

Cremona School Council Meeting Minutes

May 9th, 2017

7:00pm – Library

Attendance: Corina MacDonald, Sheldon Ball, Shannon Chapin, Coreen Lema, Gerard Kulcsar, Heather Agnew, Andrea Reid, Inza Tegart, Marvella Harms, Michael Kerfoot, Audrey Bingham, Joanna Harvey, Cheryl Hahn

- 1.** Call to Order by Gerard Kulcsar @ 7:05pm
- 2.** Previous Minutes - moved to accept by Michael Kerfoot; seconded by
Inza Tegart
- 3.** Administration Report – See attached report; grade 12 not doing spring sweep this year as they have enough money for their grad; Screenagers movie and discussion is for parents on May 16; SADD presentation in June
- 4.** Financial Report – Holiday Gift \$1076.90; Pizza fund (still does not have the money taken out for AR Program) \$3149.30; Requests: Help with food for Get Real Program; help to cover the food for the Connect Course that was held. Gerard Kulcsar motions that \$700 is taken out of the Holiday Gift Shop account for the Connect Course Food; Michael Kerfoot seconds; Andrea Reid motions we spend up to \$300 for food for the Get

Real day; seconded by Coreen Lema; Andrea Reid motions that we spend \$250 for SADD; seconded by Inza Tegart

- 5.** Cremona School Band Society – only 3 people to the last meeting – going to run the Quilting/Crafting Fundraiser in the fall (same as the one the grads did this spring); Calgary trip went well; next meeting is tomorrow
- 6.** Cremona School Enhancement Society – Puddle Party made roughly \$10000; Shannon Chapin wants to recognize what CSES brings to the table and is working on putting a board together to advertise this
- 7.** Leadership – Family Dance on Friday; Movie Night – all concession money went to the breakfast program (\$280); SADD program on the 26th; will hand pick certain students from grades 9-12 that will have zero contact with their friends during the day – have not decided the date for this yet; Greg Drew coming; Outside BBQ and Dance for grade 7-12 on May 26th; Chaperones are needed for the dance; May 28th – 30th – going to Leadership Conference in Lacombe; 9 students will be going; June will be working on the flower beds/painting /finishing projects started; Bus Drivers breakfast tomorrow; will also be doing some staff appreciation
- 8.** Trustee Report – Budget time – primary focus; waiting for regulations on Bill 1; we have an extension until the end of June; board toured

Cremona School last week and everyone was very impressed; budget wise
– still a lot of unknowns but it will be a tough budget year

9. Old Business

- a.** Results from Healthy School Assessment – Staff went through today; Andrea Reid will add this to her report; Will send out a survey – the surveys will be sent out to all families; Andrea Reid will forward to Corina MacDonald to send out; Andrea Reid, Audrey Bingham, Tracy Westerson, Michael Kerfoot and Ashley Newsome are on the Nutrition Sub Committee – anyone is welcome to join. Is it useful to pull together other sub committees for Mental Health / Physical Fitness? Joanna Harvey will mention something in the newsletter regarding DPA. The Healthy Schools Committee will become a regular agenda item in the fall.
- b.** Spring Sweep – Grade 9s did their first job today; there are about ½ a dozen jobs in so far; hope to fill all the spots; anyone who knows of a job please let Gerard know asap

10. New Business:

- a.** Elections - Anna Lashmar – email – would like to see the position of secretary go to another person, if no one is willing she would still

do it next year. No one volunteered so Anna will continue in the role of secretary – thank you, Anna! Chair – Gerard is willing to take this role on for one more year – thank you, Gerard! Vice Chair – Michael is willing to take this on for one more year –thank you!; Program Director – Andrea Reid; Fundraising Director – motioned by Heather Agnew that Coreen Lema be the Fundraising Director – all in favour; accepted; Director – Inza Tegart volunteered; have not heard from Diane Daum if she will continue on as a director.

- b.** Welcome Back Breakfast – this has been done for a number of years – it used to be a Welcome Back BBQ – this is a Meet the Teacher Event/ Meet the New School Council – it happens the first day of school; plan to continue this in the fall; would need a lot of parent help; contact Inza Tegart if you can help – Andrea Reid/Michael Kerfoot will also help. Michael / Gerard will look after the Chuckwagon.
- c.** Lice – how can we help on this end? Parents are willing to come in to do lice checks; New policy out from AB health – treat only when you find active lice – need to be sure; would need to inform parents

this is happening; Andrea will check into it – she will check how Carstairs did this last year and let Joanna know. Joanna will address this on a school level.

- d.** Michael will speak at the grad ceremony this year.
- 11.** Next Meeting – Tuesday, September 12th, 2017

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm

Administration Report
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1. Cremona's Got Talent was well attended and well performed. Awesome talent! Thank you to Tyson Youngs and his helpers and all the participants for all their work.
2. Swimming has been going well. K-2/3 are almost done their lessons. Grades 3 & 4 will be starting next week. Thank you to CSES for helping us with the bussing costs.
3. The movie night, run by the Leadership class, went very well. We even had some community members without children come and join in on the fun evening. Great to see the enthusiasm.
4. We had our annual Legion Remembrance Day awards on May 2nd. Thank you to all who put in posters, poems and essays. We had an award for a person who has submitted an entry every year for 13 years... Congratulations Roxanne Hahn. We had two go on to the next level and each were selected for honorable mention. Congratulations Kailynn Collins and Madison Turner.
5. Spring Sweep is almost here. This is a parent run grad fundraiser for all high school students. The high school classes are collecting jobs and spreading out the workload. They are still looking for more jobs. The work portion of this grad fundraiser runs from May 23 - 28.
6. We have the 'Get Real' group coming in to run a fun, learning day on Thursday, May 11. All students from grade 8 - 12 are included on this day. We also require a number of adult volunteers to join us in running this day and we thank them for their time. Thank you to Robbin Alexander for bringing this program to our school.
7. We have many field trips happening over the next couple of months. Please keep an eye out for permission forms. Due to the fundraising efforts in our school, we have been able to keep the costs of field trips to a minimum. Thank you all for your support.
8. "Screenagers" is a movie that we are bringing to parents about the impact of the digital age of children and how to help minimize harmful effects and find balance. The movie and discussion will be on Tuesday, May 16 @ 6:00 pm.
9. Our Wellness Worker, Robbin Alexander has also brought in a presenter to speak to grades 3-6. Allison Springer will be presenting to the students on May 26. She will also be doing a presentation to Parents on the evening of May 25th from 7-8:30.
10. We have our Family Dance coming up this Friday. All are encouraged to attend. It is fun and great camaraderie as well as snacks.
11. Our Drama club will be presenting their rendition of "Salem's Daughter" on May 18th at 7 pm. This is a dessert theatre. The cost is \$10.
12. We are gearing up for exams, PATs, Diploma's, Grad... It is very busy around the school.
13. We are looking ahead to next year with timetabling, class configurations, budgeting, staffing... It is very busy in the office.
14. As part of our communication goal, we would like to thank Trish Murphy for heading up our Cremona School facebook page.
15. We thank you all who come out to the School Council meetings for your input, feedback, ideas and support. We encourage all to come join us.