

**CES School Council**  
**Monthly Exec Meeting Minutes**  
**October 24, 2017 – 2pm**

1. **In Attendance**- Sheldon, Jacquie, Coralie, Angie, John, Melissa and Sarah.
2. **Committee Updates**
  - (i) **Book Fair**- currently underway, going well.
  - (ii) **Snowball**- Scheduled for December 1<sup>st</sup> from 5-7. Brittany has taken lead and will advise how we can assist.
  - (iii) **Family Dance**- All of the big things are booked (venue. etc)
  - (iv) **Hot Lunch**- recent issue with the online orders. Plan in place to prevent this from happening in the future.
  - (v) **Concession**- Having issues with long lineups. Considering alternating different wings each week to solve this problem.
  - (vi) **Toast**- We have \$3000.00 in donations. The new RX pharmacy in town very graciously held a BBQ fundraiser adding an additional \$500.00 towards our toast program.
  - (vii) **Grants/Fundraising/Friends of CES**

-Magazines- Recently wrapped up the yearly magazine fundraiser. Sold approx. \$8000.00 worth of products. We will receive 33-34 % of that, which will go to our playground fund. We are looking into adding a cookie dough purchase option for next year as many people have expressed interest.

-Other Fundraising discussion:

We don't feel the need to ramp up our fundraising currently as we have no large projects on the agenda, but discussed some more passive ways to raise funds.

Jacque suggested looking into something called "fundscript" which allows non-profits to sell gift cards from a variety of retailers and in return receive a 3% commission. Jacque has volunteered to take the lead on this.

Sarah suggested looking into the shop and save website where non-profits can get a commission by people linking through the website before making a purchase at a variety of retailers. Sarah will get more info and discuss with John.

Also discussed that people who wish to do so can make direct donations to the school and specify where they would like the money to be used.

(viii)**Space/Size/Growth** - please see trustee report below.

(x)**Grounds**- Planning to hire out herbicide application again this year as it made a noticeable difference.

Discussed repurposing some of the south flowerbed to allow for raised garden beds. These will be used for science projects/planting station.

Nets have arrived for the new asphalt pad. We hope to have them installed before winter.

3. **Trustee & School Board Report**- On October 12<sup>th</sup> a motion was passed to have 5 portables and one bathroom (6 units) added to the south end of the school. This will hopefully be approved in January and the portables will be installed over the summer months, ready for the new school year. This would mean that the school would return to a K-3. We would still remain the number one priority in the division for expansion. Kurt Sacher is currently drafting a letter to parents about the above.
4. **Principle Report**- currently have 281 students. 21 PUFF kids. We continue to be very reading focused and track how we are doing. Comprehension is our weakest area. Terry fox run was a huge success. We had 85 kids for the Innisfail fun run. 14 of the kids had top10 finishes. Our school fun run was cancelled due to weather. John has been meeting with HSS so we can be consistent (synced theme days, weather decisions re: recess etc)

Parent teacher interviews this week. December 1<sup>st</sup> report cards will go home. We had a school safety check which went well. Have also practised fire drills and lockdown procedure.

We celebrated Orange shirt day in remembrance of residential schools. On Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> we have an aboriginal presentation (First Nations story)

November 17<sup>th</sup> will be picture retakes. There was a mess up with printed dates on some of the photos sent home. Photos will be reprinted.

Remembrance Day Assembly will be on Nov. 7 @ 10:30

Monster Mash is on October 31<sup>st</sup> at 1pm

Operation Christmas Child shoebox collection will be in early November

Only about 50% of families have opted in for texting from the school messenger system. Sarah will post reminder on the K, 1 and 2 Facebook pages.

**Next Meeting** – November 21<sup>st</sup> at 2pm.