

Cooper's Crossing School Council

Meeting Minutes

September 17th, 2018

Regular Meeting 7:00PM

Present – Kristine S, Cara A, Jodi S, Megan B, Eras A, Kara M, Roya I, Candace O, Nora J, James S, Harmony R, July G, Jim F, Kiran D, Kara B, Linda T, Daniel U, Alicia C, April S, Tammy D, Todd H, Kelly B, Christina B, Gladys M

I. Introductions and Cultural Building Activity

- a) Todd welcomed everyone. We went around the table and everyone introduced themselves and shared the furthest they travelled this summer.
- b) Watched video “Cultivating Character”, and worked with a partner to discuss what was important to you in the video.

II. Principal's Report

- a) Todd shared we opened with 160 more students than last year. Classrooms have been shifted to the best of their ability without compromising space and core areas. The feedback has been positive so far, given the increase in students.
- b) There are new support staff roles in the school, including half-time positions for Behavior Support and Literacy. This is an exciting addition to the tea.
- c) Hoodies and T-Shirts – Sharon Johnson has been working hard at doing initial research regarding organizing Cooper's Crossing School hoodies and t-shirts that we could get printed and sell. The project is in the initial research phase. Sharon has looked into various businesses around Airdrie and cost differences for silk screen vs heat transfer vs embroidery. We also discussed would we had an additional small cost so money would come back and support the school? Would we have fun days where children could wear their gear? There is a committee started to support Sharon. If you would like to join please email her at sharonj24@gmail.com

III. Trustee's Report

- a) Jim spoke positively of the turnout for our first School Council meeting, and indicated he has never seen so many parents at a meeting before. Jim shared a “Character is Common Sense” report regarding how media can be used to influence positive character development. There is info for age groups from 2-5, 6-10, and 11 and up. If you would like more information, visit www.commonsense.org. Jim believes Cooper's Crossing School's Character Lab program has been of great value and is hopeful it will begin a shift of the whole division to addressing these concepts, as well as educational concepts.

IV. Changes to Alberta School Council Association (ASCA)

- a) There were small changes noted to the ASCA by-laws, particularly regarding school councils accepting money through gaming funds. The by-laws now state that school councils cannot accept donations, only a charitable society can. Our Friends of Cooper's Crossing School is a charitable society, so this change does not affect our group.

V. Yearbook

- a) Discussed value of the yearbook and everyone agreed, YES, we should continue this project. We need more people to help support the yearbook team and help make it a success. There was a sign-up list put on the whiteboard for after the meeting.

VI. Friends of Cooper's Crossing Society Update

- a) The previous society members have stepped down and Bobbi-Jo has taken over as Chair for the society. There was a sign-up list put on the whiteboard for others interested in joining leadership roles.
- b) Bacon/Apple Fundraiser is starting now until September 28th. We will need people to help count order forms and also help on delivery day on October 11th. Please talk to Bobbi-Jo if you can help.
- c) Christmas Market - The market will be held November 16th, 2018. We need people to fill leadership roles for various areas of the market, including set-up/take-down, hotdogs/bake sale, organizing vendors, and children's activities. There was a sign-up list posted on the whiteboard. Please consider volunteering for this market to ensure it is a success!

VII. Update on School Council Positions

- a) There are still several positions available to those who are interested in leadership roles. Please speak to Keely If you are interested. There was a sign-up list on the whiteboard. The positions that people signed up for were motioned by Phillip and second by Alicia. All group members were in favor of the filled positions.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE MONDAY OCTOBER 29TH AT 7PM AT COOPER'S CROSSING SCHOOL.

THANKS TO ALL WHO ATTENDED, WE'LL SEE YOU NEXT TIME 😊