Credit Meadows Elementary School – School Council
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September 2018

The meeting of the Credit Meadows School Council was called to order by Kelly McKee at 6:34 pm on September 18, 2018 in the Credit Meadows Elementary School learning commons.

Present Executive: Kelly McKee, Laura Fry, Inga Layman

Voting Members Present: Kerry Caton, Lindsay Phillips, Heather Britton, Jan Pettigrew, Patricia Tolton, Ana Rupoli, Sarah Sansom

Non-Voting Members: Amanda Olmstead, Barb O'Meara

1. Welcome by Kelly McKee and an introduction around the table. Welcome to new members.
2. Elections: It was determined that the Executive would be as follows:
    a. Chair: Kelly McKee
    b. Treasurer: Laura Fry
    c. Secretary: Inga Layman
        i. Voting members were also determined
3. **Principal's Report**:
    a. Welcome back by Anita, this year we are currently at 449 enrolled students; we are up 32 students from last year.
    b. They are in the middle or a re-organization due to adding an additional kindergarten class, however this will bring the class numbers down to approx.: 22, 23, 24 and 24 per class. They are in the process of hiring a new Kindergarten teacher and ECE. New Kindergarten furniture has been ordered and many staff came together to quickly set up the new classroom.
    c. Currently a class has been re-located to the library temporarily but a new portable is coming and within a few weeks the class will be moved into the portable. We could expect upwards of 6 new portables over the next few years.
    d. Welcome to new and returning teachers:
        i. Kindergarten Teachers: Ms. Asher, Ms. French, Ms. Masood and Ms. Horlock (ECE)
        ii. Grade 1: Ms. Sowler-Price
        iii. Grade 2: Ms. Bonter, Mr. Vickery returns for Grade 2/3
        iv. Grade 4 and Grade 5: Ms. Zhang and Ms. Stewart
        v. Core French: Ms. Mallon
        vi. Planning: Mr. McIntyre & Ms. Hart (Spec Ed)
        vii. Spec Ed: Ms. Scott
        viii. Ms. Federico – Vice Principal
        ix. Ms. Yule and Ms. Tworek, Ms. Dillion, Ms. Casucci, and Ms. Raney (Educational Assistants)
    e. A big thank you for the $2500 council allocated to help fix up the kindie yard. They have put in new run offs, new borders, new chips, and have re-graded the yard.

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4. **Treasurers Report**: Will be posted on the council page
    a. Approval of year end financials: Inga put forward a motion; Kelly seconded the motion, all in favour.
    b. Approval of Sept 2018 financials: Inga put forward a motion; Sarah seconded the motion, all in favour.
5. **Teachers Requests:**
    a. $300 – Bussing Girls Empowerment Day Intermediates (Ana Motion, Sarah Second, All in favour)
    b. $150 – Bussing Junior/Intermediate Soccer Tournament (Ana Motion, Sarah Second, All in favour)
    c. $1255.09 – request for additional Primary and Junior music resources (**$425.82** for Boomwackers was approved, Kelly motion, Ana Second, All in favour – the balance will tabled pending food days and fundraising efforts.)
    d. Hot Lunch Support – tabled to find a breakdown per student. Kelly to send an evote.
6. **Fundraising Ideas:**
    a. Kelly discussed possibly sending home a letter asking families for a donation per student, in lieu of asking families to sell or ask for donations i.e. Poinsettias, Dance-A-Thon. As all these events take a lot of manpower and certain fundraisers like Vesey's or Poinsettias we only make a small portion. A letter will be sent out to Credit Meadows families. This way we can focus on our June Playground fundraiser and the two community events PRO Grant and Christmas in the Meadows. Kelly put forward a motion, Laura second, all in favour.
    b. A playground committee will need to be formed within the next month to start the planning for the next few years.
7. **Food Days:**
    a. Jan and Inga planned this year's Food Days at the end of last year so we are off to an early start to our Food Days this year!
    b. A good response from volunteers to help out of our food days.
    c. Pizza Depot is very helpful and sorts all our pizza's by classroom.
8. **PRO Grant:**
    a. Still waiting to hear if we are approved for our grant
    b. Discussed options for dates in April to book ESQ. Laura to work on booking.
9. **Christmas In The Meadows:**
    a. Date set for Thursday December 13th 6:00 to 8:00 pm
    b. Sarah and Laura to review what we have left from the Christmas Store, Sarah will look at purchasing a few more items if needed
    c. A committee to be formed at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next meeting to be held Tuesday October 9th 2018 ** due to Thanksgiving Monday, going forward meetings will be scheduled for the second Monday of each month.

Notes by Laura Fry