

**School Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Sept 22, 2020**  
**7pm**

1. Call to Order – 7:00pm
  - a. Attendance – Andrea Reid, Anna Lashmar, Audrey Bingham, Joanna Harvey, Coreen Lema, Karen Earle, Janice Howells, Darryl Korody, Ashley Newsome, Mellissa Copley, Rebecca Quigley, Grace Chambers, Ami Quintanilla, Stacey Hill
2. Agenda - additions
3. Previous Minutes- adopted as read
4. Administration Report – see attached
5. Leadership – Hailey Ekert – see attached
6. Financial report
  - a. Pizza Days - \$553.29
  - b. Holiday Gift shop - \$696.25
7. Cremona School Music and Band Society
  - a. Can we run band, now have instruments got together and put together a proposal to run band.
  - b. Fundraising may be a challenge don't know what we are allowed to do, still looking into it.
  - c. Will we have to purchase shirts, has not been discussed but since there is no performing, don't think it will be necessary.
8. Cremona School Enhancement Society
  - a. Have an AGM next week, would like more members, have been doing great fundraising.
9. Trustee Report
  - a. A lot of work that went to start up, want to see how it is going here
  - b. Organization meeting at the board level, now vice chair and on stakeholders committee and involved with transportation.
  - c. HSS has had a lot of success with virtual council meeting, are getting more parents attending and contributing to the meetings, proving well for their school.
10. Old Business
  - a. Parent teacher interviews will be virtual this year. Discussed further
11. New Business
  - a. How is the return to school going with the new Covid-19 protocols?
    - i. Easier to loosen up rules than tighten them up later.
    - ii. Need to be consistent with sister schools
    - iii. Masks outside are hard for some kids, may change come colder weather, going to re-visit.
    - iv. Zones are set up for outside, may be switching them around a bit.
    - v. Gym class- masks do not have to be worn during physical activity. Working in pods. It is structured time, whereas recess is unstructured.
    - vi. Discussion regarding not changing into gym strip and using indoor shoes for outside gym class etc.
    - vii. Contact for paper, paper has to sit for 72 hours between, not effective for teaching, not able to get timely feedback.
    - viii. A lot of Hand sanitizer being put on kids hands, can we give them the option to hand wash instead? It takes a long time for a whole class to hand wash properly, close to 15 mins, they only have 20 mins for lunch. Hand washing has improved.

If a child is sent with their own hand sanitizer will they be allowed to use it? Yes as long as it is on the approved list.

- ix. Are students still allowed to do group work? With masks on yes, they will start to do more.
  - x. Last year had 384 students, this year 360, gained some and lost some.
  - xi. Remote education - with in our school division covering same curriculum at the same time. Distant learning – not our school division, set up differently.
- b. Holiday gift shop
- i. Cancelled by the company, setting up a virtual gift shop, have a selection of over 300 items, kids can shop from home, easy credit card payments. 3 possible time frames, we would chose Nov. 2-14, if the school earns 7% commission- they would provide all the advertising, all items would be boxed per class, bagged and marked with the students name. Or 10% commission the class gets a box not marked by kid. Or 20% commission all comes together someone has to sort it. Contract has to be signed by Tuesday next week. Further discussion about how it works.
- c. Pizza Days
- i. If we can find individual packaged product, or have the pizza place individually wrap it. Table to next meeting. Further discussion.

#### 12. AGM- election

- a. Andrea Reid – chair (agreed to 1 year term), motioned by Anna, seconded by Coreen
- a. Janice Howells – vice chair
- b. Anna Lashmar – secretary
- c. Coreen Lema – fundraising
- d. Elementary rep – Rebecca Quigley, motioned by Audrey, second by Janice
- e. Middle School rep - needed
- f. High School rep - needed

#### 13. Possible future presentation topics –

- a. Vaping was a topic we did not get to talk about. Maybe later in the New Year
- b. Mental health – need help with a topic/presenter for October/November
  - i. Who is watching out for our kids?
  - ii. Checking in with them, giving them resources.
  - iii. Kids Help phone posters?!
  - iv. Ways to get children to talk?
  - v. Wellness champions
  - vi. Robbins role has changed somewhat, will get the changes and how referrals work.
  - vii. Mountianview county family wellness connection –possible resource

#### 14. Next Meeting - How is 2nd Tuesday of the month going? Good

- a. Next meeting Oct. 13, 2020

## Admin Report - September School Council Meeting

1. Start up was good this year. Staggered entry provided us some time to make sure we had protocols in place for all stakeholders.
2. New staff have settled in.
  - a. Sylvanna Lencastre - high school math and science
  - b. Maggie Jensen - Middle School - grade 6/7
  - c. Jenna Hoopfer - Elementary - Grade 1
3. Our morning bussing has changed slightly. Only one bus disembarks at a time, thus avoiding too many students in one spot at one time.
4. All entrances to the school are being utilized by students. Specific classes are using specific doors, again to avoid too many students in one spot at the same time.
5. We are looking forward to starting some of our extracurricular activities. We are working out some of the challenges as we go.
6. The classrooms are all having new windows fitted. This is halfway completed.
7. We have new boilers that were installed during the first two weeks of school.
8. There was a water main break on the North East corner of our school. The village was very quick to get it repaired.
9. The new flooring has been completed in almost all of our school now. The Home Ec room was the last to be completed along with the stage.
10. Our school has been completely painted from top to tail. Thank you to the custodians who took on the extra work.
11. We have a daytime custodian who is working to keep the school sanitized all day.
12. Band is now up and running. We have received bell covers for all of our instruments and masks for the students to wear while playing. It is great to hear the music coming from the band room again.
13. Fire drills and fire safety will be a bit different this year but will be happening.
14. Picture days went well. Picture retakes are on October 15.
15. We are still working on our Awards celebration and what that can look like this year. It will happen.

What Leadership is working on now:

- Leadership has begun, we try to get together every Tuesday/Thursday at lunch.
- We will have to be creative with new Covid safe fundraisers and activities.
- We are hoping to get more involved in the community, ideas include shoveling sidewalks, and highway clean up.
- We usually organize the Terry Fox Run but due to Covid, students are running in the gym instead.
- We won't have to raise money for ALSIC this year.
- We want to focus on fundraising for the young student with the rare condition.
- Everyone is working on modules that will help come up with new ideas.
- Advertising to encourage students and staff 17 and up to donate blood.
- We are preparing for Halloween, students and staff can dress up on Oct. 30th.
- We are working on pep rallies, possibly virtual.
- We should put together a thank you for custodians for all of their hard work over the break.