

Cremona School Council Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2024 9:00am
Cremona School Conference Room

In attendance

Ashley Bellamy, Darryl Korody, Theresa McPike, Stacey Hill, Melissa Thompson, Judi Friesen, Melissa Savage

Call to Order

9:01am

Previous Minutes – Approval

Stacey motions to accept the previous minutes. Seconded by Theresa.

Financial Report

Pizza - \$434.35

Holiday Gift Shop – \$1365.02

Admin Report – Darryl Korody

Trustee Report – No Trustee in attendance

Committee Reports

Leadership

- Remembrance Day ceremony in November
- 41 shoe boxes
- December will have dress up days, Cougs the Elf, secret candy canes and door decorating.

CSES

- Went through the budget
- Still looking at next project
- Would like something more for older students, i.e. High School
- Will be revamping part of the playground
- Lions donated \$3000. This pays for Alien Inline
- There will be a silent auction in June. More info to come

Band

- High School band played at Remembrance Day ceremony
- Second payments for Music Fest have been payed.

- 36 students and 16 parents are going to Music Fest
- Received a generous donation from the Lions
- Experience Canada dates are April 9th – 13th for Cremona to Brandon and April 13th – 18th for Brandon to Cremona
- Need to look at getting meals and accommodation for Brandon kids. Some options are the Lions Camp or Rivers Edge
- Wildcat coffee fundraiser has started

Old Business

A) PAT & Diploma results discussion – Ashley Bellamy

- See attached

B) Athletics discussion – Rob Scott

- Golf season has started. The goal for next year is to start in June so we're more ready
- Had a good year for cross country. 20 kids participated. Thank you to Rebecca Quigley for coaching.
- Volleyball camp was full. Amazing program. Help from college guys Ryan has been running for 20 years.
- We had 7 volleyball teams this year
- Volleyball is finishing up. Wind up will be this week
- Curling has started. Tuesdays after school for grades 7-12, drop in
- Basketball has started. We have 2 teams in middle school, 1 team for Jr Boys and no Sr Girls team
- Concerns with \$30 uniform fee, where does it go?
 - o Goes into an account to be used when/where needed

C) Grade 5 & 6 lunchtime volleyball

- Tuesday & Thursday at noon
- Grade 5 boys and girls and grade 6 girls have shown up
- No grade 6 boys

D) Pizza Day helpers

- Grads are ready to help for November
- Music Fest kids will help in December
- Will review in December to see how everything is going and look at numbers to decide if there will be a price change.

New Business

A) Holiday Gift Shop

- December 4 & 5. 18 boxes have been shipped
- Sally will get advertisements out and set up online volunteer form
- Will use leadership to help
- Some new things coming, like a tablet to show what is available in slide show
- Sally would like to look at contents and maybe think about using someone more local

B) Daily Physical Activity

- Last year we talked about tracking DPA. Can we get the teacher to do some tracking?
- Darryl and Ashley will talk to teachers to see what we can get going

C) Swim lessons

- There are no more swimming lessons for elementary.
- Talking to teachers to see how they feel about them. Does it take away too much from curriculum? Are they getting enough value?
- Is there some other physical activity we can do instead?

D) High Ski Trip

- There are 37 potential students doing winter travel
- Some kids were disappointed they didn't get a trip last year
- We don't usually have enough kids to go
- Will look into seeing if we can get enough kids, parents and teachers to go. As well as dates that work

Next Meeting - TBA

Admin Report November 2024

1. Our Remembrance Day ceremony on Nov 7th went extremely well. Special thanks to all that helped out and to all that attended. We had a guest speaker from the Canadian Navy give the address and it was an excellent message about remembering our past.
2. Volleyball season has reached its conclusion.
3. Basketball season will soon be upon us. Stay tuned for all the details.
4. Elementary classes will have their first assembly on Nov 28th. We will give out our first 'Leaping Learner' certificates for students who have made a great effort or have made a huge improvement in something. It is held in our library so space is limited and last year we held these without parents due to space constraints.
5. Thanks to everyone who attended parent-teacher conferences in early November. We had a lot of traffic through the book fair. Remember to track progress on PowerSchool and Google Classroom where appropriate.
6. This year's Lunch with the principals has begun. Some teachers are looking for some specific feedback from our sessions.
7. Mr. Benoit has stepped into our halftime grade 6 role. He will continue with his shop and HS courses as well.
8. We have a student teacher that joined us from Red Deer Polytechnic. Ms. Corie Heistad will be with us until Dec 20. She is partnering with Mr. Vernon.
9. School photo retakes are today. Class photos will be in the spring. How did parents find the first set of photos?
10. We had a donation from Alta gas this month. They have donated enough for us to purchase 30 new Dell Chromebooks. We will use these for our exam set that are stored in the library.
11. On November 29th our teachers will be traveling to Bowden to collaborate with all the other K-12 schools in CESD. We will have a guest speaker in the morning, two break out sessions and some time to work with our grade teams.
12. December dates to remember: Holiday gift shop Dec 4-5, Elem Christmas concert Dec 10 and Band Christmas concert Dec 11.