

Credit Meadows Elementary School – School Council

MINUTES

February 2017

The meeting of the Credit Meadows School Council was called to order by Kelly McKee at 7:05 pm on February 6, 2017 in the Staff Lounge at Credit Meadows Elementary School.

Executive present: Kelly McKee, Virginia Dow, Laura Fry

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

Voting Members not present: Lorrie Wren, Jan Pettigrew

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

1. Welcome by Kelly McKee
2. **January 2017 Minutes:** one change to be made, motion to approve by Virginia, second by Patricia, approved by all.
3. **Principal's Report:**
 - a. Have been working on SIPSA, making sure that there are charts in each classroom showing each different division
 - b. Will be reviewed with the staff at the next staff meeting
 - c. February 16th report cards go home and a three day window is given to parents to review and return a signed copy
 - d. Andrea discussed upcoming presentations in the school:
 - i. February 10th is the Kindergarten walk to the Avalon centre
 - ii. Pink Day is February 22nd, focuses on character traits, anti-bullying, building self-confidence and self-resiliency
 - iii. There will be an upcoming Dojo mini presentation for Grade 3 – 8
 - iv. February 23 Earth Rangers for grades 1 – 6, this is free of charge to the school and is supported by Honda
 - v. March 6 Gord Deppe character building presentation for primary and junior intermediates
 - vi. Part of the presentations is to work with the intermediates about them being part of the solution in a bullying situation and to speak up in a positive way.
 - e. Renovations:
 - i. Both stairwells will be completely torn down and rebuilt
 - ii. Upstairs windows will be replaced
 - iii. Door handles to be replaced and some painting to be done
 - iv. Maintenance on duct work
 - v. Anita has asked for air conditioning but that is still under review
 - f. New ECE: Angele Papineau is the new ECE joining Mrs. Ste-Croix's classroom

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- g. Rope Course: Andrea received a call for booking the Rope Course for 2018
 - i. There are some additions to the course such as a ninja course, there is also a rock climbing wall
 - ii. Staff surveyed and they are in favour. She wanted to see what council thought and council is also in favour.
 - iii. Cost is approx. \$5000
 - iv. *** This is to be discussed as part of the budget in the next school council meeting***
 - v. Andrea is going to look at April 2018 dates
- h. School Cash Online: currently at about 79% retention, is it possible to do permission slips online?
- i. Spiritwear – Laura to call Dufferin Apparel

4. Food Days:

- a. Volunteers are still needed, even with Grade 8's helping it would be beneficial to have an adult to assist. We are going to see how the next pasta day goes and then look at sending out a schedule to parents with the date and time slot required for help so that parents can pick a time slot to volunteer.
- b. Also to think about switching back to a Wednesday if more volunteers are available.
- c. Dec-Jan food day profits were approximately \$2750. Feb to Mar is looking closer to \$2200 at a low estimate without all paperwork.
- d. From Jan's email: Milk orders are up with placing the additional milk choice to the food day. Pizza orders are up slightly...subs and pitas are up slightly/about the same as the previous period \$ pasta sales are down with the necessary elimination of "plain" option due to lack of committed volunteers.
- e. There have been some complaints about the children not liking the pasta. We are going to see how the next pasta day goes. Council will consider sending a review home to parents to get feedback.
- f. Mac and Cheese Day we were short pasta and Quest for Cakes was able to make additional and bring over. When serving we have to be conscious of weight not just volume. The lasagna on Feb 23rd will be simpler as it is per slice. Quest for Cakes is considering offering pre-packaged servings in September.
- g. Milk Tokens: We will continue to keep a few in the office for the odd sale of Milk tokens but most will be down through cash on line. We are going to sell monthly in units of 10 milk tokens.

5. Treasurer's report:

- a. We have \$24,978
 - i. \$14,910 is allocated
 - ii. \$10,068 is unallocated and will need to be allocated through the budget
 - iii. There is also \$11,448 from food days however food day bills are to be paid
 - 1. Estimated profits are approx. \$2700 & \$2250 from each set of food days.
 - iv. Regarding the track money the GIC matured and has been cashed out, with the track refurbish put on hold a motion was put forward to put this into a TFSA? Robbie approved, Kim second – all in favour.

6. Teacher Requests:

- a. \$350.00 - Gord Deppe presentation for Grade 1-8: Robbie put forward a motion, all approved
- b. \$278.41 - Primary Reading Cart Books grade 1 – 3, School Council had given \$1000 but they require an additional \$278.41. Nancy put forward a motion, Patricia second, all in favour.

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- c. \$52.95 Spelling City for 1 class: not going forward with as council tries to cover costs that will help multiple grades
- d. \$250.00 - Grade 6-8 empowerment day council had previously agreed to pay \$250 and that deposit has been paid
- e. \$180.00 - Cross-country fairground trip, was for grades 1-8. Council will cover; Nancy put forward a motion, Laura second, all in favour.
- f. \$184.00 Soccer tournament grade 4-8's and Centennial Highlands running meet grade 7-8 bussing costs. Council will cover all in favour.
- g. \$1000.00 Music request, this money was coming from ING for \$945; need to find out where that money is. Council had previously agreed to pay \$55.00 to top up to \$1000.
- h. \$170.00 Concert band trip to Wonderland festival of music for grade 6-8 in June. Robbie put forward a motion, Kim second, all in favour.
- i. \$300.00 Brock University Leadership Camp, for a chaperone. Not going forward with as council tries to cover costs that will help multiple grades
- j. \$2550 trip fund: Council will give each of the 17 classes \$150.00 to be used how the teacher sees fit towards class trips. Total is \$2550, all approved.
- k. \$225.00 put aside \$225.00 in the budget for retirement gifts, all approved.
- l. Emergency Bussing: In 2015/2016 school budgeted \$2400 but used \$1600. Put on hold for now to see if can be used from \$150 given to each teacher

7. **Cash On Line:**

- a. Can we go full cash online for fundraisers as well? It was decided by all to go full cash online.
- b. Cash online is beneficial as it is transparent.

8. **Dance-A-Thon:**

- a. The letter to the parents for donation requests has gone out.
- b. Laura will be handing out community donation letters this week.
- c. Prizes are starting to come in and are being put in the safe.
- d. Deadline for prizes is February 17th, launching the Dance-A-Thon will happen on February 24th and the Dance-A-Thon is scheduled to be held March 8th.

9. **Teachers Appreciation Lunch:** It was decided that our original date of May 9th falls into a very busy month. The date of the Teachers Appreciation Lunch has been changed to Wednesday February 22nd 2017.

- a. It will be held in the staff lounge at 12:00 and volunteer help will be needed.
- b. Kelly will send an email to the group regarding what food items to bring.

10. **Parking Lot Issues:**

- a. Full STEAM Ahead: The date decided to hold this event is Thursday May 4th 2017
- b. PRO Grant: We need to start thinking about applying for the PRO Grant for next year. Nancy can help write the grant. Take a look at the PRO Grant website as it lists previous events they have sponsored.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Next meeting to be held Monday March 6th 2017

Notes by Laura Fry