

Credit Meadows Elementary School – School Council

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October 2016

The meeting of the Credit Meadows School Council was called to order by Brenda Tervit at 7:04 pm on October 17, 2016 in the Staff Lounge at Credit Meadows Elementary School.

Present Executive: Kelly McKee, Brenda Tervit, Virginia Dow, Laura Fry

Voting Members: Nancy Turner, Kim Beck, Patricia Tolton, Jan Pettigrew, Robbie Price

Voting Members not present: Lorrie Wren

Non-Voting Members: Anita Lagundzija-deFreitas, Andrea Papavasiliou, Barb O'Meara

1. Welcome by Brenda Tervit
2. Bulbs for the fundraiser have arrived, but the wrapping paper has not. They were packed and distributed that evening.
3. Please write any issues you wish to address on the Parking Lot paper and if there is time it will be discussed at the end of the meeting or via email.
4. June Minutes, approved by all who attended.
5. September Minutes approved. Nancy put forward a motion and Kelly seconded. Carried.
6. Food Days:
 - a. Pizza Depot Presentation:
 - i. They operate over 30 stores in the GTA
 - ii. They are fully compliant
 - iii. They use fresh ingredients and dough
 - iv. They can make 16" size pizzas
 - v. Currently are delivering to three schools in Orangeville
 - vi. They would like a schedule of pizza days for 3 to 6 months, and then final numbers can be given 3 days prior
 - vii. They deliver on-time and bring plates/napkins
 - viii. We would need someone to be at the school to receive it and organize distribution
 - ix. An invoice will be provided upon delivery and we have up to 30 days for payment
 - x. He said he would work to match the best price, our previous price per pizza was \$7.75
 - xi. Mrs. Horan is holding a half-school fundraiser Pizza Day on October 27th for grades 5-8. This will be used as a trial day
 - xii. Nancy will advise on the final numbers for the fundraiser and delivery will be for 12:00 noon
 - b. Jan has volunteered to co-ordinate & organize food days. She will look into what days' work best. Options are Pizza, Subway and Pita Pit.
 - i. Look into holding a Pasta day from Quest for Cakes, every 3-months
 - ii. Smoothie day is another option
 - iii. A parent will still need to help receive the food and we are looking into having the older students help with distribution

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7. The School Cash Online Wallet still has two training sessions for Darlene to complete. Her last one is in November.
 - a. The files that are pre-done for Subway, Pita Pit ordering need to be put on Darlene's computer. Anita mentioned enlisting the help of Theresa.
 - b. The goal is to move to 100% cash online for food days, fundraisers etc.
 - c. The Poinsettia fundraiser / Cookie Drop forms need to go out next week so these may need to be done with cash/cheque until the program is up and running.
8. Principal's Report:
 - a. There has been a lot going on this past month:
 - i. Cross-country meet
 - ii. Learning hub
 - iii. Library has been open daily
 - iv. Maker space, allows for hands on with Lego, robotics and reading
 - b. CCAT tests (grade-3 standardized tests) were done this month and results will come back on November 21st. This will highlight children who are gifted and children who may be struggling.
 - c. Kindergarten Growing Success is a new report card which is equally balanced. It will be easier for the teachers and is also parent friendly.
 - d. Ms. Hoekstra now has the .2 position, Ashley Walter is currently off and Ms. Hoekstra had applied and was successful. She will be in 5 days but currently day 2 & 4 are mornings only.
 - e. Currently they have needed \$1000 of the \$1400 give for Data Projector (smart boards) Mr. Hamilton's class will be first receiving this.
 - f. The \$2000 given for sound curtains is going ahead, these will be hung either side and will help acoustically in the gymnasium. The Board will work on the panels required for the front of the stage.
 - g. Sound panels in the island are also being worked on and will all be fire-rated and will help cut down on noise. Summer 2017 the upstairs will be done with solid walls.
 - h. A few parents have been asking for academic awards. Andrea surveyed Principals and Vice Principals in the Upper Grand with little response.
 - i. One option is to consider academic awards in June for the Grade 8 class.
 - ii. Another option is individual classroom awards.
 - iii. We mainly focus on Character Ed so need to look at options still for introducing academic awards. It needs to be fair and equitable.
 - iv. Any thoughts on this please direct them to Anita or Andrea.
 - i. They continue to be as paperless as possible and the last newsletter and other updates have gone out electronically.
9. Treasurer's report:
 - a. Vesey's bulbs brought us in \$1238.30

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10. Budget:

- a. There have been some recent requests from the teachers; School Council will consider requests if they fall into one of the following categories: Academics, Athletics, Arts or Community. The requests are approved by Anita before being submitted.
- b. We are still waiting for a final quote on the track, hopefully this week.
- c. We have made the \$1200+ from Vesey's.
- d. Field trip had designated \$2400 but only \$1600 was used.
- e. Poinsettia's made just under \$2000 last year so if this year brings in the same it will potentially be able to support a program.
- f. Parent Council cannot buy textbooks; it is one of the by-laws. Brenda to research.
- g. Last year council said they would support band needs such as reeds, new instruments, music. \$1000 was given last year. We received \$945 from ING and this can be used.
- h. There is a \$400 dollar fee from Dufferin sports fee last year that council supported.
- i. The \$400 left from the Data Redactor will be left in the pot with Anita/Andrea
- j. Unable to support the request for Sandra Wellman (Spelling City Books)
- k. On hold is the request for Lori (which is 39 math workbooks - \$487) Need to review if we can help cover this type of request.
- l. Decided to support the following requests:
 - i. Music program \$1000 (\$945 from ING & Council to support \$55)
 - ii. Dufferin Sports fee \$400
 - iii. Insurance \$125
 - iv. Cross Country Meet \$180
 - v. Remembrance Day Wreath \$50
 - vi. Emergency bussing – designated \$400. Kelly put forward a motion & Robbie Seconded. Carried.
 - vii. Empowerment Day - \$250 to put towards the total cost of \$750 plus the cost of two busses. Brenda put forward a motion and Virginia seconded. Carried. The balance to be tabled and reviewed again when we have more funds.
- m. The council prefers not to fund a specific request that is for one teacher for one classroom. It is best to try to cover costs that will help a range of students/programs.
- n. Fundraising:
 - i. Poinsettia pick up day will be November 30th (Wednesday)
 - ii. Terra Cotta pick up day will be December 1st (Thursday)
 - iii. Currently it is two different pick up days. As we get closer pending on the amount of cookies ordered, we may be able to pick up the cookies on Wednesday. Nancy to review.
 - iv. Spring Options: Tabled until next meeting.
- o. November 30th is also the Anxiety workshop for parents.

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- p. Christmas in the Meadows is a free family event that features a Christmas store, crafts, hot chocolate, Santa etc.
 - i. Last year we spent \$341
 - ii. December 8th (Thursday) is our tentative date. Andrea will check with the staff.
 - iii. Event to be held from 6:30 to 8:30
 - iv. If any of council see any gifts in the \$2 to \$5 dollar range please purchase them for the Christmas store and keep your receipts. Please don't forget to buy multiples of the item.
 - v. Gingerbread entry fee to be \$4.00

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Next meeting to be held Monday November 7th 2016

Notes by Laura Fry