

ACES Meeting Minutes September 20 2016 CCHS Library

elly B (SB), Christine W (CW), Chandi O (CO), Sinje G (SG), Graeme F (GF), Chris R (CR), Hans H (HH), Ronna S (RS), Nicole N (NN), Neil L (NL), Maureen S (MS), Mary
 V) entered the meeting
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 H and Graeme F left the meeting

Discussion /Action	Follow Up By Who/ When
Order & Approve Agenda	
Call to Order , NN, seconded NL Approve Agenda , CO, seconded NL	
Last meeting's minutes	
Motion to accept minutes from June 21, 2016 - CO	
Enrollment Update	
Enrollment = 110	
Hans has been in classrooms informally, things are settling and getting into school year; Graemes renos are lovely and Bethany did great job; teachers took some time in their planning to get things going. Storage units are fully used. Think about storage on the other side of the school at some point.	
Summer training went well for teachers. Lots of new ideas to share and use. Deborah, the waldorf mentor is coming the week of oct 17-21; we are planning a parent night; and deborah will be in the classrooms to provide support.	
Curriculum - SLA's piloted in CPRS from AB Ed - we were not on the list this year; so no grade 3 SLAs; don't know what is happening with PATs; nobody in crps is in SLAs.	
We have leveled readers, they were chosen at different levels. We are not doing any of the reading interventions that are being done in other CPRS schools, but we have access to them if teachers feel that is appropriate.	
Chicken update - Getting chickens nov 22nd. Getting fertilized eggs mid Oct and will have work week (parents and anyone available) to bring supplies (wood, etc) and prepare. Callum MacLeod, 25yrs, graduated from royal agricultural museum in England, has brought different breed options and housing options; will have students research breeds and end designs; egg courses from high school involved; will have 12 laying hens - 8 eggs a day; alpenglow family lottery and pull names to purchase eggs; potential media connection (a series of articles that might happen) - not sure what that looks like yet. Funding request of \$1,200 from ACES - for construction materials and supplies, plus on-going expenses (\$50 per month for feed etc.). The school has been granted a one year amendment to a by-law in order to be able to have the chickens. If all goes well it will be extended. Alpenglow is the only school with this kind of program.	Graeme to let Nicole what is in terms of a grant from ACE Graeme to circulate equipment/materials list.
Playground - Looking for more intentional play environment that is nature based. Idea to create a committee or a vision of what that could look like; so the space can be functional, create creative possibilities; benches, natural nooks, ways to segment naturally without having big open space. Nicole noted that this is a natural fit for the CIP grant program. Mary noted that in the past council has not been in a financial position to look at this. Now that has changed.	
Library support - Starting to clear space for student books in the CCHS library and there are also teachers resources; looking for volunteers to help catalogue. Chris noted that there currently isn't a librarian in the library so no ability for kids	Chandi will let Hans know w codes arrive and he will cool

	to "take away" books. Renee is helping in the library during start up phase. Chandi is getting barcodes and has people willing to help out. Graeme asked who the teachers should contact for additional readers - the answer is Maureen.	with Renee to identify an appropriate time to get started.
	Ronna asked about training for teachers. There is training over the breaks that the teachers could participate in. When Deborah is here she can help identify areas for the teachers to work on/follow up on. Then a plan can be formulated to support.	Ronna will look into training
	Maureen asked about the desks in Graeme's room. They need to be raised up. Shane Munroe is dealing with the desks.	Maureen will follow up with see what needs to happen to
	Committee Reports	
Event/F	Dates - set for festivals up to Solstice Spiral. Will set Springfest date soon.	
	Lantern Walk - Question about connecting with ECP families in relation to lantern walk so that they can be included. Perhaps engage them in lantern making. Neil noted that it is good to maintain connection with the ECP families as a way to feed the Alpenglow school. Mary noted that the council acknowledged this need when they made the decision to close ECP. Question was raised about where a lantern making workshop could be held.	Ask Sabina for her insights.
	Play - Chandi noted that there is a need for someone to lead the play as Marty is very busy. Question of whether we could ask Sara to lead it. Mary noted that it would be good to mentor someone on the play for future planning.	Connect with Sara about having class do the play. Chandi will talk to Hans about asking teachers
	Legacy for Events - We should also look at the rose ceremony and what is required to continue doing it. Could be as simple as an email of the intent. There is a need for documentation to create a legacy. Nicole will work on that this year. Might be good to have a meeting in August. Ronna noted that the teachers have to hold some of the legacy. The rose ceremony is theirs. Maybe in the newsletter we have a piece on what and why and how the festivals work. It was noted that Monika Herwig may be able to help with this or know someone who can help. Alisha noted that facebook is also a good option.	
	Winterfest - Discussion about hiring someone; pam has been trying to connect with people and looking into it - nothing noteworthy yet; Denine is interested in being coordinator, along with Chandi and Sinje; Continue to look to hire someone in the future. CWS winterfest & festivals coordinator is approx \$40,000. The need to create the legacy of Winterfest was identified. Document event with drawings, photos, etc. Also mentoring for future planning. Brynlyn to mentor on cookie cave. Question of whether Nancy could come back. Nicole asked if Christine Prescott's name has come up. She organizes the artisans market for the preschool. Sinje noted that it could be difficult for an external person to coordinate considering the degree of involvement of parents.	
	New Business	
	Freight company for desk?	Nicole will connect with Chris
	Video? Ask Chris or Hans to get on website.	Nicole will send to council. Mary will talk to Denine about newsletter
	Sara wants chair slippers. Lorna crocheting them for Grade 1 class. Request for council to discuss budget for Sara's class.	
	Council positions - Treasurer is open along with VP and director at large. If more than 6 months passes, then a full vote is required. In the past two years, the Treasurer position has been big due to start-up and 2 programs. Now it will be more manageable.	
	Communications Plan - Strategic plan was done in May. Wondering what a communications plan is. Caution not to overload.	Neil, Denine, Alisha, Lindsey and possibly Maureen will see meeting to look into this further

	<p>Parent Information Night - Feedback was positive. Take same approach next year. Graeme's overview was excellent. Hans did a great job. Attendance seemed low this year. Perhaps 40 people. Question of whether this kind of an evening can happen twice a year. Lindsay noted that the idea was raised last year. Maybe the VP role can focus on parent education and why different things are done at different times of the year.</p>	
	<p>Halloween or other bash - Lisa R is unable to plan the Halloween bash. Brainstorm options: valentines, square dance (Kaeli), silent auction, alternate between fall and spring.</p>	<p>Mary will follow up with Kae</p>
	<p>Waldorf curriculum/quality control - Question: was there a plan after the master agreement was done to support the teachers and to provide access to waldorf curriculum. Master agreement has not been talked about since last year. Who is responsible? Could Deborah play a role? Need to identify the weaknesses and develop a plan to address. Chandi asked whether sub teachers could benefit from Deborah's time in the classroom. Ronna received feedback from a former EA who said they would have liked more training. Question of whether Deborah could do a training session with EAs.</p>	
	<p>Eurythmy - Ronna contacted Karin. Question of whether we could host her for 4 days in the fall, winter, spring. Cost is \$250 per day plus \$300 in gas. Last year we piggybacked off of Calgary. Karin's schedule is still up in the air. She is usually billeted. Potential for a session with parents. Sessions need to be 3 time a year to be effective. Denine noted that another person of interest for parent nights is mrs karen wilson who is CWS. Could plan for 3 parent nights per year. Two with Deborah and perhaps Karin or Mrs. Wilson.</p>	
	<p>Renovations Report - Major renovations in Graeme's class and to middle earth. There was a communications error. Simple direction is needed next time. The idea of having a paid honorarium position to coordinate future renovations was raised given the importance of the work and the timelines. Mary noted that more conversations need to happen on what is feasible for volunteer parents can take on; classroom build is part of our agreement to take on with CRPS; for builds planning happens in winter, and building happens in spring.</p>	
	<p>Strategic Plan - Will be addressed at next meeting. Focus on Communications Plan for now.</p>	
	<p>IN CAMERA</p>	
	<p>Motion to adjourn</p>	
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	<p>Meeting Adjourned</p>	
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