


# Cunard Junior High School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Held: November 23, 2022

<b><u>In Attendance:</u></b> Principal: Sabitha Masih Vice Principal: Jillian Sabadash Chair : Tanya Conrad Teacher : Emma Rose School Representative : Mandy Smith	Teacher: Kim Myers-Stuart Parent: Craig Myra Parent: Dawn Myra Community Member: Jenna Clarke Student Representative: Rudaba Mahmud Student Representative: Payton Comeau	
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<b><u>In Absentia:</u></b> Lainey Conrad (Student)		Meeting called to order at 5:32 PM
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<b>Old Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agenda approved by Craig M, Seconded by Kim Myers Stuart</li> <li>Approval of Previous Meeting Summary</li> <li>Follow up to Configuration: Students transitioned quickly and easily. Students and parents had the choice of up to 3 people their child wanted to be with. Had good turn out and students were guaranteed one friend in their class.</li> <li>Follow up with support for social interactions. Cunard has speakers coming in. Heartwood is coming in. Music therapy and Art therapy is happening. Having students “play” is helping. Intramurals beginning and Youth Transitions Program is beginning next week. Continuing to be a focus in Healthy living as well.</li> </ul>
<b>Student Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Currently have 3 student representatives!</li> <li>Asking about cinch bags: Because of a number of students in class, there is not a lot of space for students and bags. Encouraging locker use for students. Student reps coming into the office to discuss it further.</li> <li>Improve was great. All grades attended.</li> <li>Girls washroom: Lots of writing on the stalls. It continues to be cleaned but students continue to write on the walls during class time.</li> <li>Grade 8’s would like to see a field trip planned for them.</li> </ul>
<b>School Success Plan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continuing to work on Math and Literacy goals as a focus.</li> <li>Teachers ensuring Learning Targets are up everyday and are engaging students in the targets each class.</li> </ul>
<b>New Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Home and School Committee. Parents would like to begin a committee.</li> <li>Tanya will be reaching out to begin a Home and School committee.</li> <li>Some parents are reaching out to Admin. Looking for some clubs and we have contacted supports to get events going. There are events booked. Band concert is booked for December and will include grades 5-8.</li> <li>Would like to see dances happening for students. Trying to balance out the cost of lights/DJ and the number of students that will attend. Dawn may have a lead on a cheaper DJ</li> <li>SAC will email Principal to look into details to set up a Home and School</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Questions around why there is no playground: HRM has to agree and its very costly to purchase. We have put in for a grant to have outdoor gym equipment purchased and put outside.</li> <li>• School is seeking to put basketball nets in our tennis courts and has contacted HRM to have them put in.</li> <li>• Plan for grade 8's leaving: There is a closing ceremony. Last year was very successful. All grade 8's will be doing an activity at Bayside Camp and having a closing ceremony with a small gift given from the school.</li> <li>• Microwaves: Fire regulations don't allow microwaves in classrooms. Our lunchrooms are in classrooms.</li> <li>• Transit Schedule: Principal has spoken to Metro Transit and multiple councillors to try to adjust the bus schedule because of safety concerns with students on the street etc, Proposing a possible bell change to allow students more time to get the transit bus at lunch. Proposal must be sent in by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Principal has requested a crossing walk guard and cross walk since last year but nothing has come of it. (Clarke) There is a criteria that has to be met to put those in place and our two locations have not met the criteria to have either put in place. SAC chair will follow up with councillors.</li> <li>• Concern over number of hold and secures: There are a variety of reasons why a hold and secure needs to be called to ensure the safety and dignity of students in the building. Police always want to er on the side of caution and encourage schools to do the same.</li> <li>• SAC funds: Amounts have not been released yet. It is hopeful that we receive the normal amount of \$5000.00 plus \$1.00/student. We would like to link funding to some of our student success plan goals and will be putting together proposal for funds.</li> <li>• SAC chair would like to see meetings move to in person in the future. Going to propose the idea to members to see how members would like to attend.</li> </ul>
<b>Special Reports/Pres</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>
<b>Administration Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Started an Improv Club with HRAA.</li> <li>• Report Cards will be sent November 28<sup>th</sup> via Edupost</li> <li>• Parent Teacher will be both in person (evening) and phone calls. (Afternoon)</li> <li>• Have 2 lunch monitors. Looking for 2 more.</li> <li>• Have a parent that has reached out and Sabitha had reached out to the community seeking for volunteers to do the craft fair but unfortunately there were no volunteers.</li> <li>• School Swag and Ornaments are current fundraisers</li> <li>• Music Therapy happening at lunch.</li> <li>• Art club is happening and run by school's plus</li> <li>• Book grant was received and we could purchase \$5000.00 worth of books and pay for half.</li> <li>• Applied for Healthy Schools community grant to offer healthy living/eating activities</li> <li>• Grade 7 field trip saw High School Musical. Students were excellent!</li> <li>• Sports: Struggling to get coaches. Volleyball is underway and basketball</li> </ul>

	<p>is beginning. Girls basketball is needed. Staff have stepped up and have taken on a lot to allow sports teams to occur.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next month teachers are beginning a leadership team with students to promote leadership within the school.</li> </ul>
<b>Public Input</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>
<b>Any Other Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interested in knowing the RWM6 results when they come in. They will be shared as soon as they are released to the school.</li> </ul>

**Next Meeting Date:** January 18, 2022

**Adjournment Time:** Meeting Adjourned at 6:42 pm