

Credit Meadows Elementary School-Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting #6-April 14, 2014.

The meeting of the Credit Meadows School Council was called to order at 3:25pm on April 14 in Ms.Robert's classroom at Credit Meadows by Barb White.

Present:

Executive

Barb White-Chair
Lorrie Wren-Treasurer
Krystal Martin-Secretary

Voting Members

Nancy Turner
Kim Beck
Karen Brown-Furey

Others in Attendance

Janice Dampier
Melissa Roberts

A) Welcome

-The meeting was held in a grade 4 classroom. This classroom used to be a science room so is larger than the average classroom. Melissa Roberts gave an orientation of the classroom, from the class rules and CAFE to the 'I'm Done Now What' board, learning goals and weekly 5.

B) Minutes

-Motion to approve the February meeting minutes by Barb W. Seconded by Karen. Carried.

C) Treasurer's Report

-There are still Recess Funds to be used.

-The April report will be much more accurate as to the actual numbers as the last round of Fun Food Friday funds were deposited in April.

-There was discussion on having more funds set aside for playground maintenance. According to other schools, the amount should be 20% of the playground value. Lorrie suggests putting \$4000 aside in a GIC for future use. There was discussion on the FDK playground and whose responsibility it is to maintain.

-Lorrie to speak to the bank about the cost of cheques as that amount seems very high.

-Motion to accept the financial statement by Lorrie. Seconded by Nancy. Carried.

D) Old Business

-There was a minor electrical issue with the popcorn machine and it was repaired. The suggestion is to purchase a new one soon and we can run both machines until the old one no longer works. Nancy to look into pricing.

-Lorrie will send the revised by-laws to Mrs.Crandall so they can be added to the website.

-The Dieleman's fundraiser made around \$1200 which was fantastic for the little amount of effort required.

-Movies in the Meadows made \$690, less the cost of popcorn and water, which would be around \$30. The dismissal process needs to be tweaked a bit. Council should think of doing one in December next year. Thank you to Kim for organizing this new fundraiser.

E) Principal's Report

-Mrs.Crandall was absent and her report was read by Barb W.

-The Boogie-a-thon made over \$5000 plus an additional \$5000 from Scotia Bank. There was a suggestion to have the students create a thank you card for Scotia Bank. This year's multicultural theme was a huge success with students and staff and the Boogie-a-thon was the most successful one yet.

-Arts days have started and is a big hit with students. The Primary students have already had theirs. The Intermediates are on April 17, the Juniors are on April 24 and the kindergartens will have theirs as 2 half days in May.

-Some student groups will be performing at the Dufferin Arts Festival during Education Week. One group will be dancing and the other will be playing the ukulele.

-The Green Machine group is planning some activities as part of Earth Day.

-Next year there will not be any layoffs at CMES. There will be one extra Primary class and the total classes will 16.CMES is being monitored for a possible vice-principal as the student numbers keep going up.

-There is a teacher off on a leave of absence and Mrs.Thompson has been hired to fill in.

-The request for reimbursement for the chrome books was presented. The levelled reading books have been purchased and council contributed \$2700 for this. The school purchased another \$1000 worth of levelled reading books. The Movies in the Meadows funds were already earmarked for chrome books and these funds can be provided.

F) New Business

-Barb W. and Lorrie began the discussion on the next Executive. Neither of them will be available to be on the Executive for the next school year. They would like to be proactive about finding new Executive members and reminded all that the meeting date and time would be

based on the new council and when the leadership could meet. Information on the Executive roles and responsibilities will be added to a coming newsletter.

-There was discussion on what to apply for for the PROgrant this year. There was a suggestion to have a parent information night in collaboration with other schools. Nancy to speak to Mrs.Crandall and ask what staff feel the needs are and then begin a discussion with council via email.

-There was discussion on council supporting the Colombian exchange students for the food days. The suggestion was to advise families who would be hosting these students that they would be able to put in a late food order but the families would have to pay for the food.

-There was discussion on parking lot safety but no further action was taken as both Barb O. and Mrs.Crandall were absent. This topic was tabled to May. Send Mrs.Crandall an email if you are interested in being part of the parking lot committee.

-Springtime in the Meadows planning is well underway. Barb W. has auditioned over 35 acts and this year the evening will be divided in half. Volunteers are required for various tasks. Let Barb W know if you are available to help.

-There was discussion on council running a fun day at the school on track & field day in June.

-Next year is CMES's 25th anniversary. Lorrie will set up a team to celebrate this milestone. Let Lorrie know if you are interested in being part of this team.

G) Open Floor

-There was a discussion on the condition of the track and whether it will be repaired before training begins for track and field. Krystal to send a note to Mrs.Crandall.

-There was a short discussion on future playgrounds and the need to continue to think about upgrading. Should more trees be planted and seating added?

Meeting adjourned @ 5:05pm.

Next meeting May 12th @3:15pm