

## Cremona School Council Meeting Minutes

February 13 2024, 7:00 PM Cremona School Library

Attendees: Darryl Korody, Melissa Copley, Kurt Sacher, Linda Lapere, Suzanne Kempster, Shannon Chapin, Andrea Reid, Theresa McPike, Jayden Chapin, Melissa Thompson, Jessica Gano, Lacey Hallet and Faisal Kassam arrived 8:00

- 1) Call to order: 7:08
- 2) Previous Minutes Nov 2023 Andrea moved to approve November minutes, Seconded by Jessica
- 3) Financial report (until end of Jan)
  - a. Pizza fund: \$ 2229.33 (less Jan expenses)
  - b. Holiday gift shop: \$1365.02
- 4) Administration report for Feb 2024
  - Field trips and fee payments (semester 2 courses).
  - Grade 6 Astrodome (Feb 13), Grade 4½ ski trip (Feb 15), K - 3 Swimming (starts Feb 26).
  - Curling Season has come to an end. Our boys team ended up 4th in the zone after a great showing in Cochrane.
  - Basketball season is in full swing. Only a few more games left until playoffs/zones.
  - We have a student teacher joining us again from the University of Calgary. Ms. Jillainee Erickson will be with us from Feb 26 until Easter. She is partnering with Mrs.Kempster.
  - Fundraisers
    - CSES exploring online raffle potential
    - Band fundraiser - spolumbos
    - Grad has the potential of another fundraiser but in good shape, look out for more to come.
  - On Feb 9th our teachers traveled to Spruce View to collaborate with all the other K-12 schools in CESD. We had a guest speaker in the morning and some time to work with our grade teams.
  - The CESD Numeracy team have been topping up math manipulatives supplies at all schools for K-6 classes. We have received bins of coloured relational rods and are in the process of increasing our base 10 materials. These really support our students in developing their number and place value sense.
  - February dates to remember: Feb 14: Science fair, Feb 15 4½ ski trip, Feb 19-23 Feb break (no school), Feb 28 pink shirt day

- School Photos - Looking at changing companies. Edge Imaging

## 5) Committee Report

### a. Leadership report given by Jady Chappin

-Leadership is fundraising for a trip to Alberta Student Leadership Conference (ASLC) with hot dog sales and valentines' suckers.

-Talent show will be organized in the spring

### b. CSES Given by Lacey Hallet and Faisal Kassam

- Trip a month project profit was \$11, 000

- Upcoming plans include; an on-line auction, growing smiles with herbs and vegetables, a roller-skating skate-a-thon, looking at securing other government dollars to get to the playground equipment money goal. Final decisions regarding playground equipment to come.

- Other money has been secured to subsidize transportation costs.

### c. Band Society (no report given)

#### 6a) Trustee Report given by Melissa Copley

- Encouraging looking at partnerships with other school boards like Carstairs for example

- AB school council conference is coming up. With a fundraising session before that. January meeting reviewed marks from last year, keep an eye out for them as they have been finalized. Budgeting conversations have begun.

- Connie Jakab (podcast host) is speaking at an open parent session at Hugh Sutherland in Carstairs April 23<sup>rd</sup> 6:30-8:00. Look for her on-line for other [\[link\]](#) information on helping kids succeed. She has an upcoming Facebook webinar on Feb 28.

- Last "Parents Matter" conversation highlighted "Rock the diplomas"

- Know we have a division membership with AB school council association (ASCA) where there is a lot of information for school council members to help guide our work and build a strong school council. (**ACTION** - Melissa will send Darryl some information for council members to access some of the information that is locked.)

## 6b) More on Parents Matter given by Kurt Sacher and Andrea Reid.

- Kurt has been encouraging and working on increasing ways to engage in conversations and take feedback from parents. He invites suggestions on ways to do this.
- Has improved attendance at Parents Matters meetings through several structural changes like asking that attendees are connected to a school council and if they cannot be present send a replacement.
- Parents Matter meet three times/year online. The purpose is to provide a way for parents' voices to be heard. The current Parents Matter representative is Andrea Reid. The information she gains there is shared online with council meeting minutes. Andrea has been involved for quite some time and is wondering if another Cremona parent is interested in stepping into this role. She has found that being present at Parents Matter has been quite useful. An example of topics discussed is cell phone use and different efforts around the division with that.
- Cremona School Council is "on the right track" with a few things like having a student come in for example. Kurt provided some suggestions to help our work and engagement; protect parents who want to attend council meeting from the threat of a "job", compartmentalize the fund-raising aspects of our work, keep the atmosphere positive or solution-focused even with difficult topics and partner with your administration. Build your council so you are fired up about your core purpose and atmosphere.

## 7) Olds Business

- a) mission/vision - laying the groundwork for vision/mission work is a lot of work. Example from Carstairs, new council members got going in the spring and set a one and three year plan. Please come to the next council meeting prepared to have this conversation around mission and vision.

## 8) New Business

- a) AGM new date **April 9, 2024**. Discussion around how we proceed without a current chair—do we up our date of AGM or do we finish the year without the current council members. This date was decided on to give the appropriate time to announce the AGM.

Discovered that Cremona School Council By-Laws need to be updated but can we do that without a chair?

b) New Chair – see (a) above

c) Read-a-thon

Mrs. Kempster on celebrating literacy in March Kick off on March 1st

- First three weeks of March will have a read-a-thon fundraiser – will be parent tracked minutes read at home. Class prizes for most minutes read. Minutes read will be submitted every week. House color book worm relay. Highlighting classroom literacy learnings. Looking for parent volunteers to read to students in-class.
- Following week will be book fair.
- We need to come up with ideas for prizes. We have candy and laser city tickets but looking for more ideas.

9) Next Meeting March 12, 2024 at 7PM Cremona School Library

Theresa and Darryl will draft an outline for the meeting beforehand. If there are other council members who want to help with this in the absence of a current chair, please contact Darryl.

10) Meeting adjourned 8:42