

Chicopee Hill Public School Council
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
chaired by: Brooke Robinson
September 18th, 2018
6:30 PM

Location of Meeting:

Chicopee Hills Learning Commons
800 Fairway Rd N, Kitchener, N2A0J6

Present at Meeting: Cathy Lapar, LeeAnne Andriessen, Lindsey Taylor, Colleen Bishop, Stacey Burgess, David Cameron, Caitlin Coverdale, Neda Drakulic, Elaine Emery, Maria Gianniotis, Sebnem Gun, Heather Horn, Michael Horn, Dave Linnerth, Melissa Manville, Ashia McKaig, Erica Quayle, Nisha Ragavan, Brooke Robinson, Sharan Shanga, Jenn Schnarr, Randi St. Laurent, Stojana Stanivuk, Jamie Trznadel, John Tsintaris, Victoria Turnbull, Richard Wallace, Lindsay Wiebe, Cissy Wu, Pam Drews, Peter Trybus, Mme Morgan

Absent with Regrets: Diana Black, Patti Daniels, Dee McCulligh.

Council Chair Reflections (from last school year) - Brooke Robinson

Some of the topics discussed were : 1) What is Council? 2) How can you provide input? 3) All volunteer hours are welcomed, you do not need to commit to every Tuesday night meeting if it is difficult for you.

Roles of Council:

Chair - works with Principal, runs school council meetings, supports committees, attends exec meetings, etc.

Outgoing Chair = Brooke Robinson

Vice Chair - assists the Chair with associated tasks, fills in for Chair if and when the Chair is not available.

Outgoing Vice Chair = Victoria Turnbull

Treasurer - Reports and collects all financial data associated with activities at the school. Sandra Adair (head secretary) will provide many of the details you need. These findings will be presented during council meetings.

Outgoing Treasurer = Lindsey Taylor

Secretary - Takes notes during the meetings and documents them, then sends the report to the council members. Principal will post these minutes on the schools website for anyone who wishes to see.

Outgoing Secretary = Cathy Lapar

* all these roles of council are documented in the by-laws *

* all information pertaining to school council can be found under the school council tab on the Chicopee Hill's website *

Voting Members: Voting Parent Member and Voting Community Member

Members at large: can attend any meeting, can contribute to the meeting, just cannot vote if you are not an active voting member on council.

Voting Members : 26

Voting Community Member : 1

Members at Large : 5

Quorum = 51% = we need to have 14 voting members present at minimum, to proceed with a vote, should a vote be needed.

Interest in running for School Council this year (2018 / 2019 school year)

Chair: **Cathy Lapar - your 2018/2019 Chair**

John Tsintaris - stepped down from nomination as this is his 1st year on council

Vice Chair: Binah Straker (indicated interest via website - was a no show at meeting)

Kawa Ibrahim (indicated interest via website - was a no show at meeting)

Sharan Sangha - your 2018/2019 Vice Chair

Secretary: Aditi Sharma (indicated interest via website - was a no show at meeting)

Cathy Lapar - stepped down from nomination to run for Chair

Erica Quayle - your 2018/2019 Secretary

Treasurer: Cissy Wu - your 2018/2019 Treasurer

Binah Straker (indicated interest via website - was a no show at meeting)

Aditi Sharma (indicated interest via website - was a no show at meeting)

<https://chi.wrdsb.ca> is the schools website

* Students are welcome to attend council meetings - Grade 7 & 8 students specifically) *

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE: LeeAnne Andriessen

- Grade 1 home reading is weeks away from being launched. This program will begin around Thanksgiving. \$5,000-\$7,000 was the estimated quote to get this program up and running. Funds were raised by school council.
- Shade Structure for Kindie area was an object of interest last year. Unfortunately the quotes came in way higher than anticipated (\$35,000) so they have been taking off the funding wishlist for now. Must be school approved vendors who supply these.
- Chicopee Hills now has 722 students. Last year we had 582.
- Peter Trybus (Vice Principal) was only part time last year (shared with Crestview), however due to the enrollment increase, he is now at Chicopee Hills on a full time basis.
- Now have 2 full time secretaries, and a 3rd secretary that comes 1 day a week.
- 7 Cottages (portables) now on site and in use.
- Students currently get 2 hrs / week for gym time. JK & SK classes are currently getting no gym time due to lack of available gym time.
- Re-looking at French Immersion at Chicopee Hills, simply due to lack of space.
- Boundary changes possible to reduce number of students attending Chicopee Hills.
- If the French Immersion program is to expand next year, at least 7 additional portables will be required.
- Currently 34 classes from JK - Grade 8. Has been some concern over the split classes.
- Future agenda topic may be to have a discussion on the split class decisions.
- Additional $\frac{1}{3}$ of staff needed to be hired.
- There are now 4 sections of the extended day program.

COMMITTEES for 2018/2019 school year:

Goodwill - was lead by Brooke Robinson last year
Fundraising - was lead by Cathy Lapar last year
Transportation - was lead by Colleen Bishop last year
Events - was lead by Victoria Turnbull last year
Volunteers - was lead by Aisha McKaig last year

* these committees for the 2018/2019 school year will be assigned shortly. If council members have listed that they are interested in a specific committee, they will be contacted about potential roles, etc in the coming week(s). *

TRAVEL COMMITTEE - Colleen Bishop

- Next meeting is Tuesday, September 25th @ 6:30pm in the front foyer of the school.
- Another item in this category that is trying to get off the ground running is: The Walking School Bus. This group is being lead by Caroline Nicholls. Volunteers are needed to get this program off the ground. This program is partnered with Block Parents and the Canadian Cancer Society.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

- Considerations to be made about including some french books in the Home Reading program.
- RAZ kids (french immersion) will be coming soon. Amanda Morgan is working on this.
- Looking to fundraise more money for the outdoor theatre.

PIC AND WRAPSC

- PIC = Parent Involvement Committee
- WRAPSC = Waterloo Region Assembly of Public School Councils

** Looking for a parent rep to attend these offsite meetings and report back to the team **

PIC Meetings are held at the Board
51 Ardel Ave
Cambridge Room, 1st floor, Building #2, Education Centre
6:30-8:30pm

Meeting Dates: September 25
 October 30
 December 4
 January 29
 March 5
 May 21

WRAPSC meetings are held at Forest Heights 7pm

Meeting Dates: October 2
 November 6
 January 8
 February 5
 April 2
 May 7

- If you are interested in attending on behalf of council, please let us know.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Lindsey Taylor

June Balance was = \$12,527.49

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2018

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2018

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2019

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2019

TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2019

TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2019

