

Credit Meadows Elementary School – School Council

MINUTES

January 2018

The meeting of the Credit Meadows School Council was called to order by Kelly McKee at 6:36 pm on January 15, 2017 in the library at Credit Meadows Elementary School.

Present Executive: Kelly McKee, Virginia Dow, Laura Fry

Voting Members: Kim Beck, Patricia Tolton, Kerry Warnaar, Inga Layman

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

1. Welcome by Kelly McKee; thank you for all the volunteers for Christmas in the Meadows; it was a successful event. Only issue was parking.
2. Approval of November minutes; Patricia put forward a motion and Inga seconded the motion.
3. **Principal's Report:**
 - a. Thank you for CITM, it was a great family event and the Santa we had did a fantastic job.
 - b. It has been a smooth and quiet transition returning back to school after the Christmas break.
 - c. January 26th is a PD day and the teachers will be using that day to work on report cards.
 - d. Math Focus: The teachers continue with Number Talks as a math resource.
 - e. Principals have been having discussions with staff as to what makes a great school according to the experts and where we are in relation to those standards.
 - f. Currently reviewing different books in the classrooms in regards to Autism Spectrum Disorder, such as "May I be excused my brain is full". Kerry's Place has also been in to discuss ASD and how it relates to children. This is so that peers can understand what students with ASD may be going through.
 - g. The kindergarten registration is up to 25 students. This year all registration has been done online, and the office had a chrome book available for families to come in to register. We have had quite a few families register from the new subdivision and are likely to get more.
 - h. The face of our school is changing and become more diverse with different backgrounds. Feedback about CMES is that it is a great school to attend.
 - i. The intermediates have been learning about anti-racism and have been reading books such as: Underground to Canada, The Boy in the Striped Pajamas and Number the Stars. We are currently trying to organize a joint presentation with the high school in April with a Holocaust survivor.
 - j. Still searching for a 0.2 French Teacher, the posting will go back up again. Trying to have it as a split position with Montgomery Village.
4. **Food Days:** Ordering for the winter block closed January 12th.
 - a. We do still need some volunteers for food days; if anyone knows of someone that might be willing to help please let Jan know.
 - b. All invoices have come in and been paid with the exception of Pita Pit for both pitas and smoothies.
 - c. Our first hot chocolate day is tomorrow! Inga & Jan have 198 hot chocolates to make.

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5. **Treasurers Report:** See attached report
 - a. Tabled until next meeting, once we have reviewed final CITM expenses and Poinsettia deposits.
 - b. Need an updated budget sheet for next meeting.
6. **Teachers Requests:**
 - a. \$600 - Basketballs (20 x \$30 each) *Council to pay \$300, motion by Kerry, Second by Kim.*
 - b. \$800 – Grade 5 – 8 bussing for students to attend empowerment day. 140 students. \$200 x 4 buses. *Council is requesting that classes use their \$150.00 trip allotment per class first and then we can review balance.*
 - c. \$1927 – Television and Peripherals for the library. *Council has decided that we still need to table this request until we have an updated balance.*
7. **Track Refurbish & Playground:**
 - a. This has been discussed at length; the situation is our playground is in need of an update and will be costly to repair items as needed in the future.
 - b. Council will be looking into doing a fundraiser specifically for money to go into the playground fund.
 - c. We would like to incorporate a natural playground that can be used year round. We will look into grants that can assist with this.
 - d. As discussed last meeting the track is going to be very expensive to refurbish plus the yearly fees associated with it. The track at ODSS can be used by CMES. Most elementary schools do not maintain tracks.
 - e. Kelly put a motion to change the money that was allocated to the track to now be allocated to the playground fund. Kim seconded this motion. All in agreement.
 - f. Update the budget line to remove Track Refurbish.
8. **Dance-A-Thon:**
 - a. Date selected – **Wednesday March 7th**.
 - b. Letter to go our shortly to parents re: donations.
 - c. Asked for volunteers to help out with the Dance-A-Thon. Will email the volunteers with help needed leading up the event.
 - d. Payment will all be done via cash on line. Laura/Kelly to discuss with Sandi.
9. **Spring PRO Grant event:**
 - a. Date selected: **Wednesday May 9th**. Theme is Going Green in the Meadows, our PRO Grant submission was about hosting an event showcasing outdoor education and how it incorporates into the curriculum. We are also adding a healthy living component as well.
 - b. A committee was formed and a meeting date will be sent out shortly. Will include our teachers that use outdoor classroom and the Green Machine.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Next meeting to be held Monday February 5th 2018

Notes by Laura Fry