



## Family Crew Organization Meeting Minutes

DATE: December 3, 2021

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION: GreenWood Auditorium

Chair person: Kara Lyon

Administrator: Tracey Nelsen

Greeting: Introduce yourself to your neighbor & tell them what grade(s) your child(ren) is in.

Reading: HEALTH value of the month:

## **LEADERSHIP**

We assume personal responsibility for achieving extraordinary results, but we know we accomplish more when we work together. We are accountable to each other to focus on growth and the greater good. We work every day to build integrity by doing what we say we are going to do. We have trust for each other. We believe we can succeed at any challenge. We are optimistic.

Mindfulness to Music: Did you know you can use music in your mindfulness practice? Listen to this song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qe16MupkgYQ>. Take deep breaths and relax your shoulders and neck as you take 2 minutes and 40 seconds to practice mindfulness today!

Meeting Objective: To get to know each other, be mindful, and volunteer to help make our school great!

Agenda Items:

1. Announcement: I have been asked to take on a teaching role here at the school as a Specials Teacher. I will be taking over for the previous

technology teacher, but we are making some changes. For K-2 I will be teaching music. For 3-5 I will be teaching music and typing each week. For Upper Grove, I have taken over the digital literacy class for this semester, but next semester will be teaching the music concepts class. (I am no longer working in the front office) I have a degree in music, specifically in piano. This has been my first week here teaching music, and I am thrilled to have this opportunity!

#### Action Items:

1. We have the following volunteer opportunities:
  - a. I would love to have your help building the music program! Do you have a musical talent you would like to share? Do you have musical instruments you would like to donate? Do you have connections for fieldwork we could do that has to do with music? Please let me know!
  - b. Our school need your ideas, input and help during these exciting upcoming events. We will be discussing these in more detail in the following months at the FCO meetings.
    - i. Healthy Habits Week (January 18-21)
      1. In the past we have hosted a family night that is centered around our school's health value. With Covid, we are trying to come up with ideas of how we can still do this and make it safe for everyone. We may have to do an outdoor activity again, even in January :)
    - ii. Carry Kindness Week (February 14-18)
      1. Parents will be needed to support our Leadership team with in-school activities.
    - iii. Earth Week (April 18-22)
      1. Coach D. will plan an outdoors activity that will include some service and taking care of our very own piece of earth- our Back 7! Parent involvement will be appreciated! Stay tuned for more details!
    - iv. Teacher Appreciation Week (May 2-6)
      1. We want this to be a BIG deal! Our teachers are amazing and we would love your help with ideas of how to show them we can help. So far, some ideas are to decorate their doors, drop off treats, and plan a nice luncheon for

them on that Friday (half day). The more volunteers we have, the better & bigger we can make it for our fabulous teachers!

- c. Crossing Guard- I am looking for someone to come help on Tuesday mornings, starting immediately. If you can help, but can't make Tuesday mornings work, please let me know. It's always good to have back-ups!
- d. I need help in the library on Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 12:30-1:00. Please let me know if you're interested!

#### Discussion Items:

- 1. Fieldwork-
  - a. Some parents had questions about fieldwork, and why some grades have had more opportunities than other grades. Mrs Nelson explained that the fieldwork each grade chooses correlates with what they are learning in class. Some subjects/modules have more opportunity for fieldwork than others. Also, with Covid, some fieldwork that we have arranged in the past is proving difficult or impossible to arrange now. Please feel free to reach out to your child's teachers if you have any questions about fieldwork. Also, if you have ideas or suggestions or connections for fieldwork that pertains to what your child is learning this year in school, please feel free to reach out to your child's teachers. All suggestions and help are welcome!

#### Important Upcoming Events:

- 1. Intensives will be the week of Dec 13-17th. Intensives are held the week before Christmas break and the week before summer break. It is an opportunity to focus on one subject or topic from this year's curriculum, and dig deep. The students spend a whole week learning about that subject and do a lot of activities around that one subject. This is another thing that makes GreenWood unique, because students are excited to be at school right before the break because they are doing meaningful learning that week! It makes a big difference! Please make sure you know what your child is doing for intensives. Please reach out to your child's teacher and see if they need any help or support. It is a BIG week for everyone and parent support, in lots of different forms, is very helpful! For Forest Crew on Friday Dec 17, there will be a slideshow of the different intensives that

the students did that week, as well as a vocal performance by the 3rd-5th graders. Make sure you put this on your calendar! It is the last day before Christmas break, and should be really special!

Next Meeting will be on Friday January 7, 2022 @ 9:00 a.m. in the auditorium.

\*We will be focusing this meeting on planning our family activity for Healthy Habits week! Please plan on coming to the meeting so you can share your ideas and plan it out! Thanks!