

CES School Council  
Wednesday, March 7, 2018

**Attendance:** Shari Krukowski, Krista Benoit, Norma Lang, Jeff Wasylucha, Janice Graham, Lisa Metcalfe, Amy Spotswood, Chris Frederick, Bob Rodgers

**Call to order: 6:38pm**

Chair: Shari Krukowski

Secretary: Janice Graham

**Review and approval of previous minutes.**

Motion to accept by: Krista Benoit

Seconded by: Amy Spotswood

Vote: Carried.

**Review and approval of agenda.**

Motion to accept by: Lisa Metcalfe

Seconded by: Jeff Wasylucha

Vote: Carried

**Reports:**

- Chair: Shari Krukowski
  - Nothing to report
- Treasurer: Amy Spotswood
  - Our finances have not changed.
- Volunteer Coordinators:
  - 2nd Family Movie Night:
    - Thursday, April 19 tentatively
    - Movie - Horton Hears A Who
    - If the timing coincides with Story Week, which is scheduled for the week of April 23 - 27
    - Do we want to show a Dr. Seuss movie as a tie in? Use as a kick off for Story week
    - Serve popcorn and water again
  - Teacher Appreciation
    - Will coordinate with the high school's teacher appreciation days
    - Would like to have donated gifts, pizza party, snacks (muffins/ fruit)
    - Janice let Krista know that the teachers appreciate all that has been done in the past but it is not necessary to provide events each day.
- Principal: Bob Rodgers

- Parent Portal How to Video - <https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/families/powerschool/video-how-to-view-student-progress-in-the-public-portal>
    - Term 1- teachers were to have 1 subject open
    - Term 2- teachers are to have 2 subjects open
    - Term 3- teachers will have 3 subjects open
    - By next year, teachers will have all subjects open
  - PL Day - March 12 - Literacy, MindUp, Wellness
    - We are spending half a day on literacy learning (Action Research groups) to discuss where teachers are at and reflect on what has worked well and next steps. We will present our findings at the May PL day.
    - In the afternoon we are looking at Mind Up and mindfulness in the classroom
  - Report Cards go home March 29th
  - Easter Break - March 30 - April 10
  - Joint Council Meeting - April 12 @ 5:30
    - All are invited to attend, dinner is served
    - The topic is still TBD
  - School Education Plan
    - We are in the initial stages of the SEP
    - In the past, we have mirrored the division's 4 year plan
    - Likely next year's plan will look similar to this year's plan with a change from literacy and mental wellness to numeracy and mental wellness. We will also be looking at focussing on differentiated numeracy.
    - Feedback from council is welcome.
    - What is differentiated numeracy? Numeracy includes mathematics, patterning, communicating, problem solving. Differentiated means instruction is targeted at each student's specific learning needs, whether that be above grade level or below. Allows students to be challenged at a deeper level.
    - Inter-Agency meeting- The town organized a meeting for agencies that support Crossfield residents to share their services. Some attendees included AADAC, the peace officer, both schools, etc. The idea was to share ideas and to educate others on the services available in Crossfield to various groups. May 1 is another meeting. Lisa Metcalfe and our CDA Adele Gamble will be attending.
- Assistant Principal: Lisa Metcalfe
    - Skating finishing - another successful year
      - Likely will have skating in March again next year as the feedback from teachers has been positive
    - Thanks to Shari for helping us set up Mission Impossible which will run during the kids gym classes from March 13 - 23
    - Farm Safety Presentation - March 19th for Kinder, Grade 1 and 2
  - Trustee: Norma Lang
    - The Board is doing school tours currently. They do them once per term typically. There are 5 new trustees that are viewing the schools. They are

visiting the Crossfield schools tomorrow. The board enjoys seeing the learning that students are doing and the differences between schools. Each school is unique and their priorities are specific to their community, and it is interesting to see these dynamics.

- Norma is attending the annual general meeting and conference in April for School Councils. Norma would like to propose that next year the board might fund up to 10 parents that would like to attend as it is valuable learning, and then is not a drain on the funds that each school council has.
- The board is working on budget priorities for next year. Transportation is a big topic at the moment. Parents will be getting a letter soon outlining the feedback that was received in the first round of the survey and will be invited to participate in a second survey. There was lots of feedback that have been put into “bundles” and the board wants the public’s feedback on these options.

**Old Business:** (Items from last meeting):

- Attendance discussion from last meeting- it is on our radar and we are looking at doing something in January to recognize perfect attendance, possibly a monthly draw to recognize and celebrate attendance. Perfect attendance day- a day in which all students and staff are in attendance will be celebrated should it happen.
  - Perhaps a coupon for the book fair/ chapters card
  - This is still in the beginning stages and has not yet started.
  - Our school currently has 4 students that have perfect attendance this school year.

**New Business:**

- Is there a possibility of having crossing guards at the crosswalk that goes from the back of the school field across Whitfield? This is a busy area before and after school for both walking students and parents in vehicles. Bob will speak to the MRP for patrols.
  - Trevor, our peace officer has been monitoring this area
  - There was also a facebook post addressing this and had positive responses
  - There seems to be some improvement
  - We are looking into adding more permanent signage for the area in addition to another set of sandwich boards that will be put out during loading times.
- Baseball Diamonds
  - Community use after hours, however there is no way to reserve them.
  - The division maintains it but we are unaware of the schedule.
  - Is there a chance of getting shale added to the baselines?
  - Learn to Play program and T-Ball has grown so having a useable diamond would be beneficial to the community

**Question Period:** (This is a time for questions 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.)

- Disney is putting on a free escape room to promote A Wrinkle in Time at Confined Escape Room in Calgary for the month of March

**Adjournment: 8:04pm**

Moved by: Krista Benoit

Seconded by: Janice Graham

Vote: Carried

**Adjourn at: 8:05pm**

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 10