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CAIRN SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday, October 11, 2016 – 7 p.m. Library

AGENDA

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| 1. Welcome and Call to Order | Shauna/James |
| 2. Approval of Minutes from Meeting of Sep.27/16 | All |
| 3. Principal's Report | Shannon |
| 4. Staff Report | GCPS staff |
| 5. Chairperson's Report | Shauna/James |
| 6. Financial Report | Cindy |
| 7. OCASC | Christine |
| 8. New Business | All |
| - Fundraising priorities 2016/2017 | |
| 9. Principal Profile | All |
| 10. Adjourn | Shauna/James |

Minutes

Attendance

Shauna Spearman-Chair	Stephanie Siddall
Shannon Smith-Principal	Denise Nap
Matt Edgeworth-Teacher Rep	Jean-Ann Reed-Flieler
Catherine Scott-Secretary	
Cindy Dummitt-Treasurer	
Christine Lindsay-OCASC	

Shauna called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

Cindy moved that we accept the minutes from last meeting. Motion passed.

Principal's Report-Shannon Smith

- Shannon spoke about the things staff worked on during the last PA Day. In the morning they spent time with an OCDSB speech-language pathologist discussing strategies to help students with executive functioning. This has been identified as an area students struggle with. Executive functions are things like planning and organization.
- In the afternoon the focus was on numeracy. How can connections be made across the curriculum and with real life situations. Using precise language is important as is using the same terms across the curriculum. Shannon spoke of the concept of spiral math in which teachers always circle back to reinforce key concepts.
- The School Learning Plan will focus on self-regulation of learning including self-assessment and goal setting. Teachers started with the statement “If we teach students strategies to self-regulate their learning then academic performance and learning skill development will improve” and discussed strategies to achieve this goal.
- Upcoming events include the Inuit Storyteller in November and a visit from the WOCRC (Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre) to talk to students about healthy relationships both romantic and friendship. Shannon will ask if the content of these talks be made available to parents.
- In future field trip forms will be attached to events on the school calendar on the website.

Staff Report-Matt Edgeworth

- Matt is running the regional flag football tournament which will take place on October 19 at Ben Franklin and October 21st at KRC. He asked if Council would run a canteen at these events. Jean-Ann volunteered to organize and will liaise with Matt to sort out the details...likely a pizza lunch plus snacks. Denise and Stephanie will help.

Chair Report-Shauna

- James wishes to step back from being co-chair. We will consult the constitution to see what the mechanism is for this.
- Shauna recommended signing up for the School Council Newsletter the Board puts out weekly. It is full of great information.
- The Western Area Review consultation meeting will take place October 27 at Sir Robert Borden High School. This doesn't directly affect Glen Cairn, but concerns Bell High School which students in the Gifted Program may choose to attend and Merivale High School which the Board has put forward as a site for a western area IB program.
- Trustee Boothby's meeting will be held October 19 at the WOCRC at 6:30. All are welcome to attend.

Treasurer Report- Cindy

- No changes in balance

OCASC-Christine

- OCASC is looking for a chair or co-chairs.
- The focus this year will be on advocacy-they will not be taking a position on issues.
- The mandate is to educate and inform.

New Business

- We discussed fundraising priorities for this year. 2 areas were identified: the library and the need for outdoor seating, possibly in conjunction with an outdoor classroom.
- Denise will meet with Joanne Johnson, the Library Technician to discuss what the library needs. Jean-Ann offered to buy books at the Samko and Miko sale at the EY Centre. She has left some books with Joanne to review and see if they are suitable.
- There was a suggestion that Scholastic sales could be used to support the library. Shannon will look into the possibility of online ordering so that we can do away with the paper flyers.
- There are teachers that are interested in working with parents on an outdoor classroom. There is money out there we just need someone willing to take on writing grant proposals etc.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM

Next meeting November 8 in the Library.