

Credit Meadows Elementary School – School Council

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March 2017

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

Executive present: Kelly McKee, Virginia Dow, Laura Fry

Voting Members present: Nancy Turner, Patricia Tolton

Voting Members not present: Lorrie Wren, Jan Pettigrew, Kim Beck, Robbi Price

Non-Voting Members: Anita Lagundzija-deFreitas, Andrea Papavasiliou

1. Welcome by Nancy Turner
2. Barb White stopped by to present the “Are You As Social As Your Kids” Event. This will be held on Saturday April 8th 2017.
3. **February 2017 Minutes:** motion to approve by Patricia, second by Nancy, approved by all. Carried.
4. **Principal’s Report:**
 - a. Thank you to School Council from the staff for the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon.
 - b. Anita discussed recent presentations in the school:
 - i. Pink Shirt Day was February 22nd, with focus on character traits, anti-bullying, building self-confidence and self-resiliency. It was a sea of pink at the assembly. One student was interviewed on the radio.
 - ii. The Dojo mini presentation for Grade 3 – 8, was a success and focused on confidence and assertiveness.
 - iii. February 23 was the Earth Rangers for grades 1 – 6, the kids loved it and the presenters were very engaging.
 - iv. March 6 was Gord Deppe character building presentation for primary and junior intermediates
 - v. There was a bullying prevention assembly for both the K-3’s and 4-8’s.
 - c. Renovations: The school will be going under many renovations throughout the summer break:
 - i. Upstairs doors, handles and ceiling tiles will be replaced
 - ii. Three classroom floors are being repaired upstairs.
 - iii. The upstairs and downstairs washrooms will have new sinks & fixtures.
 - iv. Science Lab: three sinks will be removed (not working), one sink replaced, new counter tops and new mill work.
 - v. Both stairwells will be completely torn down and rebuilt.
 - vi. Upstairs windows will be replaced and re-tinted, with roll out windows at the top.
 - vii. Skylights to be replaced.
 - viii. Maintenance on duct work, brand new filters and compressors. This will create better air flow through the building making it feel cooler.
 - ix. Staff room will have new paint, counter tops and mill work.
 - x. The accordion walls in the library and in the upstairs classrooms will change to solid walls.
 - xi. The gym stage door will be replaced.
 - xii. The far parking lot will be updated.

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- xiii. The baseball diamond's benches and fences will be upgraded.
- xiv. Areas of the foyer will be painted.
- xv. The school will be ordering lots of boxes and plastic wrap for the teachers to pack up the classrooms.
- xvi. The school will not have access back into the building until the last week of summer vacation.
- xvii. Anita will be speaking to Rachel at the YMCA about the renovations.
- xviii. The Kindergarten yard fence is the correct height but a work order has been placed to remove sand back from the fence.

5. Food Days:

- a. Feb-Mar food day profits were approximately \$2700. Estimates for April to June are about \$3800.
- b. Pasta days have been removed from the next session of food days but two hot dog days will be added.
- c. Jan spoke with Pizza Depot and they will work on making the pizza compliant.

6. Treasurer's report:

- a. The bank statements were not received prior to the meeting; they were needed in order to update the report.
- b. The Treasurer's Report will be tabled until next meeting.
- c. There is money in the bank to allocate, will review teacher requests this meeting. Budget will be further discussed next meeting.
- d. Andrea will follow up to see if we have received the ING cheque and the GST rebate cheque with Teresa.
- e. Virginia needs to know how many cookies have been sold by the Grade Eights. Nancy will speak with Mrs. Horan.

7. Budget/Teacher Requests:

- a. Desk tops need to be replaced which will cost approx. \$12.00 per desk top. This will come out of the school budget.
- b. \$2500.00 for Scientist in the School.
- c. \$100 for Melanie Neal Orangeville Music Festival for 6/7 and 7/8 classes.
- d. \$1270 for Melissa Roberts Forest of Reading, grades JK – 8.
- e. Kelly put forward a motion to approve money for Scientist in the School, Orangeville Music Festival and Forest of Reading. Nancy Second, all in favour. Carried.

8. Cash On Line vs Bank Account:

- a. Darlene McLaren met with Andrea on February 10th, she is our go to person for budget, bank account questions etc. She sent a detailed email to Anita and Andrea with information in regards to School Council closing their bank account and combining the funds in the main school account. There were many advantages to doing so; also there was some information on how to manage the workload and how School Council will still be involved with making deposits etc.
- b. She recommended to start the process in order to have the account empty and closed by June 30th 2017.
- c. Closing the account would streamline the financials. Nancy made a motion to close the account, Kelly seconded, all in favour. Carried.

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9. **Dance-A-Thon:**

- a. All prizes have been listed on the board and donations are starting to come in to the school. Reminders have been sent out to the families.
- b. We are just getting ready for the day, freezies will be handed out, and we have some volunteers for the day to help with counting donations and helping at the dance. The Grade Eights have all the music and routines ready!

10. **PIC Event:** Parent Involvement Committee Dinner is to be held at Centre Wellington School in Fergus on April 26th 2017 from 5-8 pm. Deadline to register is March 31st 2017.

11. **EQAO Scribe Request:** Volunteers are needed for May 24, 25 and 26, they need to be able to commit to the three days and assist in writing verbatim for the student. 18 Volunteers are required.

12. **Parking Lot Issues:**

- a. Full STEAM Ahead: The date decided to hold this event was May 4th in the last meeting but changed to Wednesday May 3rd. (To confirm at next meeting)
- b. Kelly was talking to a member of the Ontario Lacrosse Association about organizing a Lacrosse event between Credit Meadows and another school. This would be free of charge to the school and it would be a one day event. It can be for all grades to try out into age appropriate teams. The equipment used is soft lacrosse balls and waffle sticks. Will be non-contact. It was discussed to talk with PEPS, Spencer or Island Lake.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Next meeting to be held Monday April 10th 2017

Notes by Laura Fry