



Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Cooper's Crossing School Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Session: 6:02pm

In Attendance:

- Kiran Dhaliwal Megan El Sogheir
- Danielle Vienneau Kara McCrae
- Kristen Beaudoin Amanda Young
- Diana Logan Jonathan Klinger

1. Welcome - Kiran Dhaliwal

1. Jenn Cudmore has to step away from Secretary Duties for both Cooper's Crossing School Council and Friends of Cooper's Crossing Society. Secretary Post is now available. It may be two different persons (one each entity). Post will be announced in the Friday School Newsletter with a role description. Should any candidates come forward they may be voted into the role at next month's meeting.

2. Principal's Report:

1. Winter Concerts were a great success! The school will look into securing Risers/Sound Equipment of their own by the next holiday season. What we used this year was borrowed/rented but is most definitely worth our own investment for future products and events.
2. There is school-wide collection of foods and goods for the Airdrie Food Bank for the entire month of January. Many items have already filled the common area on display outside the Gym.
3. The January Character Trait is Curiosity
4. The Staff and Teachers are working on curating a list of Nominees for the Indigenous Student Awards. The theme of the event put on by Alberta School Board Association is "Honouring Spirit". This event looks to recognize students for their gifts, strengths and potential while honouring their culture.
5. The school is looking into how to allocate their newly received Curriculum Dollars (\$14,795 from the province). Some ideas are: Kinder-Grade 3 Sciences, Grade 4 & 5 Language Arts and Math, and Grade 5 Pilot Program Curriculum in Science which ties into a new Tech opportunity (discussed last meeting FIRST Alberta) but is a fixed cost from these dollars of \$1,800.
6. There was a discussion with a Learning Specialist in the Ed Tech program which was about the use of Robots/Coding and how to incorporate these processes of design into the K-6 Computer Science Curriculum going forward. There is a Grant available to help achieve purchases to support Students in developing these skills. The \$1,800 from item 5) above would be used and then supplemented by \$1,000 from the Learning Services Branch.
7. Supporting items 5) and 6) above, Jonathan and Diana have applied to FIRST Alberta (presented last Council Meeting by parents Denzil & Jamie Mackrory) for an opportunity to have a class pack of robots on hand for free for 1 year. The value is \$5,000 if selected.
8. Learning Disruption Funding: numeracy support for 58 students 2x a week from January until the end of March, covering Grades 1-5. Students were selected based on provincial numeracy assessments, current abilities, and teacher recommendation. This is made possible by provincial money which makes it possible to have Mrs. Jennifer Saville working with students directly.
9. Cooper's Crossing School is happy to welcome RVS Learning Specialists Dawn Granley and Chelsea Schubert 2x per week February 27-March 31 2024. They will be working to support Teachers with Instructional Design, Differentiation, Team Planning, Team Teaching, Coaching

10. Diana will be attending the January 31st Balancing Airdrie Student Spaces engagement session held at WH Croxford. Discussion of Student Dispersion based on capacities at schools of each level and how families will be impacted in the coming years, what it means for students.
11. SOCIETY CHEQUES FOR JANUARY: GRADE 3 SKATING \$1,059.00, FINS PROJECT \$2,076.37, ALIEN-IN-LINE ROLLERSKATING \$3,500, MATHLETICS & AZ LEARNING (RAZ-KIDS) \$6,700 Confirm \$180.00 for Christmas tree decorations can be paid from Council Account.
3. **Motion:** Kiran Dhaliwal motions to reimburse the school \$180.00 for the Christmas tree decorations used at the Student Christmas Market from the Cooper's Crossing School Council account. Kristen B seconded the Motion. All in favour. Motion passed.
4. Cheque Review: send RAZ-Kids/MATHLETICS request to Friends of Cooper's Crossing Society. **Motion:** Kiran Dhaliwal motions to send the request from Ms. Logan for MATHLETICS and RAZ-Kids funding to the Friends of Cooper's Crossing School Society to vote upon approval. Kara M seconds the Motion. All in favour. Motion passed. Send Grade 3 Skating Field Trip Bussing cost to Friends of Cooper's Crossing Society. **Motion:** Kiran Dhaliwal motions to send Grade 3 Skating Field Trip Bussing cost to Friends of Cooper's Crossing Society for Society Members to approve. \$441.00 of their remaining \$1,500 Grade Budget to be decided on at a later date. Kristen B seconds the Motion. All in favour. Motion passed. E-mail sent to Jennifer Knox from Diana Logan about a \$500 cheque for Parent Teacher Interview night.
5. Christmas Market Pizza Party for participating students needs to be scheduled.
6. Check on status of the Cooper's Crossing School and Friends of Cooper's Crossing Friends Society pop-up banner from Vista Print by Alicia Cubillos (not present).
7. ASCE Grant: Screenagers Movie Event (for parents of current students). Jonathan has confirmed \$700 cost of renting the original film which was most recommended for our students' age group. ASCE Grant provides us \$500 to put towards the cost, remaining \$200 of movie rental to be covered by Cooper's Crossing School Council funds. Will host the event on Wednesday, March 20th, 2024 at 6:30pm. **Motion:** Kiran Dhaliwal motions for full amount of \$500 ASCE Grant to be used for the screening of Screenagers on March 20, 2024, the event is open to all parents/guardians of Cooper's Crossing School Students. Megan E seconds the motion. All in favour. Motion passed. **Motion:** Kiran Dhaliwal motions to cover the remaining cost of the Screenagers Licensing Fee in the amount of \$250 (assuming tax) and sets \$500 additional budget for food/refreshments/incidentals for the event, totalling \$750 from Cooper's Crossing School Council. Megan M seconds the Motion. All in favour. Motion passed.
8. Playground Committee: we need to firm up a Committee to focus our attention on Playground refurbishment or expansion and the fundraising to accomplish what we can to make the Playground INCLUSIVE. Mr. Klinger graciously volunteered to be the School Contact for our efforts in the Planning Phase. Jonathan will be a liaison between the Playground Planning Committee and RVS Personnel (Grounds/Planning/Purchasing). Committee will focus on Grant Applications, Planning, Student engagement. Will add an announcement of Committee Formation to Friday Newsletters. Must set an Inaugural Meeting Date/Time.
9. General consensus nominating Alicia Cubillos to spearhead the Neon Nights Dance on April 19. Would love for her to organize another successful dance! Tabled to next Cooper's Crossing School Council Meeting (February 14).
10. Cooper's Crossing School: Cooper's Carnival: Friday, June 14th. Duration to be adjusted 4:30-7:30pm. Megan M and Danielle V will Co-Chair the event.
11. Kara would like to organize the Storage Area across from the Main Office. She suggested taking an Inventory of Council and Society items. Jenn Cudmore is available to help her if anyone else would like to join in.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:34pm Next Meeting: February 14, 2024