

Cooper's Crossing School Council

Meeting Minutes

January 29th, 2018

- **Regular Meeting 7:00PM**

- Present - Todd H, James S, Megan B, Christina B, Randean P, Jesselee B, Tammy D, Keely B, Daniel U, Katie (Student teacher), Jim F.

- **Introductions and Ice Breaker**

- Todd welcomed everyone. We went around the table and everyone indicated their name, and which class their child(ren) were in. Todd talked about this month's character trait, Grit. We watched a short video about an Olympic athlete who displayed grit by finishing an event after injury. We talked as a group what grit looks like and what it means for our children in the school setting.

- **Principal's Report**

- **Teaching Character** - Todd discussed the 7 key areas for implementing character: believe it, name it, find it, feel it, integrate it, encourage it and track it. Tammy shared the WOOP strategy the grade 4's use to set goals. WOOP stands for wish, outcome, obstacle, and plan. She indicated the students were successful planning goals in school using this strategy.

- **Student Led Conferences** - Booking system is now open online. The key to these conferences is involving the students and giving parents time with the classroom teacher as well as exploring stations in the classrooms where students can showcase skills they have learned. Students will also set goals with parents and teacher.

- **Trickster** - Trickster is a theatrical residency that will run the week of Feb 12-16. All students are involved in this wonderful opportunity with a showcase of what they have created on Thursday, Feb 15th in the evening at 5:30PM and 7:00PM. There is a need for parent volunteers, please contact the office or your child's classroom teacher if you are able to help out. The school is also looking for quotes from parents on the experience, as this aids in arts funding for the school.

- **Mission Statement** - Our mission statement so far: *At Cooper's Crossing School, we care for all learners and provide them with joy filled, purposeful and rich experiences designed to develop the knowledge, skills, and character traits needed to thrive in life and become caring difference makers in their families, communities and world.* Todd asked for feedback from the group, is it too long? does it

need to be simplified? The statement is still a work in progress and suggestions are being taken. One suggestion was to change the order, having character first to show what a rich character education program the school is promoting for our children.

- **Trustee's Report - Jim F**

- Student Transportation is the hot topic currently in RVS, 2 surveys are available on the website that asks for parent input. A group of trustees met and have come up with various ideas to help reduce the deficit. Optional session on February 12th for parents to attend. Some stats provided by Jim on transportation in RVS - Since 2008, transportation costs have risen by 17%. The average cost to transport students to and from school is \$1300 per student, and the board has worked over the past 10 years to minimize cost to parents. Decisions will not be made until April 12th, 3 public meetings will take place Feb 12, 13 and 15 for those interested. Parents also have the option to write, phone or email our MLA and can access more info on your MLA here: [HYPERLINK "https://www.assembly.ab.ca/"](https://www.assembly.ab.ca/) [HYPERLINK "https://www.assembly.ab.ca/"](https://www.assembly.ab.ca/) A survey is available here: <http://www.rockyview.ab.ca/cost-savings> which outlines cost saving options.

- **Executive Team**

- Leadership Openings for Fall - James will check bylaw about leadership positions open in September 2018.
- Tammy discussed grade 4 Year End Celebration - final field trip or farewell. Proposal to council available at the next meeting.

- **Friends of Cooper's Crossing Update**

- Playground update will be available at the next school council meeting. Society leadership is resigning, looking to future opportunities on how we want council and society to shift/join. One last fundraiser (bacon) will take place some time in the Spring, details to follow.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE MARCH 5th AT 7PM AT COOPER'S CROSSING SCHOOL. THANKS TO ALL WHO ATTENDED, WE'LL SEE YOU NEXT TIME