

School Council Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2020

Present: Audrey Bingham, Rebecca Quigley, Rob Scott, Andrea Reid, Coreen Lema, Joanna Harvey

Special Presentation: *Mountain View Family Resource Network*

Mental health discussion led by Jennifer Lanthier and Deb Goerzen. Shannon Wilcox was unable to make it.

They led a discussion on bridging the gaps in our community health network. We talked about what we have in the community, what we have had in the past and what we might like to have in the future. We talked about ways to facilitate some activities in the community in the future. It was a great discussion with some interesting ideas generated.

We are hoping to work on and flesh out more of these ideas in future meetings.

The ladies left information pamphlets and their cards for parents and students to pick up from the office.

Agenda - No additions or deletions

Previous Minutes - These were sent out prior to the meeting. Audrey Bingham moved to approve. Rebecca Quigley seconded the motion.

Reports:

Administration - Parent/ Teacher interviews will be virtual this time. Teachers will be sending out time slot invites. Band is in full swing. PE is outside as much as possible. Please dress appropriately. Awards night was well attended. It was a beautiful evening for an outside celebration. Our classroom windows have all been replaced. They should be completely finished with cladding inside and out very soon. We are finalizing our budget for the year. Centennial meat orders are due this week. Mom's Pantry will be happening soon. The grad class is working on some fundraisers, please watch out for those. We have our Volleyball teams practicing right now. No games are scheduled as of yet.

Financial - nothing has changed from last month.

Cremona School Music and Band Society - Students are playing. The grade 5 band is working very hard and learning a lot. No performances as of yet. We are planning future trips. Come and join in the fun.

Cremona School Enhancement Society - New board. Looking for things that the school would like.

Trustee - Not available

Old Business

- **Holiday Gift Shop** - This will run online this year from November 2 - 14. There will be posters put up around the school. We will send out a poster and information page in the November newsletter. We will try to put it on facebook and let students know in their agendas. The items will come to the classroom in a box with a bag for each student who ordered items. Delivery will be the beginning of December.

- **Secretary Position** - We are still in need of a Secretary for our school council. If you or you know someone who might be interested please let us know. It is a government requirement that we have a school council. We have filled most of the other positions but are still looking for a secretary. We are also looking for **High School and Middle School parent reps**.

What is the purpose of the School Council?

It came up as a discussion of what is the point of school council and what is its purpose? The purpose of the council is to be an advisory group to the administration of the school. It is for parents to learn about, provide feedback, voice concerns and ask questions of what happens at the school. It is for parents to keep informed, have a voice or voice an opinion about school related items. It is a chance for parents to get to know everything they can about the school and to be better involved in their child's education. It is the forum to bridge the gaps and link to other parents. To get to know and further understand other people's opinions. To hear all sides of a situation. To assist the school with reaching out to parents and the community.

Some of the items that School Council has worked with over the years are:

Pancake Breakfast

Family Dance

Staff Appreciation

Drug awareness

Mental Health awareness

Becoming a nut aware school

Healthy lunch choices in our concession and vending machines

Grad corsages

Water Bottle filler

Athletics - working with Tyson and coaches

Drama club

Kids and technology presentation

Bringing in presenters to assist with areas concern for our community

We always welcome voices at our meetings. The more voices, the more input, the more conversation, the better the final outcome. Come and join us the second Tuesday of each month. 7pm in the Library.

Next meeting - November 10th, 2020. 7 pm in the Library of the school. Please wear a mask to come in. Come join us for coffee or tea.