



Coopers Crossing School Council Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2024

Meeting started at 6:04 pm

Present:

Jennifer Cudmore

Danielle Vienneau

Kiran Dhaliwal

Megan El Sogheir

Diana Logan

Kara McCrae

Jonathan Klinger

Nisha Rolleman

Amanda Baldwin

Alicia Cubillos

Shauna Sargent

Suzanne Olson

Alisha Smith

Merwan El Sogheir

1) Welcome – Kiran Dhaliwal

2) Approval of previous meeting minutes.

-Motion- Kiran Dhaliwal motions to pass meeting minutes from September 2024.

Seconded by Megan El Sogheir.

Motion voted on. All in favour. Motion passed.

3) Approval of agenda.

-Motion – Kiran Dhaliwal motions to approve the agenda for this meeting.

Seconded by Kara McCrae.

Motion voted on. All in favour. Motion passed.

4) Principal's Report – Diana Logan

-Parent Teacher conferences will be next Wednesday and Thursday evening. Conference manager is set up for families to book time online.

-Current CCS student population is 420.

-Toonies for Terry – CCS families generously donated \$1608.40. CCS goal was to raise \$1500.00.

-Day for Truth and Reconciliation was well received. CCS had an assembly. The students and staff wore orange shirts.

-CCS students have been making art with the theme of gratitude. This was the monthly attribute. This is timely for Thanksgiving.

-Helping hands volunteers have been busier than ever. The teachers appreciate all the extra help.

-CCS teachers are currently working on provincial and RVS assessments of students.

-Christmas concert dates have been selected. Tuesday December 10 the grade 1 and 2 teams will perform. Wednesday December 11 the grade three team will perform.

-CCS is delighted to welcome back our lunch time supervisors.

5) School Education Plan - Jonathan Klinger

-As we work as a team to continue making CCS the amazing place that it is, here are the goals we are committed to working towards through our School Education Plan.

-We asked the question this year: how might we?

i) How Might We – Continue to uphold our high literacy achievement while improving our numeracy rates?

-Short term goal: by June 2025, grade level numeracy data at grades 1-5 will indicate a 5% increase in the number of students at or above grade level.

ii) How Might We – Increase our student's awareness and appreciation of their role as members of their community?

-Short Term goal: by June 2025, the percentage of grade 4 and 5 students who report a sense of purpose in life, who devote time to pleasurable activities, who understand their own and other cultures, who have positive health, and are goal orientated will be 85% according to OurSCHOOL survey results.

iii) How Might We – Continue to foster a safe, healthy, and inclusive environment at Cooper's Crossing School?

-Short term goal: by June 2025, our Alberta Education Assurance survey will score 90% related to creating a welcoming, caring, respectful, and safe learning environment.

6) Diversity Profile – Jonathan Klinger

Mission: At Cooper's Crossing School, we care for learners and provide them with joy-filled, purposeful, and rich experiences designed to develop the character traits, knowledge, and skills needed to thrive in life and make a positive difference in their families, communities, and world.

Beliefs: We believe in the diversity of our community, celebrating the unique gifts of each member, and supporting our students, families and staff to be ready and equipped to impact the world through strong knowledge, skills, character and leadership.

-Total Number of Students: 420

-Grades Served: Pre-K – Grade 5

-Total Number of Classroom Teachers: 18

- Learning Support Teacher(s): 1

- Learning Assistant(s): 8
- CDA(s)/Guidance Counsellor(s): 1
- Learning Commons Facilitator(s): 1
- Office staff: 2
- Caretaking staff: 5
- School Diversity Profile: As with all Rocky View Schools, Cooper's Crossing School reflects a rich and diverse learning community.
- Notably, 5% of our students self-identify as Indigenous students.
- English as an Additional Language learners represent 5% of our school population. The most common first language for these students is Punjabi.
- As an inclusive school, we welcome 5% of our students who have significant needs.
- Additionally, our school offers amazing leadership opportunities. For our older students, these include AMA Patrollers, recess recycling, hot lunch leaders, student leaders in assemblies, student led announcements, and recess equipment managers.
- Students in our younger grades are also counted on to be leaders. From classroom jobs to collecting recycling, even our youngest students show leadership daily.
- All students here at Cooper's have a chance to participate in student clubs throughout the winter months.
- Cooper's Crossing continues to be a supportive place for all staff and students where everyone feels welcome, safe and respected. It is truly a special place to be.

7) 2024 Student Feedback – Diana Logan

-i) What do students think are some things that are going well?

- Teachers treat students fairly.
- Students have fun learning.
- There are lots of books in the learning commons.
- Student clubs are fun.
- The recess equipment helps make recess fun.
- Gym class is fun, and we have lots of equipment.
- Teachers care about the students.

ii) What do students think could be worked on or improved?

- More snacks in the Snack Attack fridge.
- Add in some scooter racks.
- More dodgeballs in the gym.
- Add a gaga ball court outside.

-Add another basketball hoop outside.

-More instruments in the music room.

-More options for fun lunch.

iii) What do parents think are some things that are going well?

-Fundraising, special activities, field trips.

-Safety, important values being instilled, great teachers.

-Fun activities for students, Healthy Hunger, great weekly communication from school and teacher, lots of opportunities for parent volunteers.

iv) What do parents think could be worked on or improved?

-More support for complex needs students.

-More robust extra-curricular programs inclusive of all grades.

-Better communication about the indicators/levels of achievement that are used in PowerSchool. It hasn't been clearly shared what each level stands for and what order the indicators go in.

8) Trustee Report- Todd Brand

Todd was unable to attend this meeting. Please see the RVS website for the information from the most recent board meeting. rockyview.ab.ca

9) Playground Update – Jonathan Klinger

-Last year CCS reviewed the options available to make our playground accessible to all students.

-Jenn Cudmore and Megan El Sogheir attended the Coopers Community Association AGM. Jenn and Megan both spoke to association members and many members of the Coopers community at this meeting. They made the association aware that the CCS playground could use an update to help make it more accessible to all our students.

-The Coopers Community Association shared that they are planning to expand the playground at the Coopers Circle site. They plan to make this playground accessible to all residents of varying mobility. They plan to use the Westmark Legacy fund.

-They forecast that this improvement to Coopers Circle playground will take up to 18 months. Total cost for this upgrade will be \$120,000. They are currently in talks with the City of Airdrie to get approved for a land use change.

-Merwan El Sogheir will reach out to local builders in Coopers. He will ask if any of the builders would like to donate funds towards the CCS playground. We could offer to put their logo on the playground or on a sign.

-Jonathan Klinger plans to gather three options on replacing CCS equipment vs resurfacing.

-Jonathan Klinger would also appreciate a budget for this project.

-Kiran Dhaliwal states that there is around \$15,000 that could be used from the AGLC funds towards this project. Ideally, we could get this amount matched through donations.

10) Halloween Dance – Alicia Cubillos

-Dance is scheduled on October 25,2024.

-School cash for ticket sales and food sales opened yesterday. Unfortunately, notifications did not get sent out to families. Alicia will speak to Barbara Wills about this.

-Using Papa John's pizza for food at the dance. They will give CCS a 20% discount on the food.

-Using colour coded food tickets. Planning to only order a few extra pizzas for any sales that occur at the dance.

-Sign up Genius was created seeking dance volunteers. Incentive is a \$10.00 refund for each volunteer.

-Sharron the site caretaker will be onsite until 9:00pm. We need many volunteers for the end of night clean up.

11) Christmas Market – Diana Logan

-Looking at holding the market on November 29,2024. Probably will run the market from 6:00-7:30pm.

-Expression of interest sent home in the weekly newsletter last week.

-Diana Logan will organize and run a lunch group for student participants. This allows students time to work on their projects.

-Diana Logan suggested that Council/Society should avoid having a bake sale this year. The concern is that any kids who want to sell baking should not be overshadowed by a big bake sale put on by the parents.

-Diana Logan will send home a form of agreement to attend the lunchtime club. Will set the deadline for form return October 31,2024.

-Could we ask Mr. Russ if he would be our Santa for this event?

12) Other Business

-Merwan El Sogheir asked if parking is not allowed in front of the kindergarten.

-Diana Logan mentioned that a Peace Officer had recently given out tickets.

-Diana Logan also mentioned that next fall CCS will be welcoming many more students that will be bussed. This will further reduce parking in this area.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm

Next meeting November 13,2024 at 6:00 pm

