>Chair Report</b> 7:05-7:25	<p><b>Ward 2 School Councils Meeting – Facilitated by Ward 2 Trustee Sabreina Dahab</b>  <b>June 19 @ 3:30pm – City Hall</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Purpose is to meet with other school councils in Ward 2 to discuss what different schools are working on, what has been a success, what are the challenges etc.</li> </ul> <p><b>Upcoming Events:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Final SC meeting – June 20th – Decide on school council election dates for the fall</b></li> <li>- End of year pot-luck for School Council - Possibly at Durand Park splash pad – is this something people would be interested in?</li> </ul> <p><b>Fundraising Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ~\$485 from Mabels Labels, TruEarth and Fundscrip</li> <li>- Can we direct this towards something in the playground? Eg - bench?</li> </ul> <p><b>Outdoor Bulletin Board</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- plan to purchase with \$1000 from PRO grant – quotes – Jeremy</li> </ul> <p><b>SC operating fund -- \$500</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Some towards Gr 5 celebration – how much?</li> <li>- Some towards school engagement – ?T-shirts?/Water bottles?</li> </ul> <p><b>Brainstorm other engagement events for 23-24 school year</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fundraising</li> <li>- Welcome to Central? – school t-shirts? Vinyl stickers?</li> <li>- Welcome flyer from school council to go out in agendas first week of school with fundraising</li> <li>- School council table set up before/after school during the first week – answer parent questions, say hi etc</li> <li>- Parent volunteers – vulnerable sector check – put together a list of volunteer list of people who have VSS</li> </ul>	<p><i>Shipping quotes for Global industrial</i></p> <p>Water bottles? Having some extra for new students - \$3-4            JML – Vince for quote – 380            CS will get quote from West End</p>



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Meeting Adjournment	7:19	
Upcoming Meetings	Tues June 20 -	