

CES School Council
Wednesday, January 31, 2018

Attendance: Chrissy Berard, Katie Harris, Bob Rodgers, Shari Krukowski, Janice Graham, Norma Lang, Amy Spotswood, Tracy Wasylucha

Call to order: 6:38pm

Chair: Shari Krukowski

Secretary: Janice Graham

Review and approval of previous minutes.

Motion to accept by: Chrissy Berard

Seconded by: Amy Spotswood

Vote: Carried.

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Reports:

- Chair: Shari Krukowski
 - Shari is doing basketball with the Grade 5 students at lunch time a few times a week. The last session was volleyball.
 - During the Olympics, we are doing some school-wide viewing of events in the gym at lunch so Shari won't be running groups that week.
- Treasurer: Amy Spotswood
 - No change in finances.
- Volunteer Coordinators:
 - Christmas movie night
 - Movie Night Feedback
 - There were approximately 75 people in attendance.
 - Showed the movie Elf
 - Popcorn, water and cookies were served
 - Parents helped to clean up and it went well
 - Next one
 - Thursday, April 19 tentatively
 - Movie to be chosen at next meeting.
 - If the timing coincides with Story Week, we might want to show a Dr. Seuss movie as a tie in.
- Principal:
 - Provincial Survey

- Parents will have received it by mail if they have students in Grade 4 or 5. When Mr. Rodgers receives confirmation that parents have completed it, he will give the kids an ice cream treat. This survey gives us information on school satisfaction. The goal is to have at least 50% of parents take part.
 - There will be another survey from the school division at a later date to can receive more feedback. This tends to have more participation as it is online.
- Snowshoes available - January 29 - February 9
 - Borrowed from Sarah Thompson School in Chestermere. There is a set of 50-60 snowshoes that we have for 2 weeks. The grade 4s used them yesterday and they will be used again for the French Winter Carnival.
- Pound Class for grade 3, 4 and 5 starts February 8th. Each class will receive 4 sessions
 - Alicia Mcmane will be providing students with this activity as she is certified in this.
 - Funding for this is from the Crossfield Rec Board.
- February 9 - Grade 4 and 5 Carnival De Neige
 - Includes 4 stations with crepes to follow. Stations include snowshoes, broomball, 3 person skis, tobogganing.
- Book Fair - Feb 12 - 16
- 3 Way Conferences - February 14 and 15
 - There will be another push to get families added to the parent portal (currently at 74%)

- Parents indicated they have been looking at their student's powerschool, but there are only a few items to view.
 - Conference manager opens tomorrow morning (February 1) to book
 - Olympic Week - Feb 12 - 16th
 - We will be having theme days this week in addition to streaming events in the gym during lunchtime.
 - Skating - February 27 - March 9 - We are waiting for a schedule from the arena.
 - Book-Nic
 - 117 adults came to the school to read with students.
 - Students and staff were encouraged to dress as a storybook character
 - Went well, parents and students enjoyed it
- Trustee: Norma Lang
 - Fireside (Cochrane) and Windsong Heights (Airdrie) had their grand openings today. There were some great celebrations. The Minister of Education, David Eggen was in attendance at both events.
 - The board will meet with Minister Eggen tomorrow to discuss enrollment growth (Airdrie is the fastest growing city in the country)
 - 53 new schools were opened in Alberta, which is the largest infrastructure build in Alberta's history
 - Calendar survey has just wrapped up. The board will meet next week to commit to lock down the calendar for 2018-19 and potentially 2019-20.
 - Transportation survey has been sent out. Feedback so far has largely been around taking money from instruction and into transportation. Most feedback does not support this idea. Many comments from parents suggest maintaining service levels and having a fee. The board will share this feedback with the Minister tomorrow. The feedback will be reviewed and it will inform the budget decisions.
 - Bill 28 may impact how the funds are allocated for transportation.

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

New Business:

- Chrissy wants the staff to know that parents as a whole appreciate the staff of the school and all they do for our kids. This is in response to some controversial discussions on a public Facebook page about Crossfield's schools.
- 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.

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.)

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Adjournment:

Moved by: Chrissy Berard

Seconded by: Tracy Wasylucha

Vote: Carried

Adjourn at: 7:43pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 7, 2018