

Credit Meadows Elementary School – School Council

MINUTES

November 2017

The meeting of the Credit Meadows School Council was called to order by Kelly McKee at 6:31 pm on November 6, 2017 in the library at Credit Meadows Elementary School.

Present Executive: Kelly McKee, Virginia Dow, Laura Fry

Voting Members: Kim Beck, Patricia Tolton, Tammy Trimble, Kerry Warnaar, Inga Layman, Jan Pettigrew

Non-Voting Members: Anita Lagundzija-deFreitas, Andrea Papavasiliou, Barb O'Meara, Brittany Pierson, Jen Rothfuchs, Sarah Sansom

1. Welcome by Kelly McKee and an introduction around the table. Welcome to new parents.
2. Approval of September minutes; Patricia put forward a motion and Tammy seconded the motion.
3. **Principal's Report:**
 - a. This year there are five EA's in the school to support the children that need extra help. They are having regular meetings to review what strategies are working and are the most effective.
 - b. Currently still looking to fill the 0.2 French Teaching position. There is a person temporarily until the position is filled.
 - c. Math Focus:
 - i. Number Talks is a math resource book that teachers have been using as a tool; classrooms are getting about 15 minutes of Number Talks focus in the classroom. It is allowing students to collaborate to solve problems.
 - ii. Long range math plans are being worked on by the teachers and are being submitted to the Principal/Vice Principal for review. They will be re-visited throughout the year.
 - d. Reading Focus: Fountas & Pinnell reading assessments are being used to determine what level students are at.
 - e. Character Education was the theme of the first assembly of the year.
 - f. Indigenous education is a current focus of the school. The library is being updated with books to include books for all backgrounds. CMES is also having different speakers come in to talk to classes as well.
 - g. Wednesday Captain Kelly Scanlan will be coming in to do presentation to the Junior & Intermediate grades. She will be speaking of her tour in Afghanistan and of the Invictus Games.
 - h. Friday the Remembrance Day assembly will take place and it will be discussed at the level of the students.
 - i. Online Interview Bookings: Andrea discussed that a memo will be going home to the parents along with the progress report. It will have instructions on how to book your parent-teacher interview times online. The link is also on the Upper Grand App.
 - j. A big thank you to Tammy Trimble and family for the donation for spec ed. It has been put to good use; they were able to buy weighted blankets, timers, calming toys and other items needed.

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4. **Treasurers Report:** See attached report
 - a. Motion to approve by Laura, second by Kerry.
 - b. Approx. \$8000 to allocate
5. **Teachers Requests:**
 - a. \$1500 - Forest of Reading
 - b. \$2200 – Television and Peripherals for the library.
 - c. \$2700 - Field Trips - \$150 per class
 - d. \$99.50 – Gr 7 and 8 bussing - Power of being a girl event
 - e. All approved except for the \$2200 library request. Will get a breakdown and review with council at the next meeting or by evote.
6. **Track Refurbish:**
 - a. The budget was approved for \$12,000
 - b. The cost is now about \$14,000 and could go slightly up.
 - c. The refurbish is not a current priority on the boards list so they gave us board approved contractors to reach out to for quotes
 - d. The board will drag the track and that can be done in the Spring.
 - e. If we get holes in the tracks the board will still fix those as those falls under Health & Safety.
 - f. Is council able to review the list of contractors?
 - g. We will review and poll the teachers as well as the playground is fast becoming a priority, also the school is being known for outdoor learning and perhaps an outdoor structure would be better to spend the money on.
 - h. Table until next meeting
7. **Food Days:** Jan has volunteers for all food days! This is great news. Two of the food days had a quick deadline as we didn't want to miss out on those days. Sandi will need about 24 hours to run reports once Cash Online closed.
 - a. Hot Chocolate days, discussed adding two days into the winter months instead of smoothies. Approved.
 - b. Estimated profit from this round of food days is approx. \$2000.00
 - c. Jas has asked Pizza Depot if we can be exempt from the HST
 - d. Healthy Snack Program: is being used more frequently than last year, available items are apples, yoghurts, carrots & dip, cheese and crackers, applesauce. Students are allowed to take two items.
 - i. Council to do up a memo to parents about Healthy Snack program and send out via CASL – then add on School Cash Online orders options to donate \$1, \$5 and \$10 quantities.

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8. Upcoming events:

- a. Poinsettia Drop, December 5th 2017, volunteers needed for pick up day. It was decided that we will allocate prizes for the highest sales per student in each division and a pizza party for the highest class sales in each division.
- b. Christmas in the Meadows, December 20th 2017 – Santa will not accept any money, thank you Tammy! Looking for volunteers for the set up and duration of the event. Will reach out to highschool students. CASL memo will go out to the parents with details of event.

9. Parking Lot Issues:

- a. Grade 8 students will be selling gift cards from Nov 1st – Nov 20th
- b. It was asked if the grade 8's could do the following fundraisers: prize baskets and sell raffle tickets and hold 50/50 draws. We cannot do 50/50 draws at the school as they would need to get lottery licenses for that type of fundraising.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Next meeting to be held Monday January 15th 2017

Notes by Laura Fry