

THE FRIENDS OF CARSTAIRS SOCIETY
MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA

September 20, 2022 at 7:00pm
Carstairs Elementary School

Group Norms and Reminders:

- In Person Meeting Norms
 - If you wish to speak, please ensure you raise your hand and do not interrupt others. This is an open discussion that needs the opportunity for everyone to speak
 - We will have time for round table discussion at the end, where we can bring up any items that are not on the agenda for discussion

- Committee Norms:
 - Assume good intentions
 - Respectful collaboration

In Attendance:

Called to Order 7:02pm

- Introduction activity: name, children(s), grades and if you have been on parent council before and for how long
 - Erin Pelletier - Boy grade 3, Boy home, on council for 3 years, Chair
 - Chelsea Cairns - girl gr3, girl K , babe at home, on parent council for past year, Vice Chair
 - Lara Pawluk - VP for 6yrs, 2 kids, gr 10 and 9,
 - John Goutsis - principal for 6yrs, 2 older girls not at home anymore -
 - Courtney Reid - girl in K, girl in playschool, babe at home - on playschool board
 - Sheryl Tunnell - boy gr 3, boy in playschool, babe at home - council for just over a year, secretary
 - Shannon Bayer - boy gr 3, boy in playschool - new to council
 - Franca Young - boy Gr 3, girl in gr.1 - new to council
 - Jana Kirkwood - gr 6, boy K - new to council
 - Adena Maluk - Boy - K, new to council, loves to volunteer

Introduction

- Parent Council & The Friends of Carstairs Elementary School Society - The Difference
 - Parent Council - parents that get together and work together to make things better
 - Friends Society - needed to raise funds for the school. Has a bank account to be able to write cheques to the school. The society is what will run events and fundraisers.

- Current Parent Council and positions that are available
 - Chair
 - Vice Chair
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer

Committee Updates:

- Grants and Fundraising:
 - Bottle Drive Update
 - Cheque from the Bottle Depot
 - \$1784.80
 - More money may be coming in - owner of the Depot said he would deliver another cheque if he gets more.
 - From the bottle drive - questions arose to what the drive and all the fundraising was for. Next year, be more direct on what the drive is for. There are multiple ideas that can help make the school better.
 - Smile Cookie Campaign; September 19 - 25, 2022
 - Sold 1400 cookies yesterday, tonight over 1000. Employees are enthusiastic about selling cookies for the school.
 - Ideas for the upcoming school year
 - Fall 50/50
 - April's raffle was a success, about \$6666 in winnings.
 - Try not to have a raffle at the same time as other organizations in town. Checking to see if the fall, October/November would be a good time.
 - Family Dance
 - In the past, not a lot of money was raised. A lot of work for the staff. Transfer work over to parent council to arrange.
 - Trying to revive it for the spring into June, somewhere over the two months. - Looking into Friday, May 5.
 - Look into hosting it at the Arena, if the town would donate it for the day, or reduced cost. Assistance for food from the Co-op.
 - Create a committee for the dance, discussion at a later date.
 - Spring Golf Tournament
 - Weekend after Father's Day - June 18
 - Draw to enter to win entry into the golf tournament
 - \$110 per person
 - Discuss at next meeting - as Andrea was absent and she has been the one looking into it.

- Purchasing of School Supplies for the kids - Part of what fundraising funds will help with.
 - Need to know before February, what supplies would be.
 - Need to generate a list of items that parents vs. society could purchase for the teachers
 - Discuss again in November or December
- Alberta School Council Engagement Grant
 - Do we want to have a speaker again on a certain topic?
 - John Laing - last years speaker - was a success
 - Lara to connect to see what other topics that would be of interest this year.
 - Grant is \$500
 - Try for a November meeting for parents
- What committees are required this year?
 - Family Dance
 - Fundraising
 - Food
 - Buckets/silent auction
 - Set up/take down
 - Possible Golf Tourney
 - Book Fair - mentioning to Nicole that there is a parent interested in doing it.
 - Concession - not this year, we have the healthy snack grant that helps all students throughout the week, in addition to lunch for learning
 - Hot Lunch Committee - same from last year

Reports and Updates:

- Trustee and School Board Report: Melissa Copley
- Principal Report: John Goutsis
 - No covid restrictions
 - Population about 450 students - 36 new students since September
 - 1st Assembly tomorrow - for the school only
 - CES shirts - Previously we bought for Ks, and used to provide for new students to the school. Now, all new Kindergarten students will receive a shirt, but any others will get an order form. Chance to order at least once, maybe twice per year.
 - New K teacher in June, New Grade 1 teacher in September.
 - Drop off and Pick up in the morning, working well from a teacher point of view. Meeting outside and coming in as a class. Reminder to drop off children at the north door - not to be blocking the garages in the alley. Please park as close to the fence as you can.

- Google Classroom - expectation from teachers and division, it is still there. The idea is not for work everyday, just to keep an updated plan for the month, and some ideas that you can do at home, to keep up.
- Terry Fox run held across the road in the park on Thursday, Sept. 22.
- Swimming 1 to Grade 2, Kinder, Grade 2-3, inline skating. Swimming has the regular swimming fees associated with it. Inline skating in February. Swimming fees paid by parents. Inline skating fees are paid by school.
- Field Trips - Spring. Need police record checks to be updated for all parents.
- Volunteering allowed again this year - connect to your child's teacher to know if they would like to have volunteers.
- Concert dates - too hard to do 5 concerts. Working on a plan. Kindergarten concert in the Spring.
- 2 report cards. Interview in November, RC in January, Interview in March, RC in June. In person and virtual option
- Playground Update
 - Meeting scheduled for Monday with the town and the division to lay out when the excavating to happen. 2nd week of October. Behind the basketball court, climbing structure and swing set.... Addition to little park.
 - Areas in construction will be blocked off to the school and the town for the duration of the installation.
 - First week of new equipment, rotation of grades on the new equipment.
 - Everyone is outside for recess at once this year.
- Reading results
 - Intervention groups being created through Lara and some EAs
- Social Emotional Needs, psychologists involved. YES program is starting up again in October.
- Goal - New Curriculum on Collab Days
 - K-3s, new work
 - Grade 4s working on the HLAT.
- Government Assessments
 - Standardized testing for all grade 2s and 3s in literacy. Not curriculum connected. Results are supposed to help with support for the classroom.
- Communication - email, call, come into the building.

New Business

- Nominations and voting for the upcoming school year council
- Current Parent Council and positions that are available
 - Melissa Dussault has resigned from the treasurer position effective the 2022/2023 school year. A new treasurer is required.

- Chair - Erin Pelletier - acclaimed
 - Vice Chair - Chelsea Cairns - acclaimed
 - Secretary - Sheryl Tunnell - acclaimed
 - Treasurer - Jana Kirkwood - nominated by Adena. All members in attendance voted in favour.
- Date/time for our virtual parent council meetings, do we need to have a vote on what day you prefer?
 - Tuesday, October 25 @7:30pm Virtual, via Google Meet.

Round Table:

Playground Ideas

- 1 yr check with Shunda, take into the Public library to check on the floor
- Chat with Friends of the Library, to see if they would partner with the Friends of the Carstairs Society to help with the asphalt pad [one of the projects we are fundraising for].
- When the playground is all done - to host a grand opening.

Resources:

- Chinooks Edge Re-Entry Plan
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_kGJ5TGNwwq3QHs4Hw7DmiVBBDK4puRHAiqznQiiBmW8/edit
- <https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/>
- <https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/public/download/documents/40732>

Next Meeting:

- Tuesday, October 25 @7:30pm Virtual, via Google Meet.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:52pm