

Credit Meadows Elementary School-Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting #1-September 15, 2014.

The meeting of the Credit Meadows School Council was called to order at 7:00pm on September 15 in the library 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
Barb O'Meara

Others in Attendance

Kelly Reso
Robbi Price
Anne Rogers
Paula Thomson
Brenda Tervit
Lynne Norris
Kelly McKee
Tanya Pater
Kathy Daigle
Salicia Pustam
Boubacar Bah
Anita Lagundzija-deFreitas
Lauren Felix

A) Welcome & Introductions

- Barb W. welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the first council meeting of the year. It is exciting to see so many new faces.
- All present introduced themselves.
- Barb W. gave a brief overview of the previous school council and read the school council mission statement as well as the established meeting norms.

B) Principal's Report

- Mrs.Lagundzija-deFreitas introduced herself and provided career background. She commented that her door is always open and she welcomes feedback.
- This school year has had a great start up. The new Kiss & Ride has helped ease traffic congestion and has been successful. Some renovations have been completed and the last portable will be demolished the week of September 22.
- The principal hopes to share the EQAO results at the next school council meeting.
- There are some new staff members as well as a resident therapy dog.
- There was a reorganization due to Board numbers.
- One of the custodians will retire in October this year.
- Signage has been posted to remind parents to pick their children up outside the school. It can be difficult for some students to have 'strangers' in the building during school hours.

C) Voting

- Nominations were received for Boubacar Bah and Brenda Tervit for Chair. Boubacar Bah and Brenda Tervit were acclaimed as Co-Chairs.
- As there were no pre-nominations for Secretary, Kelly McKee nominated herself. Kelly McKee was acclaimed as Secretary. Karen Brown-Furey advised that she could back up the Secretary in their absence.
- No nominations for Treasurer were received.
- Voting parents members were acclaimed and are: Lorrie Wren, Josh Reso, Kelly Reso, Robbi Price, Salicia Pustam, Kim Beck, Barb O'Meara, Brenda Tervit, Lynne Norris, Nancy Turner, Tanya Pater, Karen Brown-Furey, Kathy Daigle and Krystal Martin.
- There was discussion on meeting date and time for this year. All present agreed upon the second Monday of the month at 7pm. The exception will be the October meeting when the meeting will be held on Tuesday October 14.

D) Minutes

- Motion to approve the June minutes by Barb W. Seconded by Lorrie. Carried.

E) Treasurer's Report

- The Treasurer's Report was explained. There was discussion on the actual balance versus the bank balance.
- CMES has generous families and we have a balance of \$5000 to be set aside for playground maintenance as agreed upon in the June minutes. Balances should not roll over year to year.

-Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Lorrie. Seconded by Nancy. Carried.

F) New Business

-Meet the Teacher Night will be September 18. Volunteers are required to help with set up/take down, cooking etc. Please let Barb W. know if you can help.

-October 8 is Walk to School Day. In the past council has given prizes for a crazy shoe contest. There is \$50 in the budget for Walk to School Day.

-Food Days will begin in October. Nancy will double check our food days and make sure they still comply with the regulations. Volunteers are required to help with food days. If you are able to help on any food day, please let Nancy know.

-If parents are intending to be in the school during school hours, a criminal record check is recommended.

G) Open Floor

-Council insurance will be due in October.

-Lynne Norris volunteered to maintain the gardens.

-There was discussion on creating sub committees for Fundraising, Food Days and Special Events.

-The October meeting should focus on goals for this school year.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:40pm.

Next meeting October 14 @7:00pm