

CES School Council
Monthly Exec Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2018 at 2pm

1. **In Attendance**- Mr. Goutsis, Jessica P, Melissa C, Coralie S, Sarah M and Jessica M.

2. **Committee Updates**

(i) **Book Fair**- going on now. May discuss cutting back some of the volunteer shifts in the future during the slow hours when there are very few sales.

(ii)**Family Dance**- Planned for June 1,2018 at 5:30. All of the big things are booked. Lara Pawluk is leading the committee. There will be a meeting soon.

(iii)**Hot Lunch**- going well.

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

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

(vi)**Grants/Fundraising/Friends of CES**- On approval of our new build we will need to look at avenues to fundraise for playground equipment. There are government grants that can be applied for once we have a pool of our own fundraising money. Melissa mentioned to Mr.G that there may be some money at the division level left to add to our funds. (vii)**Space/Size/Growth** - we were declined for relocatables. We applied under the Capital Plan for 10 classrooms plus, a gym expansion.

Parking lot expansion would also be part of the Capital Plan. What we may be approved for is uncertain. There are budget announcements planned for Thursday March 22. It would take approximately 28 months to complete the new build.

(viii)**Grounds**- HSS is making some changing to their bus loops to help with traffic flow. There may be changes to ours in the future with the possibility of a bus transfer site.

Trustee & School Board Report- the new build planning committee has been dissolved and they now want to focus on communication in the community. We remain top priority in the division for expansion. Melissa has met with Minister Eggen in the past to discuss issues in our division and has been working towards another meeting soon. Some issues to be discussed include rural transportation, PUF funding, spacing issues and Horizon school. Bussing is running a large deficit. The Minister of Education may be making changes to bussing in the future.

3. **Principal Report**

- Mrs.Noren's service was held on March 3rd. Staff plan to do something in memory of her either inside the school or outside.
- We were well represented at the science fair.

- A reminder will be going home regarding police checks in preparation of the field trips coming up. Online field trip forms will be accessible this year.
- Mr. G met with Kurt Sacher and Ray Hoppins. We are going to be a pilot school for a new system to better streamline our access to transportation information. March 23rd Pam and Bev will be receiving some training on the new system.
- On approval of our expansion, we will need to start brainstorming what we want to help speed up the building process.
- We've had lots of different performances recently. Michael Mitchell, Robert Munsch puppet show, magician and a juggler.
- Listening tails program has started and going well. Wyndy a black lab comes in for the kids to read to.
- Looking into a system for booking parent teacher interviews online. Wondering if it would increase parental participation in interviews. System would cost \$500-\$1000.
- Principals will be meeting on March 27th regarding the budget and resource allocations.
- Parent survey will be handed out on interview nights. Will also send home.
- K-12 curriculum is to include Truth and Reconciliation material. First Nations history and information about residential schools will be included throughout all curriculum areas. Art, science, literacy, games etc. We have an Elder assigned to our school to help guide us. We currently

participate in Orange Shirt Day, have had aboriginal dance performances, as well as books being shared in classrooms.

- Discussed reasoning behind Kindergarten concert afternoon time. It can be a late night for young kids if planned for the evening. Will assess the Kinder group families next year to see if time of day should be changed.
- We are going to trial some evening council meetings to allow parents who cannot make the daytime meetings attend.
- **Next Meeting** –April 24 at 7pm.