

**CES School Council**  
**Monthly Exec Meeting Minutes**  
**December 12, 2017 at 2pm**

1. **In Attendance**- Mr. Goutsis, Jessica M, Tasha, Sarah M.

2. **Committee Updates**

(i) **Book Fair**- Spring bookfair will run March 20-22. The theme is "Paws for Books".

(ii) **Fun Skate**- January 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8 at the Arena. \$5/per family. Cookies and hot chocolate will be provided. I-pod music list. Paw's winter photo prop for family photos.

(iii)**Family Dance**- Planned for June 1,2018 at 5:30.All of the big things are booked.

(iv)**Hot Lunch**- going well. Subway went very smoothly. Pizza on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

(v)**Concession**- going well.

(vi) **Toast**- going well. Finding it difficult to accommodate all families preferences (ie.gluten free, no seeds etc). The bread we receive is donated and the gluten free is purchased. Discussed giving parents the opportunity to bring in the bread of their choice to accommodate their child's specific dietary requirements. Mr.G is drafting at letter to parents regarding this.

(vii) **Grants/Fundraising/Friends of CES**

Melissa suggested possibly applying for Indigo's "Love of reading" grant. To be researched further.

(viii) **Space/Size/Growth** - measurements for proposed relocatables have been completed. We will know in January in regards to whether these have been approved. Will know in March in regards to our application for a new build.

(x) **Grounds**- ongoing concerns with parking/pickup in the back alley. Mr.G will be sending out a reminder in January to park along the fence and that it is a drop and go location. There was talk of expanding the parking lot at some point, but uncertainty as to how to do this as space is limited. The division no longer budgets to paint lines in the parking lots. Concerns about this can be directed to the division.

**Trustee & School Board Report**- none

**3. Principal Report**

-We now have 22 kids accessing the PUF program. This is the highest in the division. The larger number is believed to be because of our ability to better identify children's needs. We are seeing large improvements in grades 1 and 2 because of the program. -

Grade 1 Christmas Concert on December 20<sup>th</sup> at 1pm and 6:30pm. -

Inline skating starts in January, this is funded by money we raised from the family dance. Swimming is underway and going well. -

FNMI (First Nations, Métis and Inuit) changes to the curriculum. There was a puppet show recently connected to this topic which the kids enjoyed. -

Food Bank donations will be taken to Olds for the families identified in need. This is likely the last year that we will be collecting actual goods. The foodbank is trying to move more to a monetary donation model/giftcard route to best help families in need. -

165 shoeboxes were collected for Operation Christmas Child. A parent brought forth a concern that the school was promoting a program with a religious affiliation. The religious aspect of the shoebox program is not pushed at the school. -The first group of reading buddies is coming to a close. A new group to start in the new year. -Watch the calendar

for upcoming spirit days. January 10<sup>th</sup> is Jersey Day!

-Science fair info will be coming home in January and the fair will be held in February. -

Aiming to decreasing the financial burden on families the school purchased glue sticks this year. We are now in need of more and will likely have to add glue sticks to the school supplies list for next year, as the cost is quite high (\$4000.00).

-It has been brought to Mr. G's attention that some parents have turned to social media to express their concerns with the

child conflict resolution at the school. Mr. G would like parents that have any concerns to please contact him.

4. **Next Meeting** – January 16 at 2pm.