



# minutes ~ NCPS Parent Council

❖ Meeting: April 5th, 2016, 6:00 p.m., NCPS Library.

Attendees & Regrets:

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**Discussion Points ~Champion:**

**Notes & Actions:**

Welcome: Sharon Introductions for new faces.

Meeting Minutes: Sharon Review & acceptance of previous meeting minutes.

- ❖ February 5th, 2016 review & approval of minutes
- ❖ Juliette passes; Sharon seconds; all in favour yeah!

Presentation: Neighbourhood Farms - Diane (who used to be a Montessori Director who taught Juliette's Emma for reals!)

- ❖ Fundraiser for the school.
- ❖ Proposal: Giffen has a special Mac Apple - "Lunch bag Special" an apple a day for a month. Giffen will deliver.
- ❖ Start small but there are many opportunities for the school to consider: could plan a trip where kids could go on site; 22 farmers who harvest pumpkins want to make them accessible to kids; also exploring "Travelling Farm" that could come onsite; and other foods too such as (organic, hormone-free etc.) dogs, burgers, chicken, onions, potatoes, carrots, honey; popcorn for movie nights; strawberry drive.
- ❖ Menu can be personalized.
- ❖ Needs hype!
- ❖ Available any time throughout the year.
- ❖ We can connect her to people in the community who could also supply foods. This ties in well with our wonderful school garden!
- ❖ Alison suggested having kids make a video going through the farm.

Principal's Report: Alison Updates

- ❖ Upcoming dates (April to June tentative dates are listed in April newsletter)
- ❖ BWS thank you letters written by students sent out with the exception of Snap Dragon Designs (Sandra donated this so she got thanked!), Blundstone Canada (Juliette can get this contact) and Judy Fuke (Juliette getting her contact info)
- ❖ April 13th- "Day of Pink" events. Kids successfully applied for \$1,000 grant for this. Grades 4-8 activity day about equity & inclusion. Kids making buttons and shirts. Partnering with library and businesses. In need of volunteers to take groups out into town. Rain date is April 14.
- ❖ April 29th- scheduled for basketball lines to be painted. The board hasn't indicated date for installation of other outdoor equipment but we have been told that there are 4 schools ahead of us scheduled for installation.
- ❖ Healthy Schools Grant- Purchased "Mind up" Mindfulness curriculum (passed books around) and setting up Zumba
- ❖ Upcoming Tennis / Dance opportunities
- ❖ Family of schools outreach grant-\$1500 to support play based learning. "Building Bridges" \$800 grant K - grade 3 working with Mr. Weir related to science curriculum.
- ❖ Based on survey that board sent out, there is enough interest for before and after program to run next year at NCPS. Hours will most likely be 7-6 (\$18.50 B&A, 9.25 B only, 13.50 A only) "Kids Club". They will be looking for someone local



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to run the program so put the word out to ECE's that may be local. Anticipates mixed reaction from community since some people make their living from day care.

- ❖ 50th anniversary- Feedback needed- fall or spring event? (Vote). Could have it in 2016, which is when the Board thinks it is, or in 2017, which is when the brick and the song say it is.. Sandra suggests tying it into the graduation. We could have performances. Alison says there is protocol and it needs to be open to the community. Alison suggests asking the class (which, incidentally, will have about 9 people in it). Discussion about having build up of events throughout the year. Motion made for spring of 2017 by Sharon, Juliette seconds, everyone agrees! Best Meeting Ever!!!
- ❖ Feedback needed- Power of One (850\$+tax) anti bullying presentation- has a few years ago and we have been approached to host again. Alison is being hounded with phone calls. She can't get away from them.
- ❖ Alison has found YET ANOTHER GRANT - FMI for an author to come in! Alison is on fire!
- ❖ Juliette mentions Jenn Jansen's friend about the less expensive theatre presentation. Alison will check in with Jenn about this for next year.
- ❖ Just got \$1500 from grant to support play based learning materials wa-hoo!
- ❖ Please promote resiliency presentation via word of mouth. Monday, May 2 6:30-8:30 (short council meeting at 6). Open to community and school will advertise in the Echo.

### Financial and Fundraising Report: Alison Updates

- ❖ Dance-A-Thon - raised \$2,200. Alison hired a DJ for \$150 because he was cheap and finding the right Taylor Swift songs to play is stressful!
- ❖ Cupcake Day fundraiser for the SPCA - kid-driven as they didn't do Movember. Raised \$358. So cool. SPCA wants to meet the kids who volunteered - Alison asking for parent drivers to take the kids there.
- ❖ Review of financial report. Alison dares to mention the school sign. People laugh nervously. She says the 300 bucks from late BWS receipts were reimbursing for things like pancake mix and now we are going to swiftly move to the next topic not involving signs.
- ❖ Community meal- currently on fundraising plan. Too much on Alison's plate to organize right now. Is there someone that would like to take this on or should we defer until next year? Juliette suggests tying it to the garden and Sandra suggests linking it with the 50th anniversary. Motion to remove it from the fundraising plan made by Sharon and seconded by Juliette. These people really like making and seconding motions!
- ❖ Sad news: one of the garden's fruit trees didn't survive the storm. Luckily, Alison says the Creemore Horticultural society is donating money so we can buy a new tree! Temporary pause in meeting to console Juliette.
- ❖ Alison says we just got another \$1000 cheque for the band! Alison is getting giddy! We also have boomwhackers and ukeleles. Like a lot of them. So we don't really need more. The donations are specific to band instruments and supplies. Could we use this for lessons? Maybe to buy digital instruments for the students like sound loopers, mixing boards?
- ❖ Spell A Thon- Feedback needed- are we OK to move ahead with this or have we been asking parents for too much money in a short time (Dance a thon, field trips, cupcakes, milk/pizza, clothing swap, chocolate)? People feel it's a great idea BUT there is already lots going on; might not be enough time for kids to learn the words; and we need to be cognizant of asking parents for too much dough. Sharon motions to defer the spell-a-thon and Kristi seconds it so as not to feel left out. Again, everyone agrees! Everyone is marvellous!
- ❖ School has been subsidizing school field trips. Also subsidies available for families. Clothing swap moola will also go into subsidizing school trip.
- ❖ Sharon has brought us chocolates. We are very grateful!
- ❖ Apple Lady (a.k.a. Diane) debrief. Alison got poor feedback for magazine fundraiser so she suggests swapping magazines for apples. Magazines brought us \$1,200. Another idea that could tie into the World's Best Garden is buying seeds from the magazine people. Sandra suggests starting with apples and if they don't bring in enough moola, then try something else like turkey or ham. Although the turkey was a bit pricey, it's because it's magical (AKA organic, hormone free etc) .

### Community Swap: Kristi

- ❖ April 16th, 2016, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- ❖ Kristi will send out Google docs with sign-ups for volunteers, baked goods and things we need.
- ❖ Everyone eats more chocolate. Sharon has thoughtfully removed the peanut butter cups to abide by school rules, but still, Alison and Kristi are disappointed.
- ❖ Kristi reviews her list of requirements for the event; permit, hanging racks, cash box, extra bags, etc.
- ❖ Everyone is on board to help with time and /or getting the word out! Kristi is very happy!



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Garden Update : Juliette & Jenn

- ❖ Jennifer Angus explained areas of clarification teachers would like re: classes having their own boxes. Teachers liked what happened last year and harvesting from all the boxes. Wondering how they would get the variety for the soups, etc. Also wondering about students not being able to harvest what they planted because they're in a different grade the following year. These are very good concerns! We didn't even think of them! The teachers would like hands-on support from the Garden Committee! The Garden Committee wants to support the teachers! It's a community garden! Pumpkins were very popular! Unfortunately, Garden Committee has shrunk so Juliette suggests reaching out to the groups like the Horticultural Society for support. Could put out a call for volunteers (with police checks, of course!). Juliette suggests using garden moola (\$1200) to hire someone to organize it. Also: seeds are being planted by the high school students, which will be planted in our garden! Juliette needs help with the marvellous behemoth that is our Great Garden. Sharon offers to do running around picking up things and dropping it off. YAY Sharon! Also, Mrs. Whitley's wonderful Grade 3/4 split - which, incidentally, includes some of the most interesting characters in the school - has been growing compost the garden could use. So: Let's do what we did last year! Everybody happy.
- ❖ **Action (ongoing from last meeting)** Alison Golding will follow up with board about shed installation/compost. Alison to liaise with Tin Roof re transfer of donation.
- ❖ We also talked about a shed. We'd like one. We need to figure out what it would be made from so it isn't vandalized. The Board has specific regulations. Alison also spends a lot of time following up with Facilities. Too much, some would say...

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Community at Large: Council Open for discussions

- ❖ Motto update- Seeking council members to meet as sub committee with staff who have indicated interest (Mrs Whitley, Mrs Phillips). Names of those interested: Sharon and Sandra! Someone thinks Jill and Emily might be interested, too - Alison will email them to find out/tell them to be on the committee!
- ❖ School clothing feedback. Plans for next year- Pink shirts? Alison suggests having school pink shirts next year.
- ❖ Deb knows a number of parents who wonder why NCPS doesn't have school concerts. Teachers would have to volunteer their time to take this on. Deb suggests parents come in to organize students. However, we'd need to find a teacher to volunteer their time and come in. NCPS is a small school so has fewer resources (i.e. 12 teachers) to draw from.

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Chair's Report: Sharon Updates

- ❖ Parent Council Office Binder - available to any parent who is interested in finding out what's going on with Parent Council. Sharon's been putting this together. That sounds like fun! Sharon has brought example of minutes from 2002 that includes... wait for it... the school sign! Everyone laughs. And reaches for more chocolate. Sharon is including the last 7 years of minutes, info, etc. in the binder.
- ❖ Lisa Kristine is stepping down as a voting member. Sharon would like to make a motion to ask Lilly Martin to be a voting member. We will ask her at the next meeting. Or just leave the number of voting members as is.
- ❖ The office has been reorganized! Everybody loves it!
- ❖ PRO grant- One idea is Chris Vollum-"Social Media Fitness"- Includes two student presentations (4-5 and 6-8) as well as parent evening. Hands-on mobile device social media workshop where he physically uses his phone on the screen so participants can physically walk through the components of SnapChat, Instagram, Periscope, Twitter and more. What are these??? Everyone is feeling ancient. Some of us don't even have cell phones. We are very scared and would love to know more. Testimonials- <http://cmvsocialmedia.com/testimonials/> - \$1,295 plus HST - due May 29. Other ideas? Sandra would like to make sure if we can get more parents to come. Sharon and Alison will look into this. Juliette seconds. It is unclear who made the motion. But that's OK because it's late.

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Meeting Adjourned: 8:06 p.m.

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Next Parent Council Meeting: Council

- ❖ May 2nd, 2016, 6:00 p.m., NCPS Library, prior to Pro - Grant Speaker

Thanks once again to Kristi for her awesome narrative for Council Meeting Minutes!