

School Council Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2017

7pm – Library

1. Call to Order- 7:07pm
 - a. Attendance – Michael Kerfoot, Andrea Reid, Heather Agnew, Audrey Bingham, Michelle Guhl, Rob Scott, Tyson Youngs, Coreen Lema, Joanna Harvey, Anna Lashmar.
2. Previous Minutes- motioned by Andrea to accept as emailed
3. Administration Report- see attached
4. Financial Report
 - a. Pizza Fund – 2821.01, online does not seem to be working
 - b. Holiday gift shop- 929.30, profit for this year \$552.40
5. Cremona School Music & Band Society- Going to call it Cremona School Music & Band Society because they fundraiser for the whole schools music program and purchase equipment etc. for whole school. 50/50 at both concerts, Coco Brooks Fundraiser in February- the option is being given to the grade 4's to sell to save for Gr5 band camp. Getting ready to go to festivals, going to Moose Jaw in May, also going to ABA and Olds Kiwanis festivals this year.
6. Cremona School Enhancement Society- first draw for 'trip of the month' was drawn on Dec. 1, all draws are on face book page, Sold 437 out of 500 tickets! Puddle Party is Feb 10 planning is in progress, the theme is luau.
7. Leadership-
 - a. The Leadership team packed and delivered shoe boxes on Nov 29 in Calgary, the school donated over 40 boxes (thank you)
 - b. We are currently working on our annual food drive (Dec 4-18): A group of leadership students will be helping the community to pack food hampers on Dec 19. The class with the most points wins hot chocolate and cookies.
 - c. Coug's the elf will be returning this week for more "Selfie with and Elfie"
 - d. Next week is Christmas Spirit week - dress up (plus battles for high school)
 - i. Monday - Ugly Sweater Day : Battle of Grades
 - ii. Tuesday - Frozen Day (blue and white) - build a snowman?
 - iii. Wed- Slopes Day (toques, scarves) Gingerbread house competition
 - iv. Thrus - Flannel Day - Elf tag

- v. Friday - Festive Friday (dress Christmasy) - Candy cane hunt (middle and high school)
 - e. This is always a busy time of year for us so we have not discussed much about the New Year but we are planning our annual PJ Day coupled with milk and cookies! towards the end of January. We are also planning Canadian Spirit Week in February.
 - f. We are selling secret candy canes this week for \$1. The entire \$1 from each candy cane will be donated to Santa's Anonymous, so it is a double act of kindness!
- 8. Trustee Report- not available
- 9. Old Business
 - a. Vending Machine- no progress with this, still broken!
 - b. Health Assessment- met as a group health assessment group mental nutrition and physical. Talked about putting together a statement of intentions to aim for, for events, would like to bring to school council to discuss, and hope to raise the bar on nutrition.
 - c. Perspective from another school system (technology) - Catherine Foote, the school administrator of the Calgary Waldorf School, has agreed to present their perspective and experience with technology. We are often limited in our perspectives by the experiences we are enmeshed in. It is felt that hearing about the experiences of others with another paradigm illuminates our own situation more clearly. Catherine will attend our meeting of February 13th, 2018. Anna motions to pay \$200 for a speaker to come out, Andrea seconds it.
 - d. January meeting any ideas- how fundraising is allocated in the school? Curriculum? ASCA has specific goals they would like schools to strive towards, good to have topic focused meetings. School supplies discussion, would be a good topic for March/April including Chromebooks.
 - e. Cannabis- The speaker would be out of the Alberta Health Services, Youth Addiction Services. The Program she specifically works for is the Child & Adolescent Addiction, Mental Health & Psychiatry Program (CAAMHPP). I know really long winded but that is the official title :-). This speaker would be willing to speak to parents and staff. She could present her presentation "Curious about Cannabis" to both parents and staff via the community engagement site. Staff would be open to a presentation that happened on a collaboration day or during a staff meeting. We could open this up to parents to or have a separate time for parents....evening? We will look into this happening for March or April of 2018. Andrea to discuss with speaker the possibility of coming out to Cremona to do the presentation. Michelle motioned for her to be offered up to \$200 for travel expenses / honorarium. Seconded by Audrey.

Alberta Health Services believes that outside speakers coming into the school to speak to students, about things such as cannabis, is not best practice. They support research that shows that information is more accepted if it comes from a trusted teacher. They are developing curriculum that can be used by teachers to teach on the risks of cannabis use. Teachers feel they need more education to be able speak with students. Concerns around fitting this discussion into class time and the negative feedback that has come from parents in the past regarding having these discussions at school were brought forward by administration.

f. Would like to see different types of fundraisers, to have more variety.

10. New Business

a. Rob Scott- contribution to volleyball? –An Athletic director calculates fees based on if they go to zones, when the team makes it to provincials it is not covered and not cheap, entry fees and banquet, etc. Michelle motions to pay entry fee (approx.\$450) and banquet tickets (\$30 per athlete) for the team to go to provincials, for other sports \$50 -100 per athlete. Audrey seconds it. Must be approved by the Chair with input from the council prior to the event. Vote taken, all are in favor.

b. Presentation from Tyson Youngs – Athletics Director – Thank you Tyson!

11. Next Meeting – Topic? January 9, 2018 – Adjourned 8:58pm

School Council Admin Report - December 12, 2017

1. Our first Diploma of this school year was written in Early November. All English 30 students wrote the English 30-2 Diploma. All passed, with the 30-2 students putting in a great showing. Congratulations to all of the students and their English teacher, Miss Young.
2. We welcome back two teachers from maternity leave. Both Leah Day and Chelsea Sheppard are back half time, sharing the grade 5 classroom.
3. Volleyball is finished and Basketball is starting. Congratulations to the Senior Girls Volleyball team for making it to Provincials. We have 5 Basketball teams this year. Sr. Boys, Jr. A Girls, Jr. A Boys, MS B Girls, MS A Boys. We would like to thank the coaches for helping us out.
4. Christmas season is upon us. The Leadership class has been busy and has many many activities happening this month. Our 5-12 Band concert will be on Wednesday, December 13th at 7 p.m. and our Elementary Concert will be on Thursday, December 14th at 7 p.m.
5. Our Winter Travel course has 10 registrations from our school right now, 4 registrations from Hugh Sutherland School in Carstairs and we will be joining a school from Calgary to fill out our numbers. This course is offered through the Canadian Rockies Outdoor Learning Center. Each student will receive 3 credits at the completion of the course. It is running this year from February 6-9, 2018.
6. The 4-7 and 8-12 Ski trips have been booked. 4-7 is Friday, January 26th at Nakiska Ski Hill. The 8-12 trip is Tuesday, January 30th at Sunshine Ski Hill. These are great days full of fun. As part of each trip, each student attending must take a lesson as part of the CESD insurance coverage. We do remind parents who would like to join us to have their police record check up to date.
7. Robbin Alexander and I will be running a CONNECT course starting at the end of February.
8. The final Exam Schedule will be out early next week.
9. We will soon have a new look to our website. CESD is going through a revamp of all school websites. Our new site will be live before the new year. We do ask School Council to put some thought into upgrading their portion of the website and what you might like on it.