

Cremona School Council Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2025
Cremona School Library

In attendance

Ashley Bellamy, Darryl Korody, Theresa McPike, Stacey Hill, Melissa Thompson, Melissa Savage, Andrea Reid, Shannon Chapin, Rebecca Quigley

Call to Order

5:33 pm

Previous Minutes – Approval

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

Financial Report

Pizza - \$1,246.02 (\$200 was given to grad and \$200 given to Music Fest)

Holiday Gift Shop – \$2,136.02

ASCA Grant - \$717.80

Admin Report – Darryl Korody – see attached

Trustee Report – No Trustee in attendance

Committee Reports

Leadership

- Middle School Dance is February 12
- Colour Day is February 28
- Valentine Dress Up Day is February 14
- We need to talk about secret candy canes and if there are better options as it seems to be too much about popularity and some kids feel very bad when they don't get any candy canes but other kids get many. This will be tabled for discussion in the fall

CSES

- Still looking at the last phase of the playground

Band Society

- Getting prepared for experience Canada
- Music fest has made their last payment

Old Business

Speaker Topics

- Stacey looked into a lady who talks about health and wellness using music therapy
- Maybe a speaker on AI
- If anyone has any suggestions, please send them to Melissa Thompson

Lunch with the Principals

- Darryl and Ashley have been going to classrooms to spend lunchtime with students to ask them questions and get some feedback.
- Some questions asked by the principals are: What do you find helpful? What do you find distracting? What are some challenges you face? How do you balance school and activities?
- Some feedback they have received from students is: The concession lines are too long. They love the new playground. They seem to be more inquisitive about the school and how things run

Grade 5/6 Basketball

- Will start after Winter Break
- Will run at lunchtime, tentatively Tuesdays and Thursdays

New Business

Discovery Night

- Maybe March 19th? It would coincide with parent/teacher interviews.
- Times to consider: 4:30 – 6:30 or 5:00 – 7:00
- Scholastic is not available for book fair until April, so they will not be here March 19th
- We were short on tables last year so we will need to find more this year

Grade 8 Try a Trade

- March 3rd, 9:00 – 3:00
- 20 students are interested and they are all able to go
- Last year was about horticulture and culinary programs
- This year will be about mechanics and welding

Parents Matter – Andrea Reid

- Meeting was on January 29th

- They discussed what things they are looking for in a new superintendent. Some feedback was: someone engaged in the schools, consistent messaging
- They talked a bit about using AI in classrooms
- Google uses a program called Gemini. They have an agreement with them to ensure students privacy.
- Parents have questions/concerns about how AI is being used
- Next meeting is in April
- Andrea would like to find someone else to attend Parents Matter meetings

ASCA Spring Symposium

- Online
- April 26th
- Open to anyone. The Division will cover some of the cost if there is any interest

Agendas for Elementary

- Some of them are not getting used but parents are paying for them
- Darryl will talk to the teachers to see if they can better predict who will use them and how many to order

Date for AGM

- May 20th @ 7:00pm

Math Fair

- Still in the early stages of planning
- Will there be a collab with council again?
- Stations will be different with lots of variety
- Tentative date is May 22nd

Next Meeting - March 11th @ 5:45pm

Meeting adjourned @ 6:35pm

Admin Report February 2025

1. Field trips and fee payments (semester 2 courses).
2. Curling Season is coming to an end. Our teams are done, drop in this week but may be the last. Thanks to everyone and the community for helping out.
3. Basketball season is nearing playoffs/zones for all teams.
4. Badminton season is approaching for Grades 7-12.
5. Science Fair is on Thursday Feb 13 in the library. We are looking forward to all the talented projects we receive.
6. We have 3 student teachers joining us from Red Deer Polytechnic. Violet Miller in her first year will be here Tuesday mornings for 8 weeks. Veronica Smith, in her second year, will be with Mrs.Edmond in grade 1 on Wednesdays for 4 weeks and Alyssa Focker will be with Mrs.Sheehan in grade 3 on Wednesday mornings for 8 weeks. Welcome to them all.
7. Fundraisers
 - a. CSES exploring June fundraising attached to Alien Inline
 - b. Band fundraiser - Spolumbos
 - c. Grad is in good shape so I think this class is done for the year. But 11's are looking.
8. The Numeracy team is running a Math Fair again this year in March. Stay tuned for details.
9. February 28 - Black History month presentation as well Canadian Winterfest/French Culture. House Colour afternoon with activities.
10. Career Fair - March 14 in the Library - Looking for some help with coffee/cookies.
11. Jump rope for heart, coming in June (5th).
12. February dates to remember: Feb 13: Science fair, Feb 17-21 Feb break (no school), Feb 26 pink shirt day. Feb 28: Canadian Black History presentation and Canadian Winterfest.