

CR. JUDD COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 28 2016

Attendance: Trisha MacLean, Dave LeGrand, Tracey LeGrand, Andrya Briscoe-Illsley, Nathalie Phaneuf, Anka Brown, Jacques Mantha-Phone number and email contact was collected from each member.

1) Principal Mantha reviewed the agenda with the school council.

2-3) The principal gave a demonstration on the computer about school and board updated websites. He gave instructions on how to navigate on the website to find CR JUDD school and other information. He showed how to find school council information/bylaws including the number of parents required for a quorum (4, which we have again this year).

- 4 a)Trisha was elected as chair for the council
- b) Nathalie was elected secretary for the council
- c) Tracey was elected Teacher representative
- d) Dave and Anka were elected as parent representatives
- e) Andrya was elected as community representative

5) Principal's report:

Staffing: Mr. Mantha introduced the new teachers working at the school this year. Mrs. Purvis Ms. Duragon, Mrs. LeGrand and new DECE Mrs. Marina Bouffard. Enrollment is down slightly. Let's continue to make Judd the best place for the Capreol students.

6) Playground Enhancement Project:

Tracey explained about the buddy bench and that 6 trees were planted and 2 were damaged. Also discussed camera usage at the school outside to prevent vandalism.

Mr. Mantha explained that we will receive a camera(s) and it is pending on school board funding and priority. Not sure where we are on the list or when this will happen but all schools with the RDSB will have cameras updated. Mr. Mantha will invite Roxanne Sauvé, our school police representative to the next meeting to discuss her role and safety concerns.

Dave suggested we set up a committee with Roxanne to discuss the vandalism and possible solutions. Tracey explained that there is nothing in the community for the youth and that a skateboard park and splash pad would be very useful to decrease vandalism in the community. Mr. Mantha discussed 1 st steps and will set up a meeting with them to discuss outreach and their role in the community

7) Fundraising:

Mr. Mantha explained the fundraising table behind the agenda. Reviewed FT-05 with the school council for this year.

He discussed fundraising from Valley Bingo. We receive around \$ 7000-8000 a year. Also fundraising done by the school and school budget funds allocated to the school from the ministry/school board.

He explained that the fundraising is for the children such as equipment, trips, bus, sporting fees, field trips, technology, chairs, etc.... Whatever the kids need.

He reviewed the fundraising activities for the book fair: \$ 1000/ yr. All money raised goes to books.

Funfair ~\$3000/yr. A major source of fundraising. This year we will add the Little Caesar's pizza kits to our fundraising. It did really well when we were fundraising for the playground structure. Tracey will help with that one.

Mr. Mantha will share the process of developing a proposed budget for bingo funds (summary of last year expenses at our next meeting.

Andrya explained that she will be donating a painting to the school and also discussed the possibility of weekly bake sales on Fridays (for parents and not students because of healthy school rules). Tracey's input was to get the grade 8 students involved in selling popcorn. Mr. Mantha explained that it must only be healthy foods to be sold because the school board/province has a policy regarding having only 10 special events per year that are allowed to sell unhealthy items. Dave explained that the community should be involved and bake goods to be sold to adults and not students.

8) School council funding: Mr. Mantha explained that the funds are used for events where we invite parents to the school such as paying pizza for open house, reimburse police checks, volunteer assembly costs and paying the babysitters at our school council meetings. Roughly \$ 800.00 balance left in account. Anka proposed that there should be a catered lunch for the volunteers and have a bake sale and on parent's teacher night buy coffee and cookies.

9) EQAO: May and June results for grade 3-6 will be sent home to parents this week. Still need math improvements that is ongoing and we will be purchasing math equipment such as blocks, shapes etc... Student in grade 6 did well in reading and writing, however grade 3s remains mostly at a grade 2 level but has promise for next year since many of them were nearing level 3. All EQAO results are available on line at www.eqao.com.

Trisha inquiring about teachers doing 1-1 reading with the students. Mr. Mantha confirmed that the program is ongoing in grade 1-2 (ERI-Early reading intervention and a tutor).

10) Board Strategic Directions: Presentation done on computer by Mr. Mantha

He discussed the Strategic Directions pamphlet from the Board and our goals that need to be aligned with school needs and community.

Mr. Mantha reviewed the power point presentation on The Final Capital and Accommodation Plan. This is available on the RDSB Website. Also available on the RDSB website are other documents such as policy no. GOV 15-Student Accommodations. The Board proposed the school closure of Pinecrest PS for various reasons. Grade 7-8 students would go to Confederation S.S. and Grade 6 students would go to Redwood Acres P.S. Mr. Mantha emphasized that all changes are proposed changes. Parents and community members are invited to public meetings for input and to gather more info. An invitation letter will be sent home to each family.

If the entire plan goes through this would save the board millions then the RDSB reserve costs would only be \$140 thousand a year, in which case they can almost balance the books. There has been a dramatic changes in calculating funding (by Ministry) to schools as explained by Mr. Mantha through the power point presentation.

We have enough space at CR JUDD to accommodate 260 students. CR Judd last year had a utilization rate of 59%, which is at the poor level of use of space in the school. Funding is based on spacing available at the school and school enrollment.

The school's Capital repairs estimate for the next 5 years is 5.8 million to keep the schools running such as heating, plumbing, roof, windows, repairs...

11) PIC: The Parent Involvement Meeting (PIC) will be held once a month at Sudbury Secondary school. 1st one is October 18, 2016. Marc Guerin and Hallie Willmott will be doing a presentation on internet safety. Mr. Mantha asked if any of the council members would like to be nominated for a position with PIC. None were interested. The "Join Us" poster was distributed. Future meetings are Nov 1st, Jan 10th, Feb 28th, April 4th and May 2nd.

12) Bear Update: Frequent bear sightings on or near school property. A "shelter in place" is called in those instances and the school blows horns and whistles and motorized patrols (Custodian) around the perimeter of the school are used to deter the bears. These incidences are reported to the MNR and Police as needed. Announcements are made, students are kept safe and teachers teach our students to be "Bear Wise". Resources are available on the internet.

13) Mr. Mantha thanked the committee and any other agenda items not covered tonight are to be brought forward to him for the next meeting.

14) Next Meeting: Meeting times changed to 3:30- 4:30 and next meeting is October 26, 2016 in the Library. The 3rd meeting will take place on December 7th, 2016 (3:30-4:30).