

Copperhaven School Council Meeting Minutes

DATE: February 18 2025 @ 6:30 pm

Copperhaven School Library

Executive Members in Attendance

Sheila Monteith, Chair
Amy Campbell, Vice Chair
Kim Ross, Secretary

Members in Attendance

Ms Visscher, Principal
Brogan Groves, Teacher

Guests in Attendance

Jennifer Brooks
Katelyn Narain
Paula Kubica-Grant
Nesreen MacDonald

Meeting Details

Time	Item	Owner
6:31	Welcome and Introductions	Sheila
6:31	Review of Agenda and Approval of previous minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Agenda adopted by Amy○ January meeting minutes approved by Katelyn	Sheila
6:32	Trustee Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ See submitted report○ Presented by Ms Visscher on behalf of trustee due to labour action<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Student services report at board meeting○ Board policy 18 passed at meeting – to be posted on website○ Board has concerns on funding for Jordan’s Principle<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Initiative to support students of Indigenous heritage – federal funding to support these students▪ funding delayed – unsure what this will look like for the school○ CASA mental health classroom – 2025/2026 classroom	Michelle
6:36	Principals Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Registration open for 2025/2026 – hope to encourage early registration for school planning purposes○ New system has been introduced for reporting school absences – trialing new feature on website<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Automatically generates emails and spreadsheet for easier tracking of student absences○ More “streamlined” and efficient○ Mrs Cholin will be going on maternity leave - Ms Dubreuil will be covering until the end of the year○ New morning custodian has started at the school – Jason Baird	Michelle

- AB Education Survey will be distributed for grades 4 and 7
 - Will be sent out by schools this year (Has previously been sent by AB Education)
 - Online or paper surveys available
 - Students, parents, and teachers to complete
 - Time will be provided for students at school to complete their surveys
 - Responses will be anonymous via a random access code
- Sports
 - Archery continues
 - Basketball playoffs are happening currently
- Arts
 - Choral celebration – Date set for March 17th with 53 students participating
- Labour Update
 - CUPE strike notice served to PSD
 - Includes EAs, SLP assistants, secretaries, and administrative staff
 - Potential strike action to follow
 - See PSD website for more information
 - This is a dynamic and evolving situation - the school is preparing for what may potentially come next but unsure of what that will look like at this time
- Winter Carnival was canceled due to cold weather
- FinS Program - Fish have been released into the tank
- Kindergarten Open House was a success
 - Positive feedback received from parents re: scavenger hunt

7:11 Communications

Sheila

- Tech series – plan to repost
- FinS Program
 - Plans to share the fish photos on social media for families to stay up to date

7:14 TBRA Fundraising Update

Amy

- Pizza day planned for tomorrow Feb 19th
 - Trial run of online orders only – successful overall
 - Concerns about whether school buses will operate tomorrow due to extreme cold weather (Weather looks like it will be okay)
- Grant writer – will reach out to someone in the community who has expressed interest in taking on this task
- Christmas Store
 - Extra/leftover items were discovered that were unaccounted for
 - Question put forward to council as to what to do with same?
 - Plan to keep and sell at Christmas Store next year
 - Will be discussed formally at upcoming TBRA meeting

7:24 Playground Update

Sheila

- There is a meeting scheduled this week to formally discuss
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7:25	Staff Appreciation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Giant thank you card with appreciation messages was distributed in February o Parent teacher interviews upcoming in March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Pizza night for one night o Potluck night scheduled for March 26th 	Katelyn/Paula
7:30	Special Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Kindergarten Open House <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Parent council was present to interact with families o Spring Fling Dance scheduled for March 27th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Photo booth and DJ are booked o Concession planned o To be further discussed at upcoming TBRA meeting 	Sheila
7:35	ASCA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o \$500 grant o 1 day online symposium, AGM 1 day online also o \$100/council instead of in previous years where it was per person 	Sheila
7:36	COSC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Social media and guidance for council members posting on social media o Advocacy for grants/trees/playgrounds etc o Scott Johnson superintendent is leaving at the end of the school year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Has been the PSD rep at COSC meetings for several years 	Sheila
7:37	School Council Plan and Priorities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Classroom Stakeholders: Parents connected to teachers and working as stakeholders in their child's education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o See spread sheet o ie. Google classroom – parents struggling to know how to navigate o Encourage word of mouth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o ie. Bus tracking apps – many parents not aware o Do we need to put out information re: PowerSchool? o Encourage parent engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Communication re: criminal record checks and expectations re: same 	Sheila
7:56	Meeting Adjourned	Sheila

Next Meeting: March 18th @ 6:30pm in Copperhaven School Library