

CES School Council
Wednesday, Feb 1, 2017

Attendance: Lynann Rogers, Sarah Morrison, Bob Rodgers, Norma Lang, Tracy Wasylucha, Jeff Wasylucha, Krista Benoit, Amy Spotswood, Chrissy Berard, Sherry Niven, Katie Harris, Janice Graham

Call to order:

Meeting start time: 6:35pm

Chair: Tracy Wasylucha

Secretary: Janice Graham

Review and approval of previous minutes.

Motion to accept by: Krista Benoit

Seconded by: Katie Harris

Vote: All in favour

Review and approval of agenda:

Motion to accept by: Janice Graham

Seconded by: Amy Spotswood

Vote: All in favour

Reports:

- Chair:
 - Shari was absent due to death in her family. We wish to send her our deepest condolences from the Crossfield Elementary community.
- Treasurer:
 - Finances have not changed. Receipts for December movie night not yet rectified.
 - \$1219.68 balance
- Volunteer Coordinators:
 - Volunteer coordinators absent tonight.
 - 1. Movie night debrief
 - a. Congrats on an excellent inaugural event! (Bob)
 - b. Approximately 300 people attended
 - c. Suggestion to have one more movie night rather than 2 more this year.
 - d. There were many kids unsupervised and not necessarily there for family time, so that took away from the “family” movie night.
 - e. Overall it was a success, a lot of positive feedback from parents
 - f. Suggestions:
 - i. perhaps a shorter movie next time
 - ii. give volunteers reflective vests to be easily identifiable
 - iii. reinforce that parents should be with their kids to decrease some of the distractions, reiterate supervision

- iv. modify the layout: benches uncomfortable; use chairs instead, rather than the gym mats have everyone bring a blanket/ pillow to sit on
- v. snacks: have popcorn prepackaged in paper bags, water is better than the hot chocolate, location of the snack area better in the hallway than in the gym
- vi. Possibly a movie based on a book (suggestions: BFG, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory)
- g. Proposed date for next movie: Wednesday, April 12

- Principal:

- 1. Staffing

- a. Lisa Metcalfe has been away on a leave for a few weeks. Sarah Morrison has taken on the role of Acting Assistant Principal.
 - b. Amanda Krauchek has been back covering Lisa's classes
 - c. Kailyn Stengler has returned to grade 5 after a maternity leave

- 2. Community Facility Enhancement Programs Grant

- a. Bob applied for the grant and we have been granted \$10000 to use for projects. Will be exploring where to use these funds

- 3. Book Nic:

- . The school hosted a successful one last year
 - a. Planned for the afternoon of Thursday, February 16 which is National Read Aloud Day. Parents/ grandparents are invited to come in to read with their child
 - b. Community Volunteers: we will be asking community members to join us to read (ie: RCMP, local government, Norma, seniors)

- 4. Three Way conferences

- . Wednesday, February 15 and Thursday, February 16 evenings
 - a. Will be the same format as the fall conferences, but with celebrations of student work in the hallways

- 5. Christmas concert was successful

- . DVDs have been handed out. Approximately 90 were sold at \$15 each

- 6. Collected over \$1000 for fireman's hamper, was presented to Chief Ben Niven

- 7. Off road safety presentation

- . Alberta Snowmobile Association visits schools to promote off-road safety.
 - a. Grade 4s and 5s attended as well as Grade 6s from next door
 - b. Our community has a high proportion of ATV users compared to Airdrie, so it was very relevant
 - c. Great presentation, interesting props, amazing speaker
 - d. Free!
 - e. Have asked them to come back in October next school year to do ski/ snowboard safety

- Acting Assistant Principal:

- 1. Wee reads

- a. Third year running it, about to enter second round.
 - b. Volunteers read with same pair of students for 8 weeks

c. Volunteers: This round is a bit low on volunteer numbers, more needed

d. This round will begin next week

2. Learning Support / Literacy in our school

Supports

i. school based and division based

ii. Speech, OT, Psychologist, Behavioural support for students in need

iii. Multi-disciplinary team helps with complex, higher needs students

a. Classroom instruction

. We are fortunate to have great literacy teachers

i. Daily 5, Balanced Literacy, various strategies

ii. If you are ever concerned with your child's reading progress, talk to classroom teacher or learning support teacher

b. RTI:

. Additional support to those students that may require a little boost in their reading and writing skills

i. Levelled Literacy Intervention

ii. Guided Reading

iii. Direct instruction

iv. Read Live- online computer program to help students develop fluency

c. Annie: We have a dog joining us on Fridays for a program called Listening Tails. She is affiliated with the Chestermere Therapy Dogs Association and belongs to Grade 5 teacher Ms. Petit. She will be available for students to read to. This helps improve confidence in readers.

d. Swimming: New this year is a community outreach program in which students access Genesis Place. Various student groups have been included, and is primarily for our complex needs students. This is done in conjunction with WG Murdoch students.

- Staff Member: Nothing to report

• Trustee:

- Ward Boundary Review decision has been reached. Currently three urban trustees and 4 rural. The new boundary is 5 urban and 3 rural trustees.
- Ward 1 (our ward) does not change
- The board received a large amount of feedback, specifically not combining urban and rural areas.
- Two Town of Crossfield councillors attended the meeting.
- Hawks Landing- the area North of the Dream Development. There should be a school site designated in that area. Norma attended a town meeting today in Crossfield to lobby for town to insist that there are two sites designated for future schools.
- Norma also attended a Rec Board meeting today. Deadline is March 26 for applications for funding with a presentation meeting to take place at the end of March. The Rec Board will be asking town residents to provide feedback on facilities for the future.
- Notice from Alberta Ed. regarding PAT changes. There will now be an administrative window to administer these tests. Some concern around security of these with various schools writing at different times.

- RVS is developing a new web portal. Feedback is welcome.
- RVS Trustees have been trying to schedule a meeting with the Minister of Education and have not yet received a response. There have been a few dates planned that have been cancelled. He seems to be focussing his time on larger centres.
- Question regarding changes to dates for kindergarten registration: This is a change to the School Act at a provincial level. The act has not yet been signed. Once that is official, the school boards will implement the change. Currently kindergarten entry is the end of February birth date and will change to an end of December.

Old Business: (Items from last meeting):

1. Discussion of having special meeting during school day for tour, etc.
 - a. Is there interest in Bob arranging this?
 - b. Could child care be arranged?
 - c. Friday would be a good day for many members, ideally a morning.
 - d. Possible date March 24
2. Learning Commons Redesign updates.
 - . The plan has been submitted to RVS for approval
 - a. Next step will be to confer with architects to get an idea of cost and design

New Business:

1. Lunch hour issues: Concerns raised about lunchtime supervision program. Bob advised that those with concerns can schedule an appointment to meet with him during the school day to discuss further.
2. Wednesdays and Fridays there has been an open gym provided to students before school to play before school. This was an initiative started by Ms. Krauchek and Mrs. Maxwell. It has been very successful and students are enjoying it.
3. Our breakfast program is supported by the firefighters. Chief Niven has asked the Town if they are able to help provide some financial help in the form of a grant to support our Breakfast Program. More information to come.
 - a. Volunteers for Wednesdays and Thursdays in the breakfast program are still needed. Approximately 8:15-9am is the time commitment.

Question Period: (This is a time for questions regarding school/division programs or philosophy to the council chair, trustee, or school admin. Advance notice of questions, especially on controversial topics, will help us to provide complete answers. A time limit may be imposed if needed.)

Tabled for next meeting: Pot-luck snacks for next meeting.
Add to next meeting agenda: Date for Teacher Appreciation Week

Adjournment:
Moved by: Tracy

Seconded by: Amy
Vote: All in favour

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 1
Adjourn at: 7:45 pm