

CCHS School Council Meeting Minutes

Mar. 1, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order 5:36pm In attendance: Amber Rhodes, Fernanda Eisler, Louise Schmidt, Marla Loyva, Christina Richmond, Leanne Hellman, Lorelei Bexte

2. Approval of minute- Amber Rhodes

3. Additions to agenda- none

4. Old business-

5. New business-

5.1-School mission statement- Leanne Hellman, What are our core values, personal decision making, can we engage the town of Vulcan on their opinion of core values?

5.2-Scholarship. What Lion's based processes are involved? How is it used to meet? 5 different rural Lion's clubs re: what scholarships are being funded by the Lion's club? And how are they awarded? Jen Dobson will be contacting scholarship sponsors. Can we give retro active scholarships to the covid kids?

6. BOARD REPORT- Lorelei or Louise

Technology Services: The Palliser School Division Technology Services Department's focus is providing students and staff with tools to ensure high-quality learning. There is an ongoing focus on utilizing technology that is device-agnostic and is hosted in the Cloud. Increasing equipment and service costs have created some challenges for Technology Services, but learning needs and demands continue to be met. Help Desk has improved inventory management and has increased the ability to make strategic decisions regarding changes to the technology used in classrooms. New hybrid learning spaces ensure the continuity of learning and operations. The installation of VoIP phone systems in Palliser-owned buildings is complete, a much needed modernization. The Division has implemented a new Student Information System in conjunction with the integration of a new Learning Management System, a large scale project that has been the focus of the Tech team since August 2022. Palliser improved its cyber security practices, including multi-factor authentication and cloud hosted backup solutions. The migration to Supernet 2.0 is complete which will allow Palliser to take advantage of increased bandwidth offerings from the Alberta Supernet in the future. With 6,377 Chrome devices within the Division (900 added recently), and the inherent demands for technology support from students and employees, Palliser is grateful for the dedication of the Technology Services team.

Updates to Administrative Procedures: The Board reviewed Administrative Procedure 549: Inclement Weather and Administrative Procedure 555: Bus Transportation During Inclement Weather and advised Administration to make an update to process when making a decision to cancel a bus route due to weather-related factors. With a focus on the safety of students and staff and in consideration of the temperature at which buses are able to operate, school bus service shall be suspended by the Superintendent when an ambient temperature of -35 °C or colder is reached. Previously the temperature consideration was an ambient temperature of -40 which has proven to be an unrealistic temperature for the operation of the bus fleet. As always, the Division trusts parents to make the best decision for their family with respect to their child riding the bus, including during times of extreme temperatures. For

information to the Board, Administration provided clarification on the expectation of field trips, liability risks, and the administrative procedures tied to them

Change of Date for April Regular Meeting: The Board has changed the scheduled date for the April Regular Meeting from April 11, 2023 to April 18, 2023.

The next Board Meeting is March 14, 2023.



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

February 28, 2023

Letter to parents – historic education investments in Budget 2023

Dear Alberta parents:

Today, the Government of Alberta released its annual budget, and as the Minister of Education, I wanted to tell you directly about our plan to set your children up for lifelong success.

The theme of this year's budget is securing the future. The budget shows how the government is going to make sure Albertans have good and well-paying jobs, and how we will improve our healthcare system, keep communities safe and ensure people have the supports they need to be successful in their lives. It also shows how we are going to help your children reach their full potential.

Record-breaking funding for education

Through Budget 2023, the government is providing a historic level of funding to the school system—more money than ever before. At the same time, know that our goal is to drive as much of this money as possible directly to the classroom and away from administrative costs, to help ensure taxpayer dollars achieve maximum benefit for students.

The Department of Education's consolidated budget will be about \$8.8 billion; that's equal to \$44 million every day students are in school. It's also an increase of almost half a billion dollars over last year. Your children are the province's future leaders and innovators; it's our job to help them be all they can be, and we take that very seriously.

In total, we will increase the Education budget by nearly \$2 billion over the next three years. These significant increases will empower your local school authorities to hire more teachers and rein in growing class sizes. In total, the funding we are providing is enough for school authorities across Alberta to hire up to 3,000 education staff, including not only teachers, but educational assistants, bus drivers and school support staff too. This means students in every corner of the province will benefit from more focused time and attention at school.

Supporting diverse classrooms

We recognize Alberta's classrooms are becoming increasingly complex and diverse. A growing number of students have unique cognitive, social and emotional needs, and an increasing number of newcomers need support learning English as an additional language. Budget 2023 includes a new grant to help with these things. The government will provide \$126 million over three years, which your local school authorities will use to hire and train more support staff, including specialists like counselors, psychologists and interpreters.

Mental health supports

On a similar note, we know the pandemic has taken a toll on students' mental health, and some students also fell behind in school because of the COVID-19 disruptions. We are going to keep our promise to provide \$110 million over three years to address these issues. With the government's funding support, local school authorities and mental health service providers are collaborating to develop innovative ways to support student mental health at school. And because of the funding we have already provided, as well as the excellent work of Alberta's teachers, tens of thousands of elementary students have already managed to take back the learning and development they previously lost to the pandemic.

Affordability

Another issue that we are determined to help resolve through Budget 2023 is the rising cost of living. We are providing an additional \$414 million over the next three years to the funding your local school authorities receive for transporting students to and from school. With this substantial increase, more students will be able to take the bus to school and ride times will be shortened. What's more, we expect this funding will help school authorities reduce the fees they charge you for transportation.

Currently, for students to be eligible for government-funded busing service, the student must reside at least 2.4 kilometers from their designated school. Beginning in 2024, this will be reduced to one kilometer for kindergarten to Grade 6 students and two kilometers for grades 7 to 12 students. By lowering the distance eligibility, more families will benefit from provincial support.

Almost 33,000 students who are not currently using bus services will become eligible. About 47,000 students who are currently paying a fee to use bus services will also become eligible for provincial support, eliminating the current gap in service delivery and saving parents over \$20 million.

School authorities will need time to transition to the new criteria, so the changes will officially

take effect September 1, 2024. However, any school authorities that can start transporting students under the new eligibility criteria this school year will be fully supported through Budget 2023.

Quality education for all students

I strongly believe that parents deserve a wide variety of options and a high standard of quality when it comes to their child's education. With this year's budget, the government has worked hard to incorporate the many different perspectives and opinions we've been hearing from parents. You play an integral role in your children's education and your viewpoints will always be valuable to the government.

Our increased investments in education will help enrich students' lives and prepare them for success beyond school. Budget 2023 is about securing Alberta's future, and in that same vein, the foundations for a rewarding career begin early in life, which means the education system is a critical starting point for all Albertans.

Sincerely,



Adriana LaGrange
Minister of Education

7. PRINCIPAL REPORT- Leanne HellmanCCHS School Council

Principal's Report

March 2023

• Alberta Education Assurance Survey

- Alberta Education has extended their deadline for completing the AEA Online Survey to March 17th, 2023.
- There was a delay in getting the parent surveys mailed out. We have had 13 surveys completed by parents and guardians so far.

• CCHS Vision & Mission Statements

- Staff have begun revisiting our school vision and mission statements.
- **Vision:** (A look forward at our ideal state - if we achieve our goals, what will the future look like?) *County Central High School is committed to fostering well-rounded, educated citizens of tomorrow.*
- **Mission:** (A concise statement explaining the existence of the school - why are we here? What is our purpose?) *The mission of County Central High School is to inspire*

learning and growth for Grade 7-12 students in a positive environment.

- Our School Council has been taken through a series of activities similar to those that staff have engaged in. First, members were invited to identify their personal core values, as well as their education-specific values. They were then invited to work in groups to compare their lists and seek out five common values for each category. Next, members were invited to identify features of our school's and community's context that need to be considered when creating a vision or mission and to share those with each other.
- The conversations that took place in the small groups were designed to help members understand each other better and seek common ground, as well as to help provide clarity of purpose. The contributions made by members will now be incorporated with staff responses.
- It has been suggested that staff take stakeholder groups through a similar process in order to get broad input into our school plans. Groups such as the town council, the county council, service clubs, and local church members could be included. Leanne will look at organizing this, as it could also be an excellent precursor to the consultations that will be happening when CCHS comes up for refit/rebuild.

Other Updates:

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Important Dates:

- March 6th Staff Meeting
 - 8. TEACHERS REPORT-Christina Richmond-
New-Could school council fund or subsidize the EPIC field trip for 9's? It won't be over \$500. Tabled to the Friends of CCHS directly
Following this meeting**
 - 9. Sport Council report-No one on site to report**
 - 10. Next meeting April 5, 5:30pm**
 - 11. Adjournment 7:00pm**

Friends of CCHS Meeting Minutes
Mar. 1, 2023 after CCHS School Council Meeting

1. Call to Order 7:06pm

The Mission of our School Council is to foster the well-being and effectiveness of our school community and to enhance student learning.
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2. Approval of Minutes- David Bexte

3. Additions to the Agenda

4. Correspondence-

5. Treasurer's Report- Amy

6. Old Business

6.1 Feb. 10 breakfast update-well received by students, need to start pancakes earlier

6.2 Residency program updates-what have you found? Sound Kreations-dance, Robotics Education, Pulse Studios-dance, Alien Inline Skating in the arena. Can Palliser fund residency? Residency in technology-SAIT

6.3 Parent info night for secondary education update-Fernanda

6. New Business

6.1 Renew GIC -Marla Loyva, Amber Rhodes and David Bexte vote To renew best available GIC. David Bexte votes, Amber Rhodes 2nd.

6.2 Subsidy for Epic field trip\$450, Amber Rhodes moves to pay up To \$500, 2nd David Bexte-Approved

6.3 Need a date for parent night? Next parent info March 15. Subjects-International students and post secondary schooling.

7. Three bullets to publish-1.Looking for residency, 2. Sponsored Pancake breakfast 3. Discussed school mission statement.

8. Next meeting date – Same as Parent Council Meeting

9. Adjournment at 7:21pm
