

Credit Meadows Elementary School - School Council
MINUTES
November 2018

The meeting of the Credit Meadows School Council was called to order by Kelly McKee at 6:30 pm on November 12th 2018 in the Learning Commons.

Present Executive: Kelly McKee, Laura Fry, Inga Layman

Voting Members Present: Jan Pettigrew, Kerry Caton, Sarah Sansom, Kim Beck, Heather Britton

Non-Voting Members Present: Anita Lagundzija-deFreitas, Lena Federico, Melissa Sklad, Stephanie Long Henderson

1. Welcome by Kelly McKee

- a. approval of October Minutes, Laura put forward the motion, Kelly seconded, all in favour

2. Principal's Report:

- a. Note from Danielle - We sold just over \$3500, earning the learning commons around \$850. I (Danielle) am planning to spend the money on STEAM manipulatives such as Tinkertoy, stacking blocks, prepared microscope slides and tubular pipes.
- b. Staff took part in Blanket Exercise. This interactive educational program helped our staff learn more about the history of Indigenous Peoples in Canada. The CMES Staff found this to be a powerful learning experience.
- c. November 2 PD day - half day focused on Math (e.g. yield strategies, learning the basics, automaticity, multi-step problems, etc.) and half day on assessment and evaluation.
Shared EQAO test results, will continue to focus on Math. School Council asked about support for math at home. Asked UGDSB curriculum lead for suggestions of programs that could be used at home Suggestion of an information night for parents on Math
- d. The Legion Colour Guard did two presentations earlier in the week. The focus was on teaching our students about the Act of Remembrance. Staff did a number of activities in classrooms as well over the week. A respectful Remembrance Day ceremony was held on Friday, November 9th, 2018, as well as activities in class about Remembrance and Peace. Thank you to the Beck Family for placing the wreath at the cenotaph on behalf of Credit Meadows Elementary School.

- e. Staff participated in Data Driven Conversations on November 23 and 26, 2018
- f. Bullying Prevention Week was November 18 - 24, 2018. Students across the school were involved in a number of activities. Each day we had special announcements and art work done by our students.
- g. Our Superintendent, Denise Heaslip, came to CMES for a visit on November 22, 2018.

3. Treasure's Report:

- a. \$11,000 more revenue from Food Days - total of \$22,000 so far this school year
- b. \$8027 in funds to allocate
- c. Inga motions to approve treasure's report, Heather seconded, all in favour

4. Teacher's Requests

- a. Sam Mooney wants to use \$300 previously approved for canceled girls empowerment trip to bring Neema Childrens Choir to the school, council approved
- b. John McIntyre is asking for \$829 for music, Kelly makes a motion to approve, Jan seconded, all in favour
- c. Melanie Neal is asking for \$1000 for band/music, Kelly makes motion to approve \$500, Sarah seconded, all in favour, remaining \$500 tabled
- d. revised \$3000 for bussing for field trips, \$400 reserve for emergency bussing, Kelly made the motion, Sarah seconded

5. Food Days

- a. looking for more volunteers to help out with the food days
- b. Need to participate in Live Free Fundraiser for the Food and Friends program

5. Christmas in the Meadows:

- a. Craft room: cinnamon stick ornaments, cards and bead ornaments
- b. Sarah needs \$50 more for Holiday Store, Sarah makes the motion, Kelly seconded, all in favour
- c. Set up/clean up will be done by Kelly, Laura, Inga and maybe Kerry
- d. students will make art to display for the evening
- e. need more tables

6. PRO Grant:

- a. the grant is still under review

7. Playground Fundraiser:

- a. There is a Parent at our school who builds natural playgrounds, Kelly is going to meet with him

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm. Next meeting Monday January 14th 2019 at 6:30pm.