

School Council Meeting Agenda
School Year 2023/2024 (Meeting Three)
November 14, 2023 - 7:00pm
Cremona School Library

Attendees: Coreen Lema, Rob Scott, Sally Livermore, Darryl Korody, Stacey Hill, Shannon Chapin, JR Chapin, Holly Stair, Melissa Savage, Tyson Youngs, Andrea Reid - {areid@ualberta.net (Parents Matter rep.)}, Melissa Thompson, Theresa McPike, Sarah Martineau

1. Call to Order 7:00pm

2. Previous Minutes - Approval

(a)September 12,2023 - Rob Scott motions for minutes approval

3. Financial Report

-Division office not up to date

4. Admin Report

- see attached

5. Committee Reports

(a)Leadership (report given by Charlotte Reid)

-Charlotte Reid and other leadership students did Remembrance Day ceremony -Dress up day, pj day and hot chocolate, fundraiser, middle school dance nov. 22 3-5pm -High school dance a possibility for Dec.1/23

-Halloween(Oct.31) did haunted house, maze, candy giveaways

(b)CSES (report given by Heather Foat and Lacy Hallet)

Fundraisers:

-Trip of the Month needs to sell 300 tickets to break even,currently 141 tickets sold. Going to Water Valley markets and other venues, band concerts, winter markets to sell more tickets. Asking for help with volunteering at venues. Asking if anyone will try to sell tickets. Deadline Dec.31

-Growing Smiles fundraiser, 500 dollars made. Growing Smiles fundraiser sales low due to later start. Fliers went home with kids. Deadline Nov. 15

-Leadership helped with p/t interviews, volunteered.

(c)Band Society (report given by Coreen Lema)

-Performed for community Remembrance Day service on the 11th at the community hall.

-Sizing up kids for band shirts. Funding comes from casino funds.Grades 6-8 will receive black short sleeve t-shirts that have a logo and school name. Grades 9-12 will receive black button long sleeves with logo and school name.These will be Cremona school property and cared for by the society.

-Christmas concert upcoming in December. 50/50 fundraiser will be held at the concert.

-Band Society meets on the 1st Wednesday of every month. Next meeting Dec 6 @ 7pm in

the school library.

6. Trustee report

- Melissa Copley not present. Flyer handouts sent outlining division goals.

7. Old Business

(a) Interagency meeting

- Positive feedback, everyone understands all roles

8. New Business

(a) Holiday Gift Shop

- will take place Dec 6/7
- items shipped Nov 17, due the 20th. Sally Livermore will run with Coreen Lema's help. - Help from leadership is expected. Adult volunteering is helpful.

(b) Parents Matter Update

- Meeting on October 4/23.
- Questions on videos at lunch, suicide prevention, this directed to family wellness workers.
- Creating safe and caring schools, concern regarding SOGI. Kurt says policies guide. There is no SOGI curriculum. They are trying to protect the vulnerable: LGBTQ2+ and indigenous students. Providing teachers tools to help. Pride banners used to welcome. Any questions or concerns Kurt Sacher is always happy to answer, email.
- Communication brought up, fixing websites to be more friendly.
- Link to survey, will be sent out to council. Parents Matter meeting minutes will be given.

Parent Website Survey - summary - October 2023

(c) School Council Vision, Mission, and Goals

- Meet at the next meeting and see how we can focus on this.
- In the meantime any ideas, links, suggestions can be talked about via email so the council is ready for the January meeting. Look into flourishing stories.
- Talk on communication, what is the council's role as communicators with parents.

(d) Dress code/Cell Phone Use

- Try to address. Won't single out students.
- Language cleaned up to specify, teachers have the right to confiscate. Confiscation is enforced..

(e) Athletics-sports offered/ fees/ tournaments and games (report presented by Tyson Youngs)

- Athletic director is an unpaid position. Looking to make an athletics committee, currently composed of teachers. Looking into parent volunteers.
- Bring concerns forward right away. If health/wellness/harm concerns, take the child off the floor immediately, then talk with the director or administration.
- Cremona Cougars Athletes Information Package provided on school website. Broken down into elementary, middle, high. Gives information to topics such as philosophy, expectations, social media policy, fees, uniforms, red shirt policy, FAQs, etc.
- No organised team sports under grade 7 because there are no leagues.

-Communication and scheduling are heard concerns. Communicating by email is best. Going forward, teams will have a teacher liaison. Teams will have "teamsnap" accounts for the future basketball season to better help with communication.

-Teachers offered coaching first before the community.

-Fees go towards tournaments, games, refs, scoring, equipment, jerseys, league fees, travel expenses. These costs vary greatly depending on the amount of team members.

-Tournaments get cancelled due to not enough teams playing.

-Middle school fees are lower due to lower league fees, student refs, etc. -Request for an ESTIMATED fee breakdown supplied for parents, numbers don't need to be involved, fee items requested.

9. **Next Meeting** - January 9,2024

10. **Meeting adjourned - 8:53pm**

Admin Report November 2023

1. Our Remembrance Day ceremony on Nov 8th went extremely well. Special thanks to all that helped out and to all that attended.
2. Volleyball season is nearing its conclusion. We held an amazing Pep Rally on Wed Nov 8 that had the gym full of cheer and excitement. The teachers prevailed yet again in the staff vs students game.
3. Basketball season will soon be upon us. Stay tuned for all the details.
4. Elementary classes had their first assembly at the end of October. We gave out our first 'Leaping Learner' certificates for students who have made a great effort or have made a huge improvement in something. We will be having one a month (not December) to celebrate our students' efforts!
5. Thanks to everyone who attended parent-teacher conferences last week. We had a full building both nights and lots of traffic through the book fair. Remember to track progress on PowerSchool and Google Classroom where appropriate.
6. We have a student teacher joining us from the University of Calgary. Ms. Jillainee Erickson will be with us from now until Dec 15 and then back for her final practicum in Feb. She is partnering with Mrs.Kempster.
7. Fundraisers
 - a. CSES has begun their trip of the month fundraiser & Growing Smiles ends on Wednesday.
 - b. Meat Fundraiser is ending soon on Wednesday at noon.
 - c. Grad has had a few recent fundraisers, look out for more to come.

8. School photo retakes moved to Nov 23. Class photos as well.
9. On November 24th our teachers will be traveling to Delburne to collaborate with all the other K-12 schools in CESD. We will have a guest speaker in the morning, two break out sessions on tech and reading supports, and some time to work with our grade teams.
10. December dates to remember: Holiday gift shop Dec 6-7, Elem Christmas concert Dec 12 and Band Christmas concert Dec 13.