

## Cremona School Council Meeting

November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016

7 pm in the Library

1. Call to Order 7:05pm
  - a. Attendance: *Joanna Harvey, Gerard Kulcsar, Corina MacDonald, Cheryl Hahn, Janice Gerdts, Diane Daum, Sheldon Ball, Heather Agnew, Coreen Lema, Shera Scott, Andrea Reid, Anna Lashmar, Michael Kerfoot*
2. Previous Minutes
  - a. Accepted as presented by Michael Kerfoot, seconded by Shera Scott.
3. Admin Report – attached
4. Financial Report – official report unavailable
  - a. Holiday gift shop fund- \$912.25
  - b. Pizza Fund approx.-\$700
5. Band Society –
  - a. Has a new Executive
  - b. 5/6 rolling along working on x-mas concert
  - c. 7/8 will be performing tomorrow at assembly and at the Community Remembrance Service, with some help from high school
6. Cremona School Enhancement Society –meet on the third Tuesday at 3:15pm
  - a. Transferring over duties
  - b. Looking for things to fundraise for
  - c. Puddle party April 1
7. Leadership-
  - a. We had a successful October; mulching gardens, Halloween games for high school, new random acts of kindness, Middle school dance is rescheduled for Nov 18 from 3-5 with the high school dancing following from 7-10 and backwoods day is Nov.24.
  - b. Shoe boxes are due by Nov. 21 and can be picked up at the office. Volunteering at Samaritans purse on Nov.23 and will be starting up our annual food drive at the end of November.
  - c. Continuing on with Christmas traditions from last year; secret candy canes, Christmas Day on Dec 23, and Holiday Calendar – we will be counting down the days until Christmas (like an advent calendar) each day a different class will be drawn to open a door, inside the door will be a note explaining their treasure, which each student will receive, during reading block. The leadership class will also read a story to the elementary class during this time. Selfie with an Elfie – an elf on the self will be placed in

various areas of the school each day. The first person to bring a selfie with said elf will win a prize. We will also be decorating the school for Christmas as usual.

8. Trustee Report-

- a. Board is trying to educate the province on what transportation looks like in rural Alberta. MLA's from Edmonton would like to see Electric buses, they do not realize the amount of kilometers driven every day and that diesel buses are still necessary. They will still be imposing the carbon levy saying it will be re-invested back into the schools for more environmentally friendly initiatives, this does not help the transportation deficit. The LED lighting installed in Cremona school is being monitored for the amount of savings, but we already know there is less cost with not having to replace the bulbs (two man crew, man lift, etc.). Still trying to work out the transportation budget, stay tuned!

9. Old Business – Communication Improvement

- a. The 1<sup>st</sup> snow day brought a flurry of feedback, a parent attempted to phone the school to see what her child would be doing at school, no one answered the phone from before 8am until after 9am. As the roads were bad, many staff could not get to school, the kids not on the bus did not get very good communication because it was a yellow day. If the division deems it a yellow day due to cold weather, the buses are not running, but if the roads are bad in our area and staff cannot get to school, it will be upgraded to a red day and communication will go to all parents, not just bus parents. Yellow days are a regular school day but the buses do not run. Red days there is no school but someone will always be here. Mrs. Kellert sent home a FAQ to kindergarten parents explaining snow days which was very helpful.
- b. Should we simplify with a system or bring up a new topic every time? Have communication on the radar with every topic and ask how we are going to communicate it. Working groups with snacks was suggested to pull in more people to get feedback and help with how to provide better communication. Possibly hold them in January or February, table next meeting everybody bring ideas to add to the list, lock down, snow days etc.

10. New Business

- a. Concession- Is going well with high school and middle school. There is a set rate for rent. Teachers feel it is going well and running smoothly, kids are happy with choices, there is less kids' downtown and kids are being fed at a reasonable price. Elementary is supervised but unless they come with a note stating otherwise they can buy anything there, can put a note in the agenda. Discussion- Could send \$20 to have an account with a list of what the child is allowed to buy? Could be lined up and hard to deal with in a timely manner. Is concession following healthy food options? Yes goes thru a nutritionist to follow guide lines. Food is made by her, all homemade. There are unhealthy options offered at the concession, can they be more expensive than the healthy options? Healthy and unhealthy options are the same price, some onus has to be put on the parents. Kids get jealous of what other kids get.... Why do we have to have poutine on the menu? In a school we should set the bar higher, the vending machines have better options. Need to bring up again at another meeting.

- b. Holiday Gift Shop – Need help and have somebody learn all about it to take over next year. Will run December 7 and 8.
- c. Meeting minutes on website – Draft meeting minutes will be posted on website when they become available, and will be replaced with the accepted meeting minutes following the next meeting. Not going to send out in power announce, if too many power announcements are sent out, parents start to ignore them.
- d. Meeting Topics – NO December meeting
  - i. January 10, 2017 – Family Wellness Worker (Robbin) – anxiety in children, social situations and friend issues.
  - ii. February 7, 2017 – Concession and Options(courses) offered in the school

11. PAT (Provincial Achievement Exams) and Diploma Exam Results Presentation and Discussion- Thanks Corina!

12. Next meeting: January 10, 2017  
Topic- as above

Meeting Adjourned 8:51pm