

Credit Meadows Elementary School

School Council 2022 - 2023

Meeting Minutes

DATE: September 25, 2023

LOCATION: Learning Commons

TIME: 6:30 PM

ATTENDEES:

Sarah Sansom, Leaontyne Ypenburg, Lisa Middlebrook-Charron, Laura Fry, Inga Laymen, Heather Sinclair, Bob Sinclair, Melissa Carney, Katy Bartle, Nirja Joshi, Utkarsh Joshi, Carolyn Smith, Emily Hampton, Jennifer Patel, Dianna Secord, Vicki Singh

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Role of School Council
2. Council Responsibilities
3. Principals Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Committee Updates
6. Nominations for Council
7. Official Vote

NOTES:

- All people in attendance had an opportunity to introduce themselves and their connection to Credit Meadows Elementary School.
- The outgoing council chair, Sarah Sansom presented information to attendees about the role of council and council's responsibilities.
- Principal Dianna Secord provided her report including the following:
 - Welcome
 - Grandparents are welcome to be involved with the school
 - Introduction to the MakerSpace. A place for students to be hands-on with robotics and technology. Students can utilize the iMacs, green screen, podcast studio as well as tinkering and making with a variety of items. This space has developed and the library component has been

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reduced to the front portion - allowing multiple classes to utilize the spaces at the same time.

- The MakerSpace was freshly painted over the summer and the school has applied for grants to upgrade the furnishings to better suit the use of the space.
- The Kindergarten area at the front of the school has been a problem area for several years during the winter and spring due to excessive ice build-up. Construction that occurred recently installed proper drainage with the goal of preventing the excessive ice. The perimeter was built up to reduce the washout of the new mulch and the sandbox was filled with new sand.
- During the summer the tarmac was repainted.
- The old foundation from the primary playground was removed, preparing the space for the installation of our permanent Gaga Ball Pit (which has been ordered)
- Students and staff were surveyed on what they wanted to see outside. As a result spikeball, volleyball nets and basket balls were purchased.
- Assemblies are going to be happening, introducing the students to the school as a community that we are all a part of. The assemblies will also introduce and reinforce our four key values of courage, connection, compassion and grit.
- The assemblies will focus on examples of our values. Helping students to understand what it means to have grit, courage, connection or compassion.
- As an opportunity for student leadership, there will be six week cycles where staff supervise students in leading a club.
- Excited for all of the things to come.

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- Treasurer's report included a review of our current finances.
 - Investments and allocations made at the end of last year were highlighted:
 - \$1500 to restring and maintain the Guitars
 - \$1200 towards Family Transition Place programming for 2023/2024
 - \$1500 towards Forest of Reading for 2023/2024
 - \$500 towards grade eight graduation
 - \$6000 towards the permanent Gaga Ball Pit (ordered)
 - \$450 to replace charges for school tech
 - \$3000 towards the Band and Music program for this year
 - \$3000 towards school trips (\$150 per class)
 - \$1000 towards emergency bussing for 2023/2024
- Fundraising updates included the following
 - Revenue from last years food days was \$9374.86
 - Revenue from our ongoing FlipGive fundraiser between September and June was \$890.84
 - Revenue from our ongoing Mabel's Labels fundraiser overall is at \$218.81
- School Yard Revitalization updates included the following:
 - Council funded the repainting of the tarmac as well as the addition of several new games and learning tools for outdoor education opportunities
 - Council funded the new permanent Gaga Ball pit that is on route to the school
 - Introduction to councils plans for targeted, spread out installations rather than one compact playground structure allowing more students access to the pieces.

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- School Event update introduced the idea of a large spring event in collaboration with the school to complement any events the committee hosts this year.
- Voting for council executive and voting members resulted in the following:
 - Council Chair: Sarah Sansom
 - Treasurer: Open
 - Secretary: Leontyne Ypenburg
 - Voting Parent Members:
 - Sarah Sansom
 - Leontyne Ypenburg
 - Lisa Middlebrook-Charron
 - Emily Hampton
 - Laura Fry
 - Heather Sinclair
 - Inga Layman
 - Jennifer Patel
 - Melissa Carney
 - Katy Bartle
 - Carolyn Smith
- All members had an opportunity to sign-up for the committees
- Council determined that meetings will be held on the last wednesday of each month (excluding December).
- Council has decided to prioritize in person meetings when possible
- Sarah put forward a motion to reduce school council accounts to align with the board expectations. Motion passed.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Sarah to provide the school with updated council members
- Sarah to initiate account changes

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- Sarah to send out emails to the committees so that planning can begin.

NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:

- Committee Updates