Carstairs Elementary School Council Meeting
November 27, 2024
7:01 pm
CES School

MINUTES

Present: Jennifer H., Amy F., Traci U., Deb O., JP, Simone F.
Present Virtually: Jessica C., Dayna M.

1. Call to Order - The regular meeting was called to order by Jennifer H. at 7:01 p.m. and a quorum was present.

2. Approval of the Minutes
-Cub Coins not Cup
-Not full, only about 85% capacity
-Innovation Grant not Invitation Grant

Deb motions to approve minutes from October 23, 2024.

3. Virtual meeting setup and Introduction
Virtual meeting working well, sound is good.

4. Feed the teachers feedback
Teachers loved the meals and thank you. The variety was good, something for everyone and everyone was able to grab something and go. Very appreciated. No improvements to be made. Parents also liked the way the sign up was set up.

5. Fundraising
CES Shirts were delivered. Just working out kinks around logistics of School Council and Friends of Carstairs. Still need to pay the invoice. Tracy, Deb, Jenny and Jessica to get together to figure out payment.

Purdy's Fundraiser raised less this year. $1363,43 raised this year. Very easy year. The order was submitted already. Date will hopefully be shipped earlier as December 13 is a no school day. Sign up will be sent out for parents to help with hand out.
Deb signed us up for next year as well as for Easter. More information to come.

6. Parents Council Engagement Grant $500/year
Have not heard back from HSS if they have used their grant or not. Jennifer to follow up. If they have used theirs we will figure out how to spend ours.

7. Teachers Report: No teacher present. Flu going around.

8. Principal report
Book Fair $7,700 in sales. $3,000 comes back to the school in rewards. Some funds being put towards author visit. One will attend on Monday to speak about writing process and edits. Thanks to Nicole for set up.

Remembrance Day service was good this year. Done differently this year as each teacher got to contribute pictures and stories.

10 new students. 5 of them to come after Christmas. Out of shirts for new students. Enough money in School Generated Funds to buy new batch.

Online store launched. Only one order so far from Traci!

Grade 4 Leadership students have had meetings with Traci. Coming up with Spirit Days for Xmas week.

First week to deliver hot lunch went well.

Need a new reward for Level 3. Halfway there.

Swimming over for Grade 2s.

Friday is PD day. Challenging Behaviours and Numeracy Literacy.

Issues continue with parking lot and drop off. Going to ask RCMP and Bylaw to come by. Jessica will post reminders in the facebook groups.

Rocker chairs are purchased and will arrive in January

Snowshoes have arrived

Clare Butterfly was in the school and met with the Indigenous students. Talk about installing a teepee in the school, possibly on the stage. Want to discuss with teachers if placement on the stage would work. Cost about $2,500. Need to clarify if it is a permanent structure, how to secure it, possibility for it to be taken down and moved outside to the outdoor learning space or special events outdoors etc.
13 students attended the lunch and visit with Clare Butterfly.

Tech budget will be used to purchase interactive TV for the music room to replace the old projector. 42 chrome books were sent from the division, about 3 chrome books placed in each classroom.

Looking at new laser projector for the gym. Installation and tech will likely be over $10,000. Quotes to be received next week.

7 members from Colt coming out tomorrow to stay connected with the building and know what our goals are and what is going on in the school.

New custodian Kathy Holden started.

9. Financial Update
Bank Account Balance $11,836.92?

11. Friends of CES Society Representative

Will meet with Traci to make a clear plan about access to bank account. Will need to separate School Council and Friends of CES members.

12. New Business - Jessica:

Candy Grams – Grade 2s would like to open store in the new year to include candy. We will move the candy grams over to a Grade 2 event instead. Parent volunteers will be needed to help package candy grams to kick off the new store. Deb will talk to Grade 2 teachers to get plan together.

School Patrol – Is there a way to let kids know if a patrol shift is canceled so we don't send kids early when there isn't a shift. Group email to be sent out to parents if patrol will be cancelled that morning.

13. Round Table

Treats for teachers before winter break. Ask for donation of coffee, hot chocolate and tea from Tim Hortons with baked goods on a cart to take around to classrooms. If we put it through the Grade 4 Leadership we could use SGF.

14. Adjourned – Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm

Outdoor Committee Meeting
Present: Jennifer H., Amy F., Traci U., Deb O., Amanda, Simone F.
Present Virtually: Laura Y., Dayna M., Rose

Called to order @ 8:00

1. Recap from Oct 23 meeting
2. New information

Share graphics and info to facebook groups to let everyone know what is happening
Laura Y. showed update from Grade 4, and the brainstorming the kids have done. Mind maps, writing arguments and reasonable asks for the space. Working on persuasive speeches with examples of what they want. Themes that have come up – seating, supplies like garden box, thermometers, magnifying glasses, shade and shelter, and more clumps of trees.
First work that can be done is to create kits that can be kept in Laura's classroom. Smaller tools that classrooms can take out and use. Will get pricing together for the cost of a kit and see how many we can put together to get started.
Shed company in town can do a 10x16 shed designed for the space with locks to be delivered and leveled for $7,000.
For the Spring: Storage shed delivered, landscape the area, move trees, boulders and logs. To talk to builders in town to see if they are digging up any big boulders they can donate.
Students are excited to talk to the board and present their ideas.
Dayna M. spoke with Clare Butterfly about the space. It would be easy to integrate a medicine wheel as a pergola or in a garden aspect. Logs for seating could be used to represent the 13 logs of the teepee and incorporate the aspects of the medicine wheel. He's encouraging natural elements, no metal etc. Planting saskatoon berries, sage, sweetgrass etc.

Space east of playground is school division property. That space could be expanded into there as long as it does not add to maintenance.

Improvement and Maintenance due tomorrow, asking if some work can be done.

December 6th at 8am meeting with Paul from Your Independent Grocer.

Information from Rose from instructor at SAIT about Regenerate Design who has done landscaping designs for other outdoor learning spaces done at other schools.
Wondering if there might be a musical playground element? There could be a big difference from what the younger grades would want. Grade 4s to meet with Grade 1 buddies to come up with some ideas of what they want.
Sand box? Are there rules or a way to cover the box

Edible Trees Canada will provide $10,000 grant for local trees to provide.

Marilyn's father is a retired landscaper who wants to help out and offer advice. He will visit the school next week.

3. Decisions/Wishlist
   Price kits and get them started.
   Call Regenerate Design to start on design.

4. Next meeting January 27, 2025

5. Adjourned – Meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm

Notes prepared by Amy Finn
Approved for posting by