

**School Council Meeting Agenda**  
**School Year 2022/23 (Meeting Four)**  
**March 14, 2023 – 7:00pm**  
**Cremona School Library**

Attendees: Melissa Thompson, Suzanne Kempster, Shannon Chapin, Stacey Hill, Jessica Gano, Melissa Savage, Faisal Kassam, Coreen Lema, Theresa McPike, Joanna Harvey, Judy Friesen, Sarah Martineau, Sally Livermore, Darryl Korody came in later.

1. Call to Order - 7:05

2. Agenda – Additions/Deletions -

Addition - holiday gift shop - contract will be renewed

3. Previous Minutes

Correction from January - Pizza money numbers we were given was from the leadership pot - GET NEW NUMBERS - Stacey H. motioned to amend the minutes, Shannon C. Seconded

4. Leadership Report – Joanna reporting on behalf of student

- Pi day was today - students recalled pi and got a tart.
- color activities going on
- Scavenger hunt for gold coins tomorrow
- High school has their green kool-aid chug
- Dress in green this Friday
- Friday is staff vs high school students hockey game (for grades 9-12) plan to start about 13:00

5. Trustee Report – Melissa Copley Absent

6. Financial Report – (Grad Donation)

- Gift shop 1391.93
- School Council total is still missing
- Grad financial report - Verbally was asked for up to 500\$ Joanna is asking for a form request.
- Coreen motioned to provide up to \$500 - Shannon seconded the motion

7. Admin Report

- Ski trips a success - lots of students participated

- Curling - high school mixed curling team enjoyed their year
- Bball boys and girls teams did well in zones. Is now wrapped up
- Grade 6 girls Bball (good numbers in Cremona) - Didsbury, Cremona, & Sundre round robin tournament
- Swimming to start right away - Please no tech on buses for swimming transport!
- K-12 Staff collaborative day - great day to highlight our school to outside teachers and admin. Teachers got to collaborate with others of the same grades.
- Thursday this week after school
  - book fair open house
  - Discovery night in gym 4-7
  - PT interviews

- New administration

Principal - Darryl Korody

New Vice Principal - Linda Lapere

- lots of admin planning already for next year

- Government Surveys

- CESD surveys will be sent to parent emails to complete.

- Assurance surveys for 4, 7 & 10 parents will come through post.

- Kindergarten orientation is **March 23, 2023** 10:00-12:00

- Grade 9 Information night (welcome to Real High School **April 26, 2023**)

- Quebec trip with EF Tours happening April 7-12/23 for French Grades 10-12

- Olds Dual Credit courses have many kids involved in welding work, vet tech and others (Dual credit means the student receives high school and post-secondary credits for this work.)

- Next week Mr. Hutcheon is taking a group to the Sundre Hospital for a hands-on field trip.

Questions around field trips:

Question about the potential to split up the swimming/skiing for less of a financial hit on families all at once. Joanna explained why we are slated into swimming time and Skiing has a short window. Have looked at other swim locations in the past (Sundre is not a great option as they don't make up missed lessons, whereas Didsbury does. Cochrane is more costly). Cremona students still get to go swimming even if fees have been paid up front. Request from council to have more notice than two weeks of up-coming field trip costs. Joanna said to count on swimming to be at the same time next year.

Is there a way to have an estimated cost laid out at the beginning of the year? Potentially. Council member requested to have more transparency with "Option fees" early in the school year.

Is Calaway park an option for year end? - logistically difficult to manage all children and busing, difficult to get a date.

Are there options for \$ support for those students who would like to go on mandatory field trips but may not have the \$ access? - funds from school fundraising are available for students except (Grade 6 and up ski trips) as these are not mandatory. If parents need help with funds contact the teacher or they are welcome to contact the office.

#### 8. CSES – Cremona School Enhancement Society - reported by Faisal

CSES is a registered charity having funded many things for the school. They are currently raising \$ for a playground, and discount swimming. Teachers can request money from CSES to cover some fees like cosmo for example to help pass the savings on to families.

Check out their Facebook page

**April 22, 2023** Hoe down planned from 7-12:00 at Cremona Hall. Will have a square dance caller and other types of dancing "breaks" age 18+. Tickets are 25\$ each. Fire department will be available to help with rides home.

Also that night - Chili cook off

- 50/50
- Silent auction - volunteers needed. Recruitment meeting set for **April 3, 2023** 7:00 pm in Library to assign jobs for hoe down night and to seek ongoing participation in CSES. Currently 6 people in CSES supposed to have 8 members.

Email [cesdsociety2011@gmail.com](mailto:cesdsociety2011@gmail.com)

Talk of the school council and CSES coming together for a fundraising effort, what has come of that? This upcoming meeting is the beginning of this collaboration.

#### 9. Band Society report given by Coreen

- Coco brooks fundraiser wrapped up yesterday - funds will go towards paying for band trips
- Kiwanis music festival in Olds 7-12 will be there Monday **March 20th**
- Grade 7-12 Moosejaw trip in May a last deposit is due **March 31**
- Grade 6 go to Calgary Performing Arts Festival **May 2**
- Flower basket fundraiser to happen in May
- **May 10** will be the spring band concert

## 10. Old Business

- Safer Schools Presentation

A great presentation that was well received by students, staff, and parents. Cyber Security for the division is currently being upgraded. **Joanna** will check to see if there is a parent resource to email out from the presenter Safer Schools Together.

- Workshop Grant

Spent a little on our first course -the next workshop of interest is for youth depression **April 18th** will not cost anything so we have money for more workshops. If money is not spent, it will be lost. **Joanna** will send options out again to gain more feedback of learning interests

## 11. New Business

- a. Math Fair - report by Suanne Kempster

- House colors - reading buddy blitz monthly challenge through k-12 went really well in November. This idea of the math fair is to now highlight numeracy skills. Primary focus is to connect k-12 to celebrate numeracy through a variety of activities. Suzanne shared some ideas of what this may look like.

- Math gallery (student work, )Display of math posters - are examples of of school focused ideas, More peripheral ideas include raffles, math story corner, contests, stations of games for families, math challenges, baking stand, professions booths

At the minimum we will do an afternoon with student color groups and hopefully incorporate evening activities. This work requires support from parents and council and likely some funds to expand on these ideas.

Potential to run as an AGM and showcase what the council does.

Feedback - where - use the school widely (except classrooms)

-offer food?

-how math is related to your profession booths (engineering, mechanicing, farming, firemen, vet)

-punch card idea for visiting a certain number of booths and get a reward

-leadership can help encourage high school kids to show up

-sponsorship ideas - mountain view county for grab bag items.

-logistically would have to have a small break in time from afternoon to allow for bussing then return for evening activities.

-**Julia L. motions** that we spend money on food up to 700\$ for an evening event. Stacey Seconded.

-communication will be shared through the council in order to set up planning meetings.

-promotional ideas needed too

Dates are narrowed down to **May 24** (primary option) and May 31 as possibilities.

- b. RAWG (Resource allocation working group) Work will be done next Tuesday to plan for teacher allocation across the entire division for next year. Re-evaluation happens at the end of September. After Sept 30 funding does not get allocated to the school with any new admissions.

Now have a way of mathematically seeing how many teachers are required per kid. So teachers are assigned in a strategic way.

- c. School Supplies

Will be getting local supplies through Carstairs, (not school start) went with more local option. Teachers are asked what they want and teachers need to request by the end of March what goes on the list for next year. Council commented that it would be nice for lists to include the basis of what is needed to start.

12. Next Meeting - April 18 7:00 PM school library

Adjourned 9:23