

Credit Meadows Elementary School – School Council

MINUTES

May 2017

The meeting of the Credit Meadows School Council was called to order by Laura Fry at 7:02 pm on May 8, 2017 in the Staff Lounge at Credit Meadows Elementary School.

Executive present: Virginia Dow, Laura Fry

Executive not present: Kelly McKee

Voting Members present: Nancy Turner, Patricia Tolton, Robbi Price

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

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

1. Welcome by Laura Fry
2. **March 2017 Minutes:** motion to approve by Nancy, second by Patricia, approved by all. Carried.
3. **Principal's Report:**
 - a. Anita discussed the recent Special Ed focuses over the last few weeks:
 - i. IEP's reviewed to formally identify students in need of IEP's and reviews were done with parents whose children currently have IEP's
 - ii. JK Transitions: we are receiving more students with ASD, a workshop was held for strategies to help students transition easier with help for the teachers to help the students.
 - iii. There is a book called Clever Carter which is a good book for teachers to share with the class. It teaches children about uniqueness, differences and empathy.
 - iv. The recent PD Day was a collaborative inquiry of teams working together and about what makes a good assessment. The student voice is very important and needs to be heard "loud and clear".
 - v. The goals are about differentiating instruction for students to meet their needs
 - vi. Give students multiple opportunities for learning while still being connected to the curriculum.
 - vii. Make expectations clear to students.
 - b. Next year we will have 17 classrooms, with most of the same staff. We will have two retirements at the end of the year.
 - c. We have had a few recent accomplishments:
 - i. Credit Meadows basketball team made the semi-finals
 - ii. We participated in the festival of reading
 - iii. The Credit Meadows band adjudicated at Westminster Church.
 - iv. The grade 6 – 8 empowerment day was a huge success. The students said it was awesome and the speakers talked about making changes in the world.
 - d. Next year there will be a change to the band program with extracurricular band after school.
 - e. Dana Hoekstra will be moving on to a new opportunity, we wish her well.
 - f. We said farewell to Darlene and a welcome to Sandi Mitchell who is the new Office Co-ordinator.
 - g. We are getting ready for the big renovations and are very excited to have our new facelift.

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4. **Food Days:**
 - a. Sandi has mentioned that she will be printing the School Cash Online reports for us.
 - b. Tabled until next meeting in regards to the money earned from the last food days.
5. **Treasurer's report:**
 - a. The GIC has been cashed out for the track.
 - b. Currently there are five cheques outstanding from a long time ago that Virginia has no record of being cashed. She is looking into where they are.
 - c. The food day account has \$13,056.35 less estimated costs for the remaining food days.
 - d. Virginia questioned if we receive invoices from HFFA she has not yet seen one.
 - e. Need to find out where the ING Cheque and the PRO Grant cheque were deposited.
 - f. A meeting is to be held with Anita, Sandi, Virginia, Laura and Kelly to discuss the bank closure and procedures moving forward.
6. **PRO Grant:**
 - a. The PRO Grant application is due, Laura will submit the application.
 - b. We discussed the idea of our event being a Going Green in the Meadows. Laura, Nancy and Virginia to discuss further.
7. **Retirement Gifts:**
 - a. Anita had mentioned there will be two retirements; funds were added to the budget for these two retirements.
 - b. Nancy put forward a motion to add \$75.00 for each retirement. All approved. Carried.
8. **Full STEAM Ahead:**
 - a. Nancy has been working on STEAM with one of our parents who is an engineer.
 - b. There will be lots of activities for the night:
 - i. Button Press, in the computer lab
 - ii. Paper Airplane flying
 - iii. Little coder games
 - iv. Slime, Gak and Goo in Mr. Barron's room
 - v. Science of Sound with drumming
 - vi. Spinner Art
 - vii. Pendulum Art
 - viii. Scavenger Hunts
 - ix. Swag Bags
 - x. Marble Runs on Peg Board
 - xi. Many other activities
9. **Arts Days:** Arts days are all booked, lunch is to be offered by School Council
 - a. Kindergarten is June 12th (Drumming), June 19th (Paper Making) and June 26th (Yoga)
 - b. Junior: June 13th
 - c. Primary's: Need to get this info
 - d. Intermediates: June 16th.
 - e. DAC is paying a subsidy of \$450.00 directly to one of the artists.

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10. **Bike Roadeo:** Optimist Club is offering their Bike “Roadeo” again this year; it is promote road safety for grades 2 and up. There is a bike safety quiz and an obstacle course. They can have their bikes inspected. The Top three go on to participate in the Orangeville Town day.

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11. **Parking Lot Issues:**

a. Buddy Benches: Andrea was approached about ordering a Buddy Bench for the school. It is to help with the stigma of mental health. It was decided that at this time it was too costly to go forward with and there was some uncertainty to if this would help or hinder students.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Next meeting to be held Monday June 5th 2017

Notes by Laura Fry