

## Credit Meadows Elementary School – School Council

### MINUTES

May 2018

The meeting of the Credit Meadows School Council was called to order by Kelly McKee at 6:35 pm on May 7, 2018 in the library learning commons at Credit Meadows Elementary School.

Present Executive: Kelly McKee, Virginia Dow, Laura Fry

Voting Members: Kim Beck, Patricia Tolton, Inga Layman

Voting Members not present: Kerry Warnaar, Jan Pettigrew, Tammy Trimble

Non-Voting Members: Anita Lagundzija-deFreitas, Andrea Papavasiliou, Brittany Pierson, Jen Rothfuchs, Danielle Stevanov and Melanie Neal

1. Welcome by Kelly McKee
2. Approval of April minutes; Inga put forward a motion and Kim seconded the motion.
3. **Principal's Report:**
  - a. CMES had a productive PD day, great feedback from staff. Presentations were about special education and where we are headed and math: Number Talks.
  - b. Next year we will likely be up a class and will have another portable placed. Currently in the review of student placement for next year, there are lots of factors to be reviewed in this process.
  - c. Anita met with the YMCA as they are looking for more class space for next year as they are also growing. They are looking into creating an outdoor space for the toddlers in the front area outside the Y.
  - d. CMES basketball team did well this year and our Chess team placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - e. The CMES Band did a great job at the music festival, over 100 students attended.
  - f. We have Arts Days and Scientists in the Schools currently coming up; the students are looking forward to that.
  - g. The grade 8's will have a meet up with the grade 9's for the Orlando Bowen presentation and will also be doing some community service.
  - h. Eva Olsson will be presenting at CMES and we will be hosting six other schools for the presentation. This was for the intermediate classes (gr 6-8).
  - i. Staff will be going to indigenous education training; this is part of the equity plan for CMES.
  - j. We have our Grade 3 & 6 classes writing EQAO's on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - k. Kindergarten Orientation night will be hosted at CMES on Thursday June 7<sup>th</sup>. Same set up as last year, they will be handing out loot bags and council will host a table.
  - l. The grade 8 trip to Ottawa and grade 7 trip to Brock is coming up, Kindie grad is June 20<sup>th</sup> and the Grade 8 grad is on June 26<sup>th</sup>.
  - m. Thank you to Sam Mooney and staff for the Empowerment day trip, it was very successful.
  - n. Jump Rope for Heart is coming up and if they meet their goal, Ms. L and Mrs. PapaV will be dressing up in funny outfits for the day!

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- o. Kindergarten Yard: Currently our kindergarten yard needs a lot of work, there was an inspection and there are drainage issues and the sand and mulch continues to collect at the fence line. This is an issue as it allows the kindies to lean over the fence.
  - i. We received two quotes from board approved vendors.
    - 1. One vendor quote is \$5,000 to clean up the kindie area and re-grade the mulch and sand or it would be \$20,000 to re-vamp the entire yard, fix the issues, build a retaining wall and also include some natural playground play pieces such as zig zag logs etc.
    - 2. The second vendor quote is for \$10,900 and this is dig out the sand and mulch, regrade, install drainage pipes, build a barrier on the inside of the chain link fence and install a wood fibre base in part of the yard.
    - 3. Currently the board will only be able to top up our sandbox and dig out the excess around the fence line.
- 4. **Film Festival:** Danielle Stevanov and Melanie Neal came in to talk about the upcoming Film Festival night, they are planning this night with Mr. Hope and the Gr.1 – 3's will be performing that night. It is being held on Thursday May 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm. The students have been busy rehearsing, making sets, writing scripts etc. The band will also be playing that night. They are looking to see if any council members are free to help out that night. They will be collecting donations at the door to support the night and will be having a concession stand open. Please email them if you are able to volunteer that night.
- 5. **Food Days:** Regarding the lunch lady, we had just a few complaints about the sausages that came with the pancakes. The last block of food days is underway.
- 6. **Treasurers Report / Teachers Requests:**
  - a. The Treasurers Report was reviewed and a motion to approve was put forward by Kim and all were in approval.
  - b. There are still outstanding invoices that Virginia is working on getting. She will touch base with Jan on outstanding food day invoices.
  - c. There will be a few more receipts to be submitted in June for food for healthy snack program and the kindie orientation supplies for the council table.
  - d. Currently we have about \$9294.15 to allocate. We are going to allocate in the June meeting after outstanding invoices have been paid. We now have the Kindergarten playground issue to review and we need to fundraise for the main playground.
  - e. Regarding the Kindergarten Playground expenses, it was tabled to the June meeting so that it could be reviewed.
  - f. The treasurer's report will be posted to the School Council page prior to June meeting.
- 7. **PRO Grant 2018/2019:** The PRO Grant for the 2018/2019 is due June 4<sup>th</sup>. We have found two companies that hold STEM nights. Laura to email out more details and costs on each program for an evote. Update: EVOTE sent on May 14<sup>th</sup> – the consensus was to go with ESQ – Engineering Science Quest. They will come out for two hours and provide STEM related activities / stations.

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- 8. Fundraisers / Community Events:** We discussed a few different fundraising ideas for next year. Below are some of the ideas:
- a. Hold a big fundraiser / event on a Saturday for our playground, make it a family day. This would need a committee and a lot of volunteers. This could include, BBQ or food trucks, Raffle Baskets, Activities for the kids etc.
  - b. Mabels Labels: We would like to get this setup prior to the Kindergarten Orientation this year and also before the summer so that it can be set up for labels needing to be ordered for the upcoming school year. Inga expressed interest in organizing this.
  - c. Artwork fundraiser: this is done through a website and you can order cards made from your child's art work.
  - d. Selling chocolates, other schools have had success with this. Laura to find out more information from other school councils who have done this.
  - e. Pancake breakfast with Santa, this would also need a lot of volunteers.
  - f. Hold a 5K walk with a BBQ and Silent Auction.
  - g. We will review fundraising ideas and discuss at the next meeting. This would then be reviewed again at the September meeting, once we have finalized School Council for the 2018/2019 year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Next meeting to be held Monday June 11<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 6:30 pm

Notes by Laura Fry