

CCHS School Council Meeting Agenda

January 5, 2022 at 5:30pm

1. **Call to Order:** 5:31pm
2. **Attendance:** Donna Bertschy, David Bexte, Lorelei Bexte, Geri Budd, Ben Carnduff, Fernanda Eisler, Becky Fox, Cori Gorzitza, Leanne Hellman, Mary Martens, Carmen Pelletier, Amber Puzey, Amber Rhodes, Louise Schmidt, John Seaman
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Amber moved that the minutes be approved with corrections. Carmen seconded.
4. **Old Business:** The consensus was to move to a hybrid meeting in February if at all possible. With Covid cases increasing may stay as Virtual, will be decided when invitation to meeting is sent out.
5. **New Business:** Student Recognition plan-will be talked about in Principal's report.
6. **Board Report:** Louise Schmidt-see attached.
7. It was proposed that Amber Puzey send the Trustee's Report, the Principal's Report and the Treasurer's Report to Alicia and the rest of the Board each month.
8. **Principal's Report:** Leanne Hellman-see attached. There was some discussion over January exams. Leanne asked for feedback about offering alternative assessments. Fernanda's family prefers exams to get ready for post-secondary classes. Mary Martens felt like students with high test anxiety exams don't show the whole scope of what the students know. She prefers individual projects. David Bexte said teaching kids HOW to deal with pressures before they come up. Leanne said the Making Connections teacher, Auburn Phillips, has many tips for managing stress while taking tests for students in Grades 9-12.
9. **Teacher's Report:** No Report
10. **Sport Council Report:** John Seaman-January 11, 2022 at the Lodge Hall is the Sport Advisory Meeting. They are requesting a parent council representative at this meeting. Fernanda will let them know if one will be there.
11. **Next Meeting Date:** February 2nd, 2022 at 5:30pm
12. **Adjourned:** 6:40pm

Friends of CCHS Meeting Agenda

January 5, 2022 after CCHS School Council Meeting

1. **Call to Order:** 6:40pm
2. **Attendance:** Donna Bertschy, David Bexte, Lorelei Bexte, Geri Budd, Ben Carnduff, Fernanda Eisler, Becky Fox, Cori Gorzitza, Leanne Hellman, Mary Martens, Carmen Pelletier, Amber Puzey, Amber Rhodes, Louise Schmidt, John Seaman
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Amber moved that the minutes be approved. Carmen seconded.
4. **Correspondence:** Amber sent Thank you card to P&H. Fernanda will send out Thank you cards to the Arrowwood Gospel Church and the Vulcan United Church.
5. **Treasurer`s Report:** Fernanda read, see attached. Talked about renewing the GIC-it was tabled until the February meeting when Geri could be there. Carmen accepted the report as read. David seconded.
6. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Fundraising:** Pancake mix from P&H has to be ordered in the Fall for a Spring fundraising sale.
 - b. **Christmas Care Projects:** 5 Christmas hampers went out. Each of the family members in the 5 families received a gift as well as a stocking. Leanne said having a checklist of the needs of each family are would be beneficial and including wrapping paper in each basket would be useful if families wanted to give the gift as though from themselves. Leanne also said the feedback from the families was extremely grateful.
 - c. **Ideas for Casino funds-wish lists from teachers:** the wish lists give The Parent Council an opportunity to give back to the school.
 - d. **Christmas Goodie bag update:** Popcorn was donated by Chinook Credit Union. Fernanda will send a thank you card. Feedback from Leanne-staff and students were very grateful. Bags were given out during English and Social.
 - e. **Grad Support-Hoodie Fund:** Most hoodie orders are in and paid in full. Any students that have not ordered Leanne will follow up with them and see if expense is an issue. She will bring forward any number of order`s that will need funding from us.
7. **New Business:**
 - a. **Pancake Breakfast:** Date for the breakfast is Friday February 4th. We need someone to coordinate the breakfast, no volunteers for that but we need 5 people to volunteer to help. David Bexte, Louise, Carmen, Amber Rhodes, Fernanda. Breakfast will hinge on finding a coordinator and P&H finding the supplies to donate the pancake mix. David made a motion to purchase the supplies needed (syrup, sausage, butter, ect.) for the pancake breakfast. Carmen seconded. Carried.
8. **Next Meeting Date:** February 2nd, 2022 after the Parent Council Meeting
9. **Adjourned:** 7:10pm

School Council
Principal's Report
January 2022

- **COVID Update:**

- We have had a few positive cases connected with our school. When a positive case is reported by a parent or guardian, we share that information with Palliser and send out a notification to the families of the students in that grade or homeroom group.
- Families will be receiving medical-grade masks and rapid test kits for each student. Should a student test positive using the rapid tests, parents are asked to contact the school. We will track positive cases and absenteeism and will share this with Palliser.
- Updated stay at home guidelines will be sent home to families for their reference, as well as a reminder to have students complete the AHS Daily Health Checklist each day before coming to school.
- A free online tutoring program for students in junior high was mentioned in today's COVID update. I will send out information and details to families directly.

- **January Exams:**

- Diploma exams have been cancelled.
- PATs have not been cancelled, but delayed.
- Staff have been asked to develop in-class final assessments for students. We are meeting Friday morning to discuss how we will manage final assessments:
 - Our challenge is that we need to be prepared to assess students in person or online, and we need to take into account learning loss, particularly the loss of this week's classes, as well as student mental health. However, the feedback from students last year was that they would have preferred an exam over the final projects that were offered, and there is anxiety about not experiencing a high-stakes exam scenario during their high school careers.
 - We will look at condensing the exam period to allow for more in-class time in January, and will limit final assessments to a maximum of 10% of a student's final grade.
 - We will explore the possibility of offering non-jeopardy assessments, cumulative projects, a series of unit review exams, and other options that will be beneficial to our students.
- What would parents like to see?

- **Athletics:**

- Basketball seasons are underway. We've had an excellent turnout for both senior high and junior high teams.
- Spectators will not be permitted at home games for the time being.
- CCHS appreciates all of the time and energy invested by our volunteer coaches and managers.

- **Annual Report:**
 - Our Annual Education Report is available for your perusal and feedback. This is a living document, and as such, can be changed or modified as we go along based on feedback, ideas, progress made, or new priorities that arise. The report is located on the school’s website under “Documents.”

- **Awards:**
 - We are looking at possible changes to the student recognition program at CCHS. We would like to move our annual awards ceremony to the spring, rather than the following fall.
 - What awards would parents like to see presented?

- **Draft Calendar:**
 - Please see the draft 2022-2023 South Calendar and provide any feedback.

- **Teacher Wish Lists:**
 - Teachers have been asked to compile a list of needs and wants for their individual classrooms as well as the school in general, focusing on ways to improve student learning and engagement.
 - Initial requests include: a class set of Chromebooks specifically for the junior high ELA classroom; more rocking chairs and exercise balls for student seating; new digital microscopes for the science lab; and a new fridge for the foods lab. An itemized list with costs will be presented to School Council in February.

- **Making Connections Worker:**
 - We have a new Making Connections Worker. Auburn Phillips started in December and will be providing students with universal, targeted, and individualized supports. Her main purpose will be to connect with students and their families, particularly those who are struggling with attendance or challenges in the home, but she will also be offering help with the implementation of our 4th R curriculum, providing classroom workshops around anxiety and mental health, and working with specific grades and small groups to help students develop social skills, create friendship groups, and transition from feeder schools. She will also help families connect with external resources as needed.

Important Dates:

- January 5 School Council Meeting
- January 7 Staff Meeting
- January 10 Return to In-Person Learning
- January 12 Admin Council Meeting
- January 12 ATA Local Council Meeting
- January 26 School-Based Marks for Diploma Courses Due

- January 27 Junior High Collaborative Day - No classes Grades 7-12
- January 28 School-Based PD Day
- January 31 Semester II Begins
- February 4 Report Cards Sent Home
- February 15 Admin Council Meeting
- February 21-23 February Break
- February 24-25 Teachers' Convention

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Highlights from the Board of Trustees Meeting, November 9, 2021

Michael Willems, Certificate of Excellence Recipient: The Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence have honoured exceptional elementary and secondary school teachers in all disciplines since 1994, with over 1,600 teachers honoured to date. Teaching Excellence Awards recipients are honoured for their remarkable achievements in education and for their commitment to preparing their students for a digital and innovation-based economy. The Teaching Excellence in STEM Awards honour outstanding Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics teachers that help develop the culture of innovation Canada needs today, and in the future. Michael Willems, teacher with Palliser School Division has been recognized for his teaching practices. We congratulate Michael for his service to the students in Palliser.

Facility Services: In Palliser Work continues so that Palliser Schools are safe, efficient, organized, clean and comfortable. The maintenance staff are commended for all the work they have done, day in and day out throughout the pandemic. In the coming months schools will see more interactive board installs being completed, more VOIP systems being installed, some flooring installs and LED upgrades. Palliser school custodians are thanked for working so hard to keep our schools clean daily and working hard in the summer to have our schools shine for the first day of school. The Board is looking forward to the New Year watching the new Coaldale School as it is being built.

Palliser Early Learning Services: Palliser School Division currently has 227 Early Learning students (3, 4, 5, 6 year olds pre-kindergarten and kindergarten) in its schools. Early Learning educators provide play-based, developmentally appropriate activities to our youngest learners. Children need regular, healthy interactions to build skills and Palliser has an amazing team of Early Learning educators that are creative and passionate about their work to help them build those skills. Thank you to all the Early Learning Educators!

The Board was able to share a Holiday Meal with the Board Office Staff.

The afternoon was spent on Board Orientation. Kristine Cassie came in to help with the orientation session and present a workshop on Risk Management.

Any questions/concerns please contact Lorelei Bexte (403) 485-0823 or Louise Schmidt (403) 486-2133