

Cedarview Middle School Council Minutes

January 11, 2011

In Attendance: 13

Agenda Item	Discussion/Decision	Action Taken/Person responsible
Welcome and introduction	The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.	
Approval of Agenda and previous minutes Business arising from previous minutes	Agenda and November minutes approved. December's meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum.	
Principal's Report	<p>Catherine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -A School Improvement Planning (SIP) Process presentation was shown with a short video regarding the changing techniques in teaching math by Dan Meyer (http://blog.ted.com/2010/05/13/math_class_need/) -students will be given pre-assessments (Jan), specific strategies will be taught over the next 3 months and then another assessment will be given to gauge the effectiveness of the strategies. All assessments will be marked with a rubric. -due to the changes in requirements regarding winter sport helmets, Canal day is cancelled and may be replaced by a Winter Spirit Week or an on-site winter activity day. (OPHEA and new Board policy requires all employees, volunteers and participants to wear a CSA-approved winter sport helmet during winter sports activities) -Roof: the estimate to repaint the roof was over \$100,000. Since the paint issue is entirely cosmetic, no plans to repaint or replace are in the foreseeable future. -Bulb Drive: Staff were supportive of this project. -Eco-room: since the room is used for a variety of purposes (storage, School Supply Store and for small group meeting space), Catherine will see about making some space available if needed for planting in the spring. -Volleyball uniforms: a parent questioned if there were uniforms available for the students and there are uniforms available. -Pink Shirt Event: a grant of \$1000 was received and Student Council is organizing a special event for April 13. 	<p>Catherine will give a short presentation on rubrics at the next council meeting.</p> <p>Carolyn is looking for companies to supply bulbs.</p>
Teacher's report	<p>George Ricketts & Oninda Begg:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -grade 7 & 8 science fair projects are being readied for Feb. 24 -basketball is starting -School Supply Store is open twice a week and is run by Ms. Curtis and student helpers -Spelling Bee is Jan 21 -Presentations for grade 8 students by local high schools are upcoming, check newsletter for dates. Option sheets are due Feb. 8th -Website is under construction, so newsletters were sent home with each student in Jan. -Reports will be sent home Feb. 2 for first term -An awards ceremony will be held Feb. 8 	
Treasurer's Report	The treasurer was unable to attend tonight's meeting; a report will be tabled next month.	

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New Business	<p>Cedarview Olympics: A question was raised by a parent regarding this activity which happens in June. It has consisted of track & field activities with students from each class being chosen by their phys. ed. teachers. After discussion, the council asked Catherine to discuss with the staff a format which would include all the students who would like to participate.</p> <p>Yearbooks: The yearbooks will be prepared by Jostens this year. They will be hardcover and cost \$25. Orders need to be received by Jan. 25th.</p> <p>Question regarding the monitoring of teacher's use of computers during class time. Catherine stated there were many valid reasons why a teacher may be using the computer, but if any parent has a concern the teacher should be approached first and then the administration. Catherine and Chris also indicated they would address the issue with individual teachers if they noticed an issue over a period of time.</p> <p>Feb. 18th PD Day: Ottawa Carleton Elementary Teachers Federation invites council members to attend; speakers include Philippe Cousteau exploring his family's legacy of building a sustainable future, and Andrée Jetté who will speak about stress management. Many workshops will take place as well. Contact Paul Churchill for more information.</p>	
Next meeting	Feb. 8 at 7pm in the school library.	
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned 8:45 pm.	