

Cedarview Middle School Council
Minutes of the Meeting Held February 14, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Paul Churchill, Chair. Regrets from Jeff Wilson, Judy Edwards and Pauline McKenna.

1. The agenda was approved.
2. Approval of December 13 minutes.
3. Treasurer's Report – Karen Acton
 - a) \$25,000 of the QSP money has been put into a GIC which can be taken out whenever it is needed, once the receipts come in for expenditures.
 - b) The total in the bank is \$37,800.64, of which \$27,532.44 is committed; \$10,268.20 available funds.
 - c) Profit from QSP was \$34,641.18.
 - d) Karen provided copies of the bank statement analysis as well as an updated list of wish list recommendations.
 - e) Judy Edwards will give us all the receipts once they are all in. Judy also asked that we waive the Feb 28 deadline for the \$5000 allocated for the library as the book sale has been moved to April.
 - f) The 10 folding tables approved needed an additional \$200 to meet Board specifications; this was approved.
 - g) The Canadian History videos have now come out on DVD for only \$200 rather than \$1200. An additional history series has been purchased with the extra money.
 - h) For the record – an email motion of January 16 which was passed:
"The Wish List Committee moves that School Council approve the allocation of QSP funds for the following items:
\$308 for video/DVD units on puberty for physical education classes;
\$6,000 to purchase and install new lighting and to realign existing lighting in the gymnasium."
 - i) There was some discussion regarding purchasing replacement TVs, buying DVD players, and the state of computers. It was suggested that next year's QSP profit should be put toward TV/DVD player purchases.
 - j) Karen has an order in for an outstanding clothing order. It was recommended that due to the lateness of the student receiving the order, council would cover the cost of the sweatshirt and return the cheque.
 - k) The outstanding \$169 from the clothing sale was discussed. Karen will email Patty Stevenson again to try to resolve the outstanding amount and close the books on the clothing sale.
4. Principal's Report – Melanie Buchanan
 - a) The Grade 6 students went to the canal today. The Grade 7 & 8's money will be returned. Some discussion took place regarding this. It is necessary to book buses for the canal and the field for the fall ramble a year in advance.
 - b) Tribute to Broadway production is coming up next week. Mme. Chivot did painting of the scenery, Mr. Gervais did some of the building, other teachers have also contributed toward the production.
 - c) A French theatre group will be coming in to perform before the March break.
 - d) The school has received an anaphylaxis training kit from the Board. The school now has to have a written plan of action for each student with an allergy.
 - e) The flag football team came in 5th at the nationals.
 - f) Canterbury, Merivale and John McRae have done presentations for the Grade 8s.

- g) Ms. Craske's class, 8S, and the student council are putting together an entrepreneurial endeavour.
- h) Copies of Geometric Sketchpad will be made available for each student.
- i) Internet issues are becoming a concern again; hate mail is going on through MSN activity at home, which carries over to school.
- j) There will be an early closing day on March 3; staff will be having an in-house session.
- k) February 25 is Musicfest – the Junior, Senior and Jazz bands will all be participating.
- l) The school is giving serious consideration to moving to a balanced school day model. In this model students never have more than 2 periods of class without a significant break. The students would have 10 minutes to get in the school in the morning, just as they currently do. Then they would have two periods of fifty minutes each. This would be followed by a 45 minute lunch/recess. Then there would be another two periods of fifty minutes each, a second lunch/recess of 45 minutes and the final two periods of fifty minutes each.

The majority of staff are interested in trying the model. The advantage, as has been stated, is that there are never more than two periods without a substantial break for students. Students have a better chance of working effectively when they are receiving regular nutrition. The physical education staff like it, and the music staff agree they can find ways to work with it.

After some discussion, council agreed that we would put our support behind having the school try the new model for the coming year as there were benefits for all involved.

Also during the 300-minute instructional day, 20 minutes of physical activity (not physical education time) must be incorporated.

- m) The next newsletter will again address the issue of cars parking in the bus area.

5. New Business

- a) QSP news – already addressed under Treasurer's Report. Paul Churchill will see that a "thank you" is put into the Barrhaven Independent.
- b) OCASC –a motion has been put forward for one public school board for Ontario; OCASC will write a letter to the Ministry to pursue this idea.
- c) The website is up and ready, but currently has no information on it – housed temporarily at www.techwhiz.ca/cedarview. Still under construction.
- d) OTF Awards – deadline for recommendations for the Ontario Teachers' Federation awards is March 27.
- e) *Good Places to Learn* program – schools can apply to receive funding for projects with specific criteria to be followed. The bottom line of this is that any school that receives over \$20,000 for repair and renewal from this program must put up a sign of specified size outside the school building to announce that the Ministry has contributed to the school's repair and renewal.
- f) Barbara Coloroso will be holding a session in the city on March 21.
- g) Schedule of meetings – as in past years, it was decided to forfeit a meeting in March as it is break time. The following are dates for the remaining school year council meetings: April 11, May 9, June 13.

6. Meeting adjourned at 8:50.

Attendance: 9

Karen Acton
 Melanie Buchanan
 Paul Churchill
 Carole Craswell
 Pamela Manson

Shairoz Rupani
 Heather Sommerville
 Elizabeth Verbruggen
 Margaret Zafiriou

Submitted by: Carole Craswell