

Dundas Central School Council Minutes December 18th 2019

Present: Bethany Foster, Valerie Smith-Lewis, Courtney Southworth, Megan Coombes, Joanne Di Maio, Laura Bartkiw, Chrissy McComb, Aaron Vanderwal, Majdi Qutob, Laura Lawson, Julia Marko, Liz Nabi

Meeting opened by Bethany,

Motion to approve minutes from October and November made by Majdi - seconded by all.

Discussion of annual school fundraising plan

- Holiday baskets – approx. \$1000 raised, lottery license clarification discussed. Proceeds to go to needs of the community in groceries
- Eco-designation
 - Requires teacher involvement due to contract negotiations topic benched for now
 - Could still plan for eco initiatives in the future
 - Plan for alternative wrapping for raffle baskets for next year
 - Yorkview also looking into eco-designation - also waiting due to current work to rule
- By-laws
 - Utilizing new and drafted from Yorkview template
 - Need a mission statement and vision
 - Membership currently 25parents – discussed size of voting membership
 - Details such as deadlines for agendas for mtgs etc will be put into bylaws
 - Discussed a small group to review and discuss Dundas Central School Council bylaw needs, to be made into google doc for comments
- Fundraising goals – Dance a-thon, Spiriti Wear, Spring Sales
 - Advertizing for Spirit Wear to be started in January
 - Open for Spirit Wear sales go-live in Feb
 - Orders would arrive in April

- Classroom screen time
 - ++ discussion on use of screen time in classes – academic vs social vs entertainment purposes
 - Use of cell phones clarified by Laura – only to be used outside of school time – kept in lockers
 - Could bring in speaker to discuss internet safety to students and parents.
 - What is the current expectation of teachers re: ipad usage
 - Parents would prefer no electronics on lunch/recess/nutrition breaks.
 - Laura cannot bring forward to staff yet due to work to rule and no staff meetings at current time

- Job action
 - Will affect/delay report cards
 - Teachers had a productive PA day - learning /discussing Bullying/Mental health - it is the responsibility of all the school staff
 - Learned how to intervene and define types of bullying
 - Learned communication techniques – platform for bringing together observations from each teacher on student bully's – this is a shared documentation and communication tool for enhanced communication. (Power School)
 - Kindergarten pen received signs
 - Camp Wanakita still scheduled at this time

Motion to adjourn made by Bethany –all seconded.

Next meeting Jan 15th 2020