

## **CCHS School Council Meeting Minutes November 30,2022**

In attendance: Leanne Hellman, Cassie James, Wendy McAdams, Fernanda Eisler, Louise Schmidt, Amy Montgomery, Marla Loyva, Angie Meadows, Lorelei and David Bexte (virtual), Greg Styles, Amber Rhodes

### **Called to order 5:35pm**

Amber Rhodes adopted minutes as read, 2nd by Angie Meadows

### **Shop tour**

School council had a tour of the CTS lab by Greg Styles so he could show us his wish list. Some of the items are as follows:

- Fabrication table to be reclad with a metal top
- fabrication station with metal castors
- mig welder
- anvil
- cabinets are the originals from 1958
- router table \$1200
- f-clamps, only have 10, 30 is ideal
- planer is 40 years old, new is approx \$7000
- Welding hoods
- storage (shelving)
- Nowhere to hang grinders, and we need a stand for the grinder

### **Old business**

Lions xmas dinner Dec 20  
Elementary and High School suppers together  
High School kids to do set up  
Bus drivers invited

Council of the School councils is looking for school council board members to go to meetings occasionally

Next one is slated for Jan

Looking to collaborate with other school councils

## **Nutrition program**

Prep- 10-11am Mon-Thurs

Church of Christ/Evangelical offered to help

Cathie McNiven would like to help

Amy Montgomery suggested changing it from everyday to hot lunch once a week

Leanne and Fernada opposed so that kids that are in need of the food daily have access.

Needs to be accessible to all students to reduce the stigma of eating that food.

## **New business**

Sports bus, don't know what the cost of a bus would be. As a school we would be in favour, but would Palliser go for it. Need to consult with Palliser.

\$20/hr for a bus driver plus \$1/km

Bus driver volunteers require more training so they are limited now

Talk to Lions/Kinsmen?

Insurance costs are high and maintenance is a lot of work

Fundraiser idea-alumni apparel?

## **Board report-Louise Schmidt**

### **CCHS School Council Meeting November 30, 2022**

#### **Board Highlights from the November 29, 2022 Meeting:**

**Audited Financial Statements 2021-2022:** The Audit Committee met with the audit company, KPMG LLP on November 23, 2022, and reviewed the audited financial statements for the 2021-2022 school year. At the Committee's recommendation, the Board accepted the auditor's report at the November 29, 2022, Regular Meeting of the Board. The audited financial statements will be sent to the Alberta Government and are available on the division website.

**Palliser Home Education Program:** The Board received a report on the enrollment and success of the division's Home Education program. The division continues to focus on this program of excellence. The Home Education teacher offers personalized support for all kinds of learners and develops a sense of community. The division continues to work on growing a quality program that benefits all students' learning.

**On-line learning:** Online learning student registration data was also presented. In 2020-2021, 625 students were learning online and 566 transitioned to Palliser schools and 92 transitioned to PBB at the end of the year. In 2021-2022 there were 227 students learning online with 172 returning to Palliser schools at the end of the year and 9 transitioning to PBB. The summary of analysis for this data over the past two school years shows that with students who went online, the majority came back to Palliser Schools.

**Attendance Data at Palliser Schools:** The division is tracking absences due to illness rates. Palliser will continue participating in the Alberta Public Health Surveillance and Infrastructure Reporting which monitors weekly absenteeism. In keeping with the protocol and request by Alberta Health Services

(AHS), schools will report to AHS when the absence rate due to illness reaches ten percent of the student population. Alberta Health Services will make recommendations to schools if additional measures are warranted. To date, AHS has made no recommendations. Daily health reporting and illness guidance documents will be available on the division website in the near future.

**Indigenous Success Coordinator Meets Board of Trustees:** Kylie Fineday was introduced to the Board of Trustees at the November 29, 2022, Regular Meeting of the Board. Kylie began in her role as Indigenous Success Coordinator in October 2022 and has since been building relationships with schools and learning where they are on their journey of Indigenous knowledge. Kylie is happy to support the continued efforts toward Indigenous education and inclusivity. The Board was pleased to meet Kylie in person and welcomed her to the division.

**School Draft Calendar:** On November 30, 2022, the draft 2023/2024 Calendar has been shared with Principals, School Council Chairs, and our local ATA President. A survey has been sent to each stakeholder group to collect their feedback. Feedback is requested back by December 23, 2022.

**Letter from the Minister to all Alberta Parents and Guardians is attached**

Any questions or concerns please contact Louise or Lorelei.

November 24, 2022



*Office of the Minister MLA, Red Deer-North*

**Letter to Parents – Ensuring access to education for all students**

Dear Alberta parents and guardians:

We know we have asked a lot of you in the past couple of years. Since March 2020 parents and families have been told with little to no notice that students would be required to move to learning at-home or online. We have heard first-hand from students, parents, and teachers that learning disruptions over the course of the past couple of years have impacted the mental health and wellbeing of students, significantly impacted learning development, and has placed financial burdens and additional stress on working parents and families.

In recent months, parents have approached our office with uncertainty and questions, concerned that their child's education may once again be impacted by transitions to at-home learning. School authorities have sought clarity related to their ability to bring in health measures that may limit access to education, given there are currently no health orders to support these decisions. Today I have announced new regulation, effective November 24, 2022, that will protect student's access to in-person learning. This includes:

- Ensuring access to in-person learning for grades 1 to 12 students despite any instances of operational issues caused by rates of student and/or teacher absenteeism.
- Affirming that a student cannot be denied in-person education by their school authority due to their personal decision to wear or not wear a mask. This applies to all students.

We know that all Alberta families are facing increased costs due to rising inflation affecting mortgages, fuel costs, electricity, heating and food. These changes will ensure parents can continue to work to support their families without the added burden of finding and paying for childcare during the school day.

This will also ensure that all students have access to specialized supports provided in a school environment. We know that isolation in recent years has increased youth mental health issues and that these students need access to supports provided at school.

Our teachers have worked hard to ensure students who may have fallen behind grade level due to the instability in learning environments have the additional supports they need in the classroom. By protecting in-person learning students will be provided with stability.

As has always been the case, the *Public Health Act* provides the overarching direction on all public health matters, and it would continue to prevail over the *Education Act* and associated regulations in a future public health emergency.

We hope that with this new regulatory change comes more predictable and stable circumstances, an increase in the mental wellbeing of our students, and the preservation of in-person quality learning opportunities for students.

Sincerely,



Adriana LaGrange  
Minister of Education

### **Lorelei mentioned online learning**

566 online learners 2021 year,

227 back to beyond borders, only 9 stayed with online learning

Changes made to mask legislation, option always needs to be provided

School draft calendar went out today

Feedback requested by Dec 23

### **Principals report-Leanne Hellman**

#### **● Edsembli**

- The Palliser report card has been populated in Edsby as of November 22nd. We are doing some training on Friday morning to familiarize ourselves with the new template, and there are still some bugs and some functionalities Palliser is trying to work out with Edsby, but we should be good to go for the January report card.
- Edsby has been updated so that families can now report the reason for an absence, making it easier to report.

#### **● Nutrition Program**

- We have received a response from our friends at the Vulcan United Church - I am working out the details, but our first volunteer will be here tomorrow morning.
- Orlena has not responded yet regarding wholesaler pricing for our groceries.

#### **● AERR**

- Our 2021-2022 Alberta Education Results Report will be posted on Monday. I will share it for your review, and if you have any feedback or questions we can address them at the next meeting.
- The summary from our Spring 2022 results was previously shared with you. The only new information is the assessment data.

#### **● Exam Schedule and Diploma Prep:**

- We are finalizing our January exam schedule for students in Grades 9-12. This will be shared with families next week.
- A change from past years involves the scheduling of PAT dates. Previously, jurisdictions were able to create their own PAT schedule within an accepted time frame. However,

due to the security breach that took place last spring, Alberta Education has decided to set the dates, much like they do with diploma exams. That being said, Palliser received permission to adjust our PAT writing dates a bit, so our Grade 9s will be writing on the 23rd and 24th, instead of on the 30th and 31st. The caveat to this modification is that we will not receive paper copies of the exams; rather, our students will write electronically via Quest A+

- We are scheduling in diploma exam prep sessions during the exam break for all of our Grade 12 courses, and we have modified our CHAT program for Grade 12 students starting next week. Administration is covering CHAT classes for individual teachers so that they can have some additional time with their Grade 12s for diploma prep.

#### **Other Updates:**

- South Zone Award of Merit - Angie Seaman (December 1st)
  - In recognition of her contributions to high school athletics in Alberta and to your zone.
- Bathroom in Bodyworks Gym and other security changes to the front doors.

#### **Important Dates:**

- December 6th Palliser Local 19 Public Forum (Vulcan Legion)
- December 16th CCHS Challenge Cup Charity Hockey Game
- December 20th Christmas Dinner (11:00am)
- December 23rd Last Day Before Christmas Break
- January 9th Return to Classes
- January 12th ELA 30-1 Diploma (Part A)
- January 13th Social 30-2 Diploma (Part A)
- January 19th Math 30-1 Diploma
- January 20th ELA 30-1 Diploma (Part B)
- January 23rd Social 30-2 Diploma (Part B)
- January 23rd Science 9 PAT
- January 24th Social 9 PAT
- January 25th Chemistry 30 Diploma
- January 25th-27th Junior High Days - No School for Grade 7 & 8
- January 30th Site-Based PD Day
- January 31st First Day of Semester II

Students start back Sept 5

Last day of June 26

Parent council possibly do up a banner for Angie Seaman award if no reward is given?

### **Teachers report-Wendy McAdam**

#### **Christina Richmond:**

Upcoming Math Puzzle Challenge:

Hi Families! I wanted to let you know to watch for our new "Family Math Puzzle Challenge" that will be released in our newsletter moving forward. Each month starting in January you will find a new challenging puzzle for you and your students to complete at home. If the completed monthly puzzle is completed correctly in the student's handwriting, and handed in to Ms. Richmond before the release of the next newsletter your family will be entered in a draw to win a prize that will be handed out at our awards ceremony closer to the end of the year. This means that if you correctly complete and turn in all upcoming puzzles, you will have 5 draw entries for your family! Thanks everyone! I look forward to seeing your submissions!

\*\*\* I am also planning a SNAP math fair for June, which will be the grade 8s setting up critical thinking puzzles for other classes to come and try...I am hoping to also have a parent/community night for the snap math fair...Thanks!

#### **Cassi James:**

If anyone wants to purchase a GLOW sweater for their child for 25\$, their student can come see me for more information. White sweater that says GLOW on the front. Can be tie dyed by themselves or from a member of the GLOW team. GLOW is a club for all students to attend. The mission is to continue to create a safe, welcoming, and inclusive school for all to enjoy. :)

#### **Steven Gill:**

Junior High basketball season is underway with a couple of games being played this week. There is a junior team (6-8) and a senior team (7-9). There is a game tonight (5:00 PM start) in the CRC, and there is a game on Thursday (5:00 PM start) in the CRC as well.

The music program Christmas concert dress rehearsal is from 10:30 am till 3 pm on Thursday, December 15...and the "real concert" is from 6 till (hopefully) no later than 7:30 pm on Thursday, December 15...if any parents volunteers want to help and set up things the previous day (from 11 am till 3 pm) that would be greatly appreciated.

#### **Don Monts:**

**5th Annual CCHS Hockey Program Challenge Cup  
Benefit Game -Dec. 16 at 6:30 at the Vulcan Hockey  
Arena**

**Kim Wouters:**

***Christmas Week: Dec. 19-23***

Monday, Dec. 19th
<b><i>Wear Red &amp; Green/Don your Christmas socks</i></b>
Tuesday, Dec. 20th
<b><i>Christmas Dinner-dress nice for dinner./Photo booth in foyer</i></b>
Wednesday, Dec. 21st
<b><i>Tacky Christmas Sweater/ Snowman Floats \$2 in foyer</i></b>
Thursday, Dec. 22nd
<b><i>Dress like "Christmas"</i></b>
Friday, Dec. 23rd
<b><i>Cozy Day-wear your coziest clothes, wrap yourself in a blanket, don your fuzzy slippers</i></b>

**Sport council report-a few highlights mentioned by Fernanda**

Scott Clark and Chris Gauthier new members

Next Sport Council meeting on Jan 18 @ 5:30pm

Next School Council meeting Jan 11 @5:30

Meeting adjourned at 7:07

Meeting approved by Amber Rhodes, Angie Meadows 2nd



## **FRIENDS OF CCHS Meeting Minutes Nov. 30, 2022**

Correspondence: P&H donated pancake mix for our spring fundraiser, Amber to send thank you P&H; and Lions for xmas dinner

### **Treasurer's report**

#### **Old Business**

##### Christmas Care Initiative Update

- too many donors offered for our xmas care packages, forwarded them to fcss,
- every family will have xmas wishes and gifts
- Leanne is asking to add another family to receive a care package, should be able to accomodate

##### Pancake mix Update

150 bags of pancake mix was received from P&H for the spring fundraiser. It is now in storage at the school. Fernanda will reach out to Sports Council to see if they would like to share this fundraiser.

##### Staff wishlist

- School council wishes to invest in CTS shop
- very worthy place to spend our money considering the press for people to take up the trades.
- Possible funds to be spent on welding table, welding helmets , tig torch and pedal, f-clamps,router table and router table
- art department and math department
- Decision to be made in January once the new treasurer has a better handle on her new position and the state of our funds. SHe and Fernanda will create a new way to present the treasurer's report to make it easy to understand with all the designations, etc.

Merry Christmas!

Next meeting after School Council meeting on January 11, 23

Meeting adjourned 7:37pm