

**School Council Meeting Agenda**  
**School Year 2023/24 (Meeting One)**  
**September 12, 2023 – 7:00pm**  
**Cremona School Library**

**1. Call to Order 7:00 PM**

Attendees: Sally Livermore, Melissa Savage, Linda Lapere, Daryll Korody, Jessica Gano, Faisals Kassam, Melissa Thompson, Shannon Chapin, Rebecca Quigley, Judy Friesen, Theresa McPike, Stacey Hill, Rob Scott, Andrea Reid, Lacey Hallet, Coreen Lema

**2. Meeting Norms**

- Run time will be 1.5 hours
- No agenda additions will be accepted the day of
- Please note to Sally or Daryll if you want anything added to the agenda in confidence

**3. Previous Minutes**

Not available to be reviewed at this time. Know all minutes can be found at [School Council | Cremona School](#)

**4. Leadership Report** – given by Charlotte, Summer and Emma (all in their second year of leadership). They shared some new up-coming events they are involved with. Terry fox run is on Sept 21. Students will run with their color teams this year. Some students will be placed along the path to help runners stay on route. Leadership members have developed new ideas to help with the success of new members who are entering the leadership program (anyone grade nine and up can join)

**5. Trustee Report** – Melissa Copley, not present

**6. Financial Report** as of August 2023 given by Darryl

- Pizza fund is at \$675.69
- Holiday Gift shop – \$1,391.93
- Note if any spending is required a motion needs to be put forth to Kristy and seconded

**7. Admin Report** - attached

**8. CSES** – Cremona School Enhancement Society report given by Lacy. CSES AGM is on Sept 25. They are looking for support by way of board members or any assistance large or small. They did well with the on-line auction in the spring, raising around \$3,000. They are still working on raising funds for new playground equipment. Raffle info is coming up so stay tuned for that. Main current fundraising focus is “Trip a Month”

9. **Band Society** report given by Coreen. The next meeting is Oct 4<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm and is the AGM. Apple fundraiser is officially kicking off on Sept 13 and will run to Sept 26. 15 lb boxes of a choice of 4 varieties are available. Apples will be delivered on Oct 12. The proceeds are \$8/box and go directly to band students. Coreen will ask Dalene about the existence of a poster for advertising.

#### 10. **Old Business**

- Flourishing Stories given by Sally. Reminder that Grants are available for new ideas that engage students or enhance the community.

(The following is taken from May 2023 meeting minutes)

The proposal requires:

- Academic rigor
- Financial stability
- Community sustainability

A Budget needs to be included in the proposal and needs to come from a Chinook's Edge staff member. Let us not forget this seed money is available for use if anyone has an idea to put forward let's hear about it! Some awarded grants have helped fund greenhouse projects and sewing machines for example.

#### 11. **New Business**

- **New Leadership** – introduction from Principal and Vice-Principal

Darryl Korody was in the VP position for quite some time and is now Cremona School Principal. He announced his excitement and dedication this school year to increase community links. Linda Lapere is the VP. She has 25 years' experience in education. Much of it has been grades 1-6. She emigrated to Canada three years ago, was first in Rockyview and now is excited to be in Cremona and is also looking forward to being a part of the larger community.

- **Pizza** – after looking at other options for pizza the decision was made to stay with Canadian Pizza King in Didsbury. Despite the increasing cost for the pizza the board voted to keep the cost at \$2.50/slice as it still covers the cost. Anna is looking for someone to take this work on.

- **Cell phone use** - Please if you are texting your child in the day be mindful of bell times for example try to text at lunch (12:10). Darryl encourages parents to talk to their kids about cell phone use and know what apps they are using. There is a focus this year on appropriate use of cell phones in the school. Cell use is generally not permitted during instructional time.

- **Parent communication** – PowerSchool, Google classroom and the newsletter are main avenues for communication to parents. Parents are encouraged to take concerns first to the teacher then to administration if necessary. Andrea Reid is the rep for a group called Parents Matter. This is an avenue for CESD to hear from parents. Some highlights from the last meeting include increasing avenues for communication to the school, bussing, volunteer opportunities, improving trust between the board, teachers, and parents. One common concern

across the division is trustee representation and communication back to council. Andrea will continue attending these meetings.

- **Future meeting time** – 6:30pm-8:00pm or 7:00pm-8:30pm. The vote was to keep it at 7:00-8:30

- **Purchase of BBQ for school functions** – board voted against purchase after discussion of cost/frequency of use/practical application for large groups

- **Collaboration of School Council / Band Society/ CSES / Grad Committee** boards agree for the October 10 meeting to be restricted to members of the above stated boards.

## 12. Other Items

- request for athletic calendar to communicate practice days and times
- request to add athletics onto upcoming agenda
- Request to update bios on school website and have a consistent look for the photos
- bring forward ideas for a welcome back to school event for the May or June 2024 agenda.

13. **Next Meeting** – October 10<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM library

## Admin Report - Sept 2023

1. Sports are starting up - Volleyball has 7 full teams, cross country is up and running, golf is just starting up their quick season. Anyone looking to ref volleyball, we are in need of officials. There is a clinic on Sept 19, look for an email.
2. We have had a pretty seamless start to the school year. Options are in full swing for high school.
3. We have one new staff member this year. Linda Lapere is teaching grade 5 and is our VP. Two returning staff members are Jessie Notley, teaching mainly grade 5 and Tristin Evans covering off a maternity leave for Maggie Madro.
4. Terry Fox Run will take place next Thursday in the afternoon. We are looking at making this an opportunity for starting off our color groups. Anyone interested in volunteering, please email Ms. Young ([kyoung@cesd73.ca](mailto:kyoung@cesd73.ca))
5. Our school and division goals for the year are focussed on academics (literacy and numeracy), social emotional wellness, and career connections. This is year 3 of 3 of these goals.
6. Sept 22 is a collaborative day for our teachers. We will be working in leveled teams in Bowden and our high school teachers will be at Olds high campus.
7. Band has 102 students this year from grade 5-12.
8. We awarded 4 students with new chromebooks that did the Jumpstart program this summer.
9. Dual credit is at an all time high in enrollments. Welding, tech, vet tech just to name a few.
10. Academic awards will be held the evening of Sept 21 in the gym. Invitations have been sent to award recipients.
11. We have Constable Walkey from the Didsbury attachment in Sept 19 at 10am to speak to our grade 6-12 regarding bullying, online safety, and cellphone use.
12. We are experiencing a bus driver shortage. If you know anyone, please let us know.

### **September Leadership report:**

We are excited for the upcoming school year, and we are starting off strong with the activities that we have planned for September.

1. Terry Fox Run and House Colour Afternoon on September 21st
  - a. During this event we will help welcome new students into their House Colour Teams, we will create team banners, and if we have time we will create a mural to represent each team. We will also be completing the run with our House Colour Teams, though a few of us will be stationed along the route collecting money and helping students with directions. After the run, we are going to have a tug-of-war tiebreaker between our two teams with the highest number of points last year.
  - b. As far as fundraising for Terry Fox goes, we are aiming to raise a total of \$2000, and if we can reach this amount, elementary and middle school students will receive an extended recess, and high school will receive an extra long lunch break.
2. We are spending this month planning activities and fundraisers for the rest of this year. We know that we want to have some fall and winter dances, a talent show, secret candy cane fundraiser, and bake sales. We have been talking about planning a Winter Olympics challenge, and some fun activities for Halloween.
3. We are also each working on modules for Leadership, and the module we are currently working on is called Leadership Fundamentals, which will set us up with skills that we will use for the rest of the year.