

CES School Council
Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Attendance: Lisa Metcalfe, Norma Lang, Amy Spotswood, Shari Krukowski, Krista White, Janice Graham, Tracy Wasylucha, Bob Rodgers, Jeff Wasylucha

Call to order: 6:34pm

Chair: Shari Krukowski

Secretary: Janice Graham

Review and approval of previous minutes.

Motion to accept by: Krista White

Seconded by: Shari Krukowski

Vote: Carried

Review and approval of agenda.

Motion to accept by: Krista White

Seconded by: Lisa Metcalfe

Vote: Carried

Reports:

- Chair: Shari Krukowski
 - Sports club will start again next week beginning with racket sports then track and field.
- Treasurer: Amy Spotswood
 - No change in financials
- Volunteer Coordinators:
 - 2nd Family Movie Night:
 - Thursday, April 19th
 - Movie - Horton Hears A Who
 - Start time: 6:30pm
 - This is a kick off to Story Week!
 - Krista will print off the agenda messages to go home and Bob will include information in his weekly newsletter
 - Serve popcorn and water again
 - We have enough popcorn left and Solo cups
 - We will need to buy some more water and a treat of some sort

Motion for approval to spend up to \$100 for supplies for the movie night by Krista. Seconded by Amy. Carried.

- Teacher Appreciation
 - Will coordinate with the high school's teacher appreciation days May 7-11
 - 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.
- Secretary's Report (Janice Graham)
 - LC update
 - Construction will begin on Monday!
 - Our team has approved plans for the layout, shelving has been donated from the old location of the Crossfield Municipal Library
- Principal: Bob Rodgers
 - Joint Council Meeting - April 12 @ 5:30
 - The next Joint Board of Trustees/School Council meeting is scheduled for April 12 at the Education Centre. This dinner meeting, running from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., will include welcome and introductions by Board Chair Todd Brand, followed by greetings from Superintendent Greg Luterbach. Highlights of the evening include a focus group on parental involvement in the decision-making process about their children, the role of school councils, and RVS' Four Year Plan development. School councils and principals are asked to confirm their attendance by contacting Rhonda Herron-Bymoan by April 10.
 - Shari is planning to attend as well as Bob and Tracy.
 - School Education Plan
 - We continue to work on 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.
 - We will still continue our literacy initiative that have been established, however we will not be introducing new initiatives in literacy.
 - We will be adding numeracy initiatives in addition to the literacy programs in place.
 - Mind UP will continue to be a focus in our school
 - Parents enjoyed the parent information night at the Education Centre and would be interested in learning more if it were to be offered again.
- Traffic Calming
 - Peace Officer Trevor, Sheila Jenkins and Angie Meloche did a walk around of the schools.

- Larger signage as well as sandwich boards will be installed
- Front parking: Parking in front of the two buildings will be restricted to 5 minute drop off only
- There will be No Student Drop off in the parking lot as it gets too congested

- Next Week - Bob will be away Mon-Wed at a leadership conference. uLead - The Summit of Educational Leadership

- Assistant Principal: Lisa Metcalfe
 - Thanks to Shari for helping us set up Mission Impossible!
 - Story Week - April 23 - 27 - Theme - Kindness and Dr. Seuss
 - **Monday** - *Appreciate What You Have* - Did I ever Tell You How Lucky You Are? and/or Hooray For Diffendoofer Day
 - **Tuesday** - *Accepting Differences in Others* - Horton Hears a Who and/or Sneetches
 - **Wednesday** - *Taking Care of Our World* - The Lorax
 - **Thursday** - *Perseverance - Invincible Grit* - I Had Trouble in Getting to Solla Sollew
 - **Friday** - *Taking Advantage of Kindness* - Thidwick the Big Hearted Moose
 - We are inviting volunteers in to read to the students. If you are interested, please speak with your classroom teacher.
 - We have a presenter coming in Tuesday morning at 9 - Steve Harmer to do a show on motivational magic - Bucket Fillers
 - Community clean up on Wednesday
 - A First Nations speaker and dancer will be presenting on Thursday.
 - Tomorrow, Grade 4 is going to Aggie Days
 - Thursday, Grade 3 - Safe For Life
 - Teaching kids about personal safety
 - Parents are encouraged to come join
 - Grade 4 and 5 is now doing Pound with Alicia McMane
 - May 2nd - A concert band from St. Albert will be performing for our students
 - Spring Fling is May 11
 - Parent Volunteer Tea:
 - The last few years, attendance has been low
 - Do parents have any ideas about how this might work better? Is a dedicated tea time the best option or would monthly recognition/draws be better?
 - Parent suggestion: Each class could create a card/ gift for their volunteers. It would be more personal or meaningful vs a luncheon
 - With the library being unavailable, this might be a good year to transition to a new format

- Trustee: Norma Lang

- RVS was not given any new schools from the new gov't budget. With our enrollment increase, we will need more space. Hopefully, we will receive some portables, but this has not been confirmed yet.
- Crossfield is on the list for a 600 student school, but it won't be needed for a while and is dependent on gov't funding.
- RVS Trustees will be meeting with Crossfield Town Council this month regarding managing growth.
- The Board has set budget priorities and is working towards creating a budget in May.
- Transportation is still a large budget issue, and the board will be making a decision regarding this on Thursday of this week. The most popular bundle (Bundle 1) included double runs of bus routes. Crossfield school should see minimal impact. Airdrie and Cochrane will experience the largest change with bell times and bus ride lengths.

Old Business: (Items from last meeting):

- 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.
- Attendance discussion from last meeting- it is on our radar and we are looking at doing something 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 or 5 students that have perfect attendance this school year.

New Business:

- June meeting will be an AGM. Shari will have the report completed for the end of June, Amy will provide the financials.
- Baseball Diamonds
 - Community use after hours, however there is no way to reserve them.
 - Update: there is a way to reserve these spaces. Our local, non-profit, community based groups are able to fill out an application and submit to RVS in order to book
 - The division maintains it but we are unaware of the schedule.
 - Is there a chance of getting shale added to the baselines?
 - Update: the quote was \$5000 from the Town so the Ball Association is no longer pursuing this
 - 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.)

- Is there a way that the school can provide some resources for parents looking to provide additional help for students (OT, Speech, tutoring, etc)
 - Likely Community Links, Boys & Girls Club
 - The ATA restricts teachers from tutoring students under their care and Bob suggests that any teacher in this building should not tutor students in our school

Adjournment:

Moved by: Tracy

Seconded by: Amy

Vote: Carried

Adjourn at: 7:55pm

Next meeting: May 2. Location: Staff room