

Council Meeting 10/03/2021

5:30 PM | Virtual Meeting via Google Meet

Called to Order at 5:34pm

The mission of our School Council is to foster the well being and effectiveness of our school community and to enhance student learning.

ATTENDEES via Google Meet

David Bexte, Leanne Hellman, Kimberly Collis, Robert Strauss, Lorelei Bexte, Geri Budd, Stacey Tharle, Sue MacDonald, Don Monts, Arren Middleton, Lori Gair, Fernanda Eisler, Deanna Edwards, John Seaman

Approval of Minutes - Kimberly moved her report accepted as presented. Stacey Seconded. CARRIED

AGENDA

Additions to the Agenda - FCSS and Promotion of CCHS to outside schools. David moved his agenda accepted as presented with removal of school satisfaction survey. Geri Seconded. CARRIED

- **Old Business** none at this time.
- **New Business**
 - School Budget - 3 year rolling average is a new funding model, and will impact how funding is distributed. Currently based on need and the program and how it uses their funds (foods, art, etc) Areas of need; school sign to be used in a better way. Current sign is difficult to use. Upgrade computer lab; larger monitors and better equipment. Can a wish list be generated?
 - Grad Conflicts - Grad and 4H Achievement Day conflict. Can we ensure this conflict doesn't happen next year? School is willing to ensure no conflicts happen.
 - FCSS Youth Centre - John Cookson is the new Director. Food Friday will begin this Friday and is a free lunch for any kids who need one. Hoping to welcome kids back to the youth centre, aiming for April for registered programming. Instagram handle @get_a_way_youth_centre
 - Advocating of CCHS - should we be reaching out to our smaller schools to promote attendance? There is a diverse population particularly in the north of the county; how can we entice them and avoid poaching.
- **Board Report**
 - Highlights of Board of Trustees Meeting Tues, February 23, 2020
 - **Community and Staff Engagement:** The Assurance Framework from Alberta Education places an emphasis on stakeholder engagement to establish locally developed priorities and to share progress and results related to those priorities. The Division's [Education Plan](#)

reflects these priorities and shares the progress toward achieving those priorities. The Education Act requires the engagement of parents, students, staff and other key stakeholders around planning. To this end the Division is creating survey tools to gain perspective from all the stakeholders. Please watch for these opportunities to share your thoughts and ideas.

- **2020/21 Satisfaction with Education in Alberta Telephone/online Surveys:** The Ministry of Education will conduct its annual satisfaction telephone/online surveys to collect public and participant perceptions of Alberta's education system. The surveys gather responses from a random sample of parents, the general public, high school students, teachers (telephone and online), principals (online) and school board trustees, as well as employers of recent high school graduates. The total number of completed surveys will be over 6,000, ensuring that survey results for each of the 10 respondent groups are statistically representative. The survey responses are completely confidential, and no individual responses will be reported. Your participation is important, as it provides valuable information to help the ministry identify areas of strength and areas needing improvement, thus helping to provide a more effective and accountable education system.
- **Technology Department Annual Report:** The Palliser School Division Technology Services Department is focused on providing students and staff with the tools needed to ensure high-quality learning environments. There is an ongoing focus on utilizing tools that promote efficiencies and improve the engagement of all stakeholders. The Technology Services Department continues to respond to the COVID-19 safety measures to ensure the continuity of learning and operations. Through the current year we have seen an increase in the number of Google Classrooms grow from just over 2,850 to just under 4,200. What is more astonishing is the amount of live online instruction that has occurred through Google meets with an average of close to 1,000 daily users through the year.
- **Indigenous Student Supports:** Kristin Krein is the Division's Indigenous Success Coordinator. She is a resource for students and staff and will facilitate Elder requests, answer questions, will provide site-based professional development, or First Nations, Metis, and Inuit student cultural activities. Please contact Kristin if you are interested in having her come out and share, kristin.krein@pallisersd.ab.ca
- The next meeting of the Palliser Board of Trustees is March 30, 2021

- **Principal Report - Leanne Hellman**

- **U of L Practicum Students:**

We are pleased to be hosting five PS II students from the U of L this term:

- *Hannah Aubie will be working with Mike Shain*
- *Madison Cook will be working with Christina Richmond*
- *Carson Gugyelka will be working with Gwen Slover*
- *.bshua Holloway will be working with Dakota Mattson*
- *Robin Phillips will be working with Karly Tarney*

They attended their orientation day on February 25th and will be working with us from March 8th until April 22nd.

- **Hawk's Nest:** So far, sales have been very positive with a significant increase in pre-orders through School Cash. The uptake on the nutrition grant food has been excellent as well. Overall, we have had a successful start!

- **School Calendar:** Our school calendar has yet to be approved. We are looking at bell times similar to this year: 75-minute blocks, 5-minute breaks, a 50-minute lunch break and a 50-minute CHAT. We will be offering high school credits connected to CHAT next year to help incentivize the program and to make the benefits more tangible for students and parents. We are now beginning the process of creating the master timetable for next year, and setting dates for orientations and information evenings..
- **School Technology:** Palliser-provided Chromebooks follow are cycled in and out of schools according to predetermined timelines. We have recently been notified that approximately 60 Chromebooks within the school are reaching their end of life and will be removed from the school. Due to the 1:2 ratio, we will be receiving approximately 30 new Chromebooks. Administration is looking at ways to fund 25 additional Chromebooks out of our own budget.
- **Athletics:** There are no sports running at this time. We are monitoring the cases in Alberta and in Vulcan County. We will work with Palliser to determine if and when sports can return.
- **Accountability Pillar Survey:** The annual Accountability Pillar Survey has not yet opened. Alberta Education is moving towards a new model - AE Assurance Measures Survey - but we have received limited information about the new model and none about the rollout.
- **Creating Cultures of Dignity:** I have been visiting with homeroom classes to talk about creating a culture of dignity at CCHS. Topics of our discussions have included: how we can make the transition to our school smoother for newcomers; what our expectations are in terms of behavior towards others; how to manage bullying and other conflicts between students; and the importance of treating everyone with dignity and respect. Teachers have been setting up times for other guests to visit their classrooms either in person or virtually, such as our counselor, our making connections worker, and the Division's Indigenous Success Coordinator. Some of our students have also indicated that they would be interested in having Dwayne Peace back to work with the school, which we will be looking into.
- **Coming Soon:**
 - March 14 Daylight Savings Time
 - March 19 Division Professional Development Day
 - April 2-9 Spring Break
 - April 7th Green Shirt Day
- **Teachers Report - Don Monts**
 - Second semester underway
 - Communication is underway with parents about assessments that have already happened.
 - Palliser provided a Tower Garden that is being used by science 24 class.
- **Sport Council Report - Don Monts/ John Seaman**
 - High School Track and Field provincials cancelled
 - As soon as it is deemed safe, sports will be back on the table, but not willing to risk academics and cohorts at this time.

- First meeting to change direction of sports council to be able to work with the parent council.
- **Open Discussion -**
- Next meeting date – April 14, 2021
- Adjournment 6:55pm

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Approval of Minutes - Kimberly moved her minutes accepted as presented. Fernanda Eisler seconded. CARRIED

Additions to the Agenda - none at this time. David moved his agenda accepted as presented. Lori seconded. CARRIED

Treasurer's Report

Friends of CCHS Spirit Account

As of February 28, 2021, total balance is \$23,692.84

Broken down

- * \$17,373.54 that is Undesignated Funds
- * \$5770.18 that is for the Independent Caring Fund
- * \$549.12 that is for the Fruit Program

Hawks Nest activity

February Income deposited \$2876.70

Expenses paid out \$2286.54

Difference +\$590.16 went into Spirit Account

February \$400 came from hot lunches booked on line. CCHS paid us with a cheque.

The initial Hawks Nest float of \$150 came from the Office Fund, which was paid back from \$ generated from selling hot lunches. So, when the float is returned to Friends of CCHS June 2022 it will be considered income generated from Hot lunches and put into the Spirit Account.

GIC's

We need to decide what to do with the GIC's that were deposited into our Spirit Account. They came due January 31, 2021. They were put into the Spirit Account until we decided what to do with them.

GIC's from 2020

- 1 1year Term GIC \$10,429.47 + \$203.93 interest
 2. Cashable GIC \$5184.72 (Interest included in total was \$66.72)
- Total \$15818.12 -Includes both GIC + interest

New GIC

Looked into an Amplified Business GIC (Cashable GIC without penalty)

~The interest for a 1-year Cashable GIC if left full term is .35% and if taken out sooner is staggered from .15% - .35% depending how long it's left in before taking it out.

~No penalty for taking it out early and we get interest up to the day it's taken out.

~They suggested that we put our \$ in 3 different GIC's so that if needed we can take out a bit at a time as we need it and not interfere with the interest on the full amount.

In 2020 we invested \$15,000 so could do \$5000 x 3 GIC's

If we put \$15,000 into GIC we would have \$8692.84 left in Spirit Account

Geri moved her report approved as presented. Seconded by Fernanda. CARRIED

Old Business

- Savings Reinvestment
 - Geri moved we reinvest the GIC's into three separate Amplified Business GIC's. Lori seconded. CARRIED

New Business

- Hawks Nest
 - Standing motion that Friends will manage and maintain the Hawks Nest.
 - Geri moved that we pay \$45 per week as a stipend payable to Lynn Jones, Fernanda seconded. CARRIED.
- Fundraising
 - Discussion around what to look into for the following year as those deadlines are approaching
 - Wreaths and poinsettias - didn't do them this year, don't want to step on Milo's toes.
 - Connect with other schools within the county to collaborate on fundraising, and to avoid overlap.
 - If there is a purpose, there is more support from the community.
- Sport Council Relations
 - Work in Progress, waiting for feedback from Audrey Kluin on how to proceed.
- David moved we include in our bylaws to conduct meetings and voting electronically through all manners of electronic means, (including but not limited to Zoom, Google Meet, Skype, email, text, etc) Fernanda seconded. CARRIED.

Adjournment 7:48 pm

Next meeting date : April 14, 2021