

Cremona School Council Meeting Minutes

September 12th, 2017

7:00pm – Library

Attendance: Gerard Kulcsar, Michael Kerfoot, Anna Lashmar, Andrea Reid, Coreen Lema, Inza Tegart, Joanna Harvey, Corina MacDonald, Sheldon Ball, Rob Scott, Dallas Johnson, Linda Hogg, Marvella Harms, Cory Read, Alex Hutcheon, Michelle Wilson

1. Introductions

- a.** of Council (Gerard's last year), of new teachers and all present

2. Call to Order-7:05pm

3. Previous Minutes- accepted by Michael Kerfoot, seconded by Gerard

4. Administration Report- See attached. Approx. 352 students this year.

5. Financial Report- not available at this time

6. Cremona School Band Society-

- a.** New director, 22 students in 5/6 Band, 23 students in 7/8 Band, 8 in High School Band.
- b.** 5/6 to camp is the first week in October,
- c.** The meeting tomorrow night is the AGM. Will be doing a scrapbooking fundraiser this fall.

7. Cremona School Enhancement Society-

- a.** The first meeting is September 29 at 2pm, the meetings will be the last Friday of the month at 2pm.
- b.** Raffle is in progress, working towards the Puddle party.

8. Leadership-

- a.** 22 kids this year, only 4 are returning from last year. Sports Day (Terry Fox Run) September 28. Orange shirt day, every child matters Oct 13. The first dance is on Oct 13 grades 7-12 in the gym and the theme is masks. Sprucing up around the school,

boards etc. Will be doing shoe boxes again this year and looking for other activities/projects.

9. Trustee Report-

- a.** Bill 1 reduction of school fees, came out with regulation in June, froze transport fees and school fees, a 270 page report went to government to outline the school fees that were being charged. Basic is removed, others are still being charged. Wait and see what they do, other consultations with trustees going on this month. Division has kicked in the money to cover the basic fee this year. Increase funding with tax dollars to cover the fees. Division was looking at adding a transportation fee, but were told by the government they cannot add or increase fees. If they cut fees for options, then we cannot run options/extras. They are still trying to figure it out.
- b.** Sheldon has been elected as the Vice-president of the Alberta School board association. It is an interesting and challenging role.
- c.** Election coming up and running for the trustee position again. Election on Oct 16.

10. Old Business - Recap of Last Year

- a.** Started off with the goal of bettering our communication in the school and the community, progress was made and it will be and on-going. Thanks to the office for the power messenger messages. Fridge magnets was a great idea!
- b.** Healthy School Committee – a fair amount of time was spent on this, started a committee there is a need for that to continue, differences of opinion. There was 3 areas looked at when looking at the general health of the school. Maybe we can still explore some of the other areas. School council would still be the umbrella that the committee would report to. The committee would still start at school council, and have our support.

- c.** Head lice - none in Cremona School at this time, it is out in the community's, so keep checking.
 - d.** Vending Machine- is out of order and in need of repair.
- 11.** New Business:
- a.** School Council Objective for this School Year – What should our goal be this year?
 - i.** Safe, caring and welcoming?
 - ii.** Sports programs, field trips/extracurricular activities.
 - iii.** Digital Citizenship has to continue at home, will try to set up presentation with a Police Officer. Still need the PAT/SAT discussions, possibly October Meeting, dependent on when the Police Officer can come. ASCA for November?
 - b.** SGF (School generated funds)-Monday Sept 18, 2017, 3:15pm- looking at how the money will be split up, field trips, bussing, breakfast program etc. all are welcome to attend.
 - c.** The schools bus is running well, but needs new suspension shock things as mandated, have money in the budget for that, pay insurance about \$850 per year, it goes in twice a year for oil change and DOT checks. Bus was upgraded last year, we were given a newer bus. Need to be an employee to drive the bus.
- 12.** Next Meeting – October 10th - Adjourned 8:20pm