

Credit Meadows Elementary School – School Council

MINUTES

March 2018

The meeting of the Credit Meadows School Council was called to order by Laura Fry at 6:35 pm on March 5, 2018 in the library at Credit Meadows Elementary School.

Present Executive: Virginia Dow, Laura Fry

Executive not present: Kelly McKee

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

Non-Voting Members: Andrea Papavasiliou, Brittany Pierson, Jen Rothfuchs

Voting and Non-Voting members not present: Anita Lagundzija-deFreitas, Inga Layman, Barb O’Meara

1. Welcome by Laura Fry; regrets were sent by Kelly and Anita
2. Approval of January minutes; Virginia put forward a motion and Kerri seconded the motion.
3. **Principal’s Report:**
 - a. Thank you for the Teachers Appreciation lunch, the staff enjoyed it.
 - b. The school has had some recent events:
 - i. Skills Ontario, ODSS high school came in for a presentation to the grade 8’s on the transition to high school
 - ii. MADD Canada did a presentation for the Grade 7/8 classes and sent in free ear buds.
 - c. Ban the Bottle is taking place in our school, the Green Machine along with Ms. Cleary, Ms. MacPherson and Ms. Borman’s classes are bringing awareness to the school.
 - d. Olympian Katie Weatherston came in to speak with grades 2-8, discussed goal setting and overcoming obstacles.
 - e. CMES held their own Olympics; the kids had a lot of fun at different stations, thank you to the parent volunteers for the hot chocolate station, Mme Z. and Mrs S., and the grade eights for organizing.
 - f. CMES has their first round of enrolment numbers for 2018/2019 school year. They have a tentative idea, but there is still some tweaking to do. They had a healthy JK enrolment. Projected student number is around 435 students.
 - g. IPRC meetings were held with parents.
 - h. IEPs and first semester report cards went home.
 - i. EQAO testing for Grade 3 & 6 is scheduled for May 23rd – 25th
 - j. Staff development, they are working with Numbers Talk
 - k. Staff have been doing an equity walk of our school, looking to see where we can fill in the gaps. For example adding more cultural books to our library.
 - l. The High Ropes course is coming up, there will be more courses set up than last time. High Ropes is April 9-13th
 - m. CMES is looking to do a second round of Spirit Wear in the spring and they are hoping to add water bottles. Council reiterated non-drip bottles.
 - n. We are promoting use of the Upper Grand app to parents, the more use Credit Meadows gets there is a chance to win a free chrome book.
 - o. School Council Facebook posts - we will continue to post about the app.

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4. **Food Days:**

- a. We continue with the Pizza, Pizza, Pita rotation with hotdogs days included.
- b. We earn about \$400 per pizza day.
- c. Smoothies will start up again after March Break
- d. Hot Chocolate days went well, all the students liked it, and perhaps it will need to go to \$1.50 next time.
- e. April to June Food block is up on Cash Online until March 28th.
- f. Lunch Box Lady is a vendor approved by the board, Jan would like to do a trial run, and council was in favour.
- g. Outstanding food bills: Jan – March Pita Bill, 2 Pizza bills and a bill for hot dog buns.
- h. There was some expired pasta from old pasta days, will donated to classes for crafts, some pasta sauce that was still good is being donated to the food bank.
- i. Jan will hold a popcorn day to sell popcorn as we have leftover popcorn to use before the summer

5. **Healthy Snack Program:** Inga can check on Mondays, Fridays. Brittany will check on Wednesdays, Laura and Jan to buy food and check whenever they can.

- a. Laura to write a post for CASL and submit a School Cash Online donation form for \$1 or \$2 dollars. We are currently over our allotted budget.

6. **Treasurers Report:** See attached report

- a. Last year’s Arts Days Cost was approx. \$5000, so we are hoping to generate at least \$5500 – See notes below on Arts Days discussion.
- b. From the budget lines, we are removing items with 0 allocations for budget as they are not going forward: Charitable Donation, Remembrance Day Wreath is to change to 0.
- c. Virginia put in a motion to increase the budget line on healthy snacks from \$150.00 to \$500.00, Kim seconded the motion.
- d. Not included in below numbers is the \$2195 that we used for the playground repairs that we still need to put back in the reserve fund. This will be reviewed once we start playground fundraising.
- e. Review of the Treasurers report:

Balance From Report	\$9,284.84	
Less: Food Day Bills	\$4,200	Approx.
Less Budget Items:		
Duff Phys Ed	\$400.00	
Emergency Bussing	\$400.00	
Grade 8 Grad	\$500.00	
Retirement Gifts	\$100.00	
High Ropes	\$2,500.00	
Net Balance:	\$1,184.84	

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7. Teachers Requests:

- a. \$5000 – High Ropes, a motion was made to switch the \$2500 allocated to Scientists in the School to fund \$2500 towards High Ropes. *All in favour.* We will alternate each year between Scientists in the School and High Ropes
- b. Three teachers requests, unfortunately denied due to funds: Film Festival request - \$300.00, Orangeville Music Festival registration request - \$200.00, Bus for Wonderland Trip Concert Band - \$200.00

8. Fundraisers:

- a. Dance A Thon / Arts Days: Council discussed that we look at doing Arts Days a bit differently, perhaps pooling our parent community to see who has talents that would be able to help? Do we have anyone in the martial arts field, Zumba, etc? Reach out to our community – Music Together, Pamela Scott? Review our parents and community not just the DAC. This may help with costs and allow monies to be used for other requests.
- b. Spring PRO grant – Kelly will be emailing out to the volunteers who said they will help with the committee.
- c. PRO Grant 2019 – deadline is in June, time to start thinking about ideas for next year.
- d. Playground McDonalds fundraiser, they have asked us if we want to do a fundraiser, they will give us coupons and 20% of every meal (before tax) will come back to CMES. All in favour, Laura to speak with contact and organize a date.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Next meeting to be held Monday April 9th 2018 at 6:30

Notes by Laura Fry