



## Coopers Crossing School Council Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2024

Present:

Jennifer Cudmore	Danielle Vienneau
Kiran Dhaliwal	Meghan El Sogheir
Diana Logan	Kara McCrae
Jonathan Klinger	Nisha Rolleman
Amanda Baldwin	Matt Rolleman
Shauna Sargent	Suzanne Olson
Alisha Smith	Alicia Cubillos
Todd Brand	Dean Boucher
Tanya Tytola	Hilary Burnham

1)Welcome – Kiran Dhaliwal

2)Approval of previous Council meeting minutes – Kiran Dhaliwal

-Jenn Cudmore emailed out the meeting minutes from last May 2024. Everyone has had a chance to review them.

**Motion:** Kiran Dhaliwal motions to approve the CCS Council minutes from May 2024.

Seconded by Meghan El Sogheir.

Motion voted on. All in Favour. Motion passed.

3)Approval of the Agenda for this meeting:

**Motion:** Kiran Dhaliwal motions for the agenda for the CCS Council meeting to be approved.

Seconded by Alicia Cubillos.

Motion voted on. All in favour. Motion passed.

4)Trustee Report – Todd Brand

-These items were discussed at the September 5, 2024 RVS board meeting.

-Year two report for the strategic plan. This guides the focus over the four years that it is in place. That said, the plan can always be altered based on feedback.

- Growth within RVS has slowed slightly. There are around 750 new students this year.
- 12 new modulars were approved by the province over the summer. RVS also received funding from the province to move 12 modulars. Locations of the modular placement will be decided at the next RVS board meeting.
- New law passed by the Alberta Provincial government. No mobile devices are permitted within the classrooms.
- Question from Kiran Dhaliwal – will current grade 8 students at Northcott Prairie be grandfathered into grade 9 at Northcott or will they be moved to another school? Can they also choose to go to Muriel Clayton if they have younger siblings attending that school? Todd will discuss this with trustee Melissa Bowen and provide details at our next meeting.

#### 5)Principal's Report – Diana Logan

- CCS had a successful open house to welcome new families. The open house enables staff to meet the new students, as well as providing a familiar face for the staff to check in on the new students.
- CCS student population has decreased by 33 students this fall. CCS currently has 423 students.
- Due to 33 less students, CCS also has one less teacher this year.

CCS by the numbers:

Pre K – 20 students

Kindergarten – 63 students

Grade 1 – 62 students

Grade 2 – 57 students

Grade 3 – 77 students

Grade 4 – 64 students

Grade 5 – 80 students

-CCS has one split grade this year. It is a grade 4/5 split. There are 18 grade 5 students and 10 grade 4 students in this class.

-New CDA is Hannah Fiegan. Mrs. McKinnon retired in June. We wish her the best.

-Last Friday CCS had a welcome back assembly.

-Terry Fox walk/run has been moved to next Friday September 20.

-Orange shirt day coming later this month.

-Phones/iWatch – if kids have them, they belong in their backpack. If families need to reach their student, please call the CCS office.

-Parent/teacher conferences are October 16 & 17.

-Prairie Springs students will be bussed to CCS next September. This will add 110 – 120 students. This year CCS is at 70% capacity.

#### 6) Student Council Updates – Kiran Dhaliwal

-School wide Healthy Hunger program is set to begin this month.

-Casino was a little over a year ago. Made around \$65,000. Need to spend the proceeds by the end of 2 years. Can ask AGLC for a 1-year extension if necessary.

-Council account has \$8167.66 as our June 30, 2024 school year closing balance.

-Last year we raised money through the following:

Halloween Dance - \$1,050.00

Xmas Market - \$833.00

Neon Nights Dance - \$1088.00

Bottle Recycling - \$370.00

-This meeting serves as our AGM.

-We funded the following last year:

-Field trip - \$9,000.00 to help subsidize the cost to CCS families. This is a budget of \$1500.00 per grade level.

-FINS (Fish in Schools) program – Bow River Hatchery.

-Alien in Line Skating cost \$6300.00

-Raz Kids and Mathletics subscriptions - \$6700.00

-Indigenous Week - \$1500.00 contribution

-Caring Committee - \$600.00 from the Council account to use for families that are requiring assistance.

-Plans for this year include:

-Halloween Dance – October.

-Student Xmas Market.

-Hoping to receive the ASCE Grant again this year. Last year we used the money to provide the Screenagers movie for families.

-Neon Nights Dance party.

-Unfortunately, we had to cancel the end of the year Carnival last year due to lack of volunteers. This year we plan to create a form and add it to the weekly CCS newsletter. We are hoping this will give us a call out list for volunteers.

-Volunteer incentives were used for the dances last year.

-Xmas gifts and thankyou cards for all the staff.

-CCS Council also provided a potluck dinner for the teachers and staff at the parent/teacher interview evening.

-Snack Attack Fridge program was also funded with a lot of help from the generous donations from CCS families and businesses.

#### 7)Nomination and Election of New Directors –

-All director positions are for a two-year term. All the director positions for both Council and Society are now open. The positions were added to the white board. All attendees were asked to consider putting their name forward for a director position.

#### Council:

President – Kiran Dhaliwal put her name forward.

**Motion:** Meghan El Sogheir made a motion to vote Kiran Dhaliwal into a two-year term as Council President. Seconded by Alisha Smith. Voted on. All in favour. Motion passed.

Vice President – Meghan ElSogheir put her name forward.

**Motion:** Kiran Dhaliwal made a motion to vote Maghan ElSogheir into a two-year term as Council Vice President. Seconded by Alisha Smith. Voted on. All in favour. Motion passed.

Treasurer – Nisha Roeman put her name forward.

**Motion:** Kiran Dhaliwal made a motion to vote Nisha Roeman into a two-year term as Council Treasurer. Seconded by Jenn Cudmore. Voted on. All in favour. Motion passed.

Secretary – Jenn Cudmore put her name forward.

**Motion:** Kiran Dhaliwal made a motion to vote Jenn Cudmore into a two-year term as Council Secretary. Seconded by Shauna Sargent. Voted on. All in favour. Motion passed.

-Kara McCrae put her name forward to manage Council Communications to the public.

**Motion:** Kiran Dhaliwal made a motion to vote Kara McCrae into a two-year position to manage CCS Council communications to the public. Seconded by Jenn Cudmore. Voted on. All in favour. Motion passed.

-CCS Council meetings are from 6:00–7:00 on the second Wednesday of every month.

-Society meetings are from 7:00-8:00 on the same night.

#### 8)Council Motions – Kiran Dhaliwal

**Motion:** Kiran Dhaliwal made a motion to budget \$3,000.00 for the Halloween Dance. Seconded by Amanda Baldwin. Voted on. All in favour. Motion passed.

-Big Deez has been booked for October 25, 2024 to DJ the Halloween Dance. No deposit has been paid yet. He charges CCS \$630.00 per event.

-Sign up Genius needs to be created to get volunteers for the Halloween dance.

-Alicia Cubillos has volunteered to chair the Halloween dance committee.

**Motion:** Kiran Dhaliwal made a motion to provide \$300.00 in funding towards the October dinner for the staff on Parent Teacher Interview night. Seconded by Meghan El Sogheir. Voted on. All in favour. Motion passed.

-Following the vote on the above motion, there was a discussion about whether \$300.00 covers the total cost of the dinner for the staff. Diana Logan said that the funds did not quite cover the dinner but that the staff was grateful for any funds they could get.

-Meghan El Sogheir and Jennifer Cudmore suggested that \$500.00 in funding might be more appropriate for this staff dinner.

**Amendment to Motion:** Kiran Dhaliwal made an amendment to the staff dinner motion. The amendment was to change the funding for the staff dinner to \$500.00 on Parent Teacher Interview night. Seconded by Meghan El Sogheir. Voted on. All in favour. Motion passed.

CCS Administration Wishlist:

-Council donation of funds to be expended at administrations discretion. This would cover the cost of items such as: t-shirts for all students, special events, speakers, and guests.

-Diana Logan had a discussion with RVS finance about RVS wanting the Councils across RVS to use the Council funds. It is problematic when schools carry a large bank account balance. RVS wide this money can really add up. This can reflect on Provincial funding of RVS.

-CCS Council account was at \$8167.66 closing balance for June 30, 2024. Propose to keep \$5000.00 in the Council GL account. They balance should be kept in a separate account for the school and to be managed by Barbara Wills administrative assistant.

-CCS budget has not been reconciled yet. Should be reconciled by the RVS finance department in the next couple of weeks.

**Motion:** Kiran Dhaliwal motioned to keep at least \$5000.00 in the CCS Council GL account. Move \$3000.00 to CCS account to be spent at administrators' discretion. Seconded by Nisha Rolleman. Voted on. All in favour. Motion passed.

-Coopers Cares - \$600.00 has been kept aside to help families in need. Last year CCS used \$370.00.

**Motion:** Kiran Dhaliwal motioned for \$600.00 to be moved from the CCS Council GL account to help families in need at CCS. Seconded by Kara McCrae. Voted on. All in favour. Motion passed.

9) Other Business:

-Tabled until October 2024 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm

Next meeting October 9, 2024 at 6:00pm

