

# MINUTES

## CCHS Parent Council

*Date/Time Oct 26, 2016 7:00 p.m. – Meeting called to order by Lorelei Bexte*

### **In Attendance:**

Geri Budd, Jodie Gateman, Robert Strauss, Kim Sansome, Lorelei Bexte, Gwen Slover, Stacey Tharle, Daniel Grimes, Lucy Thompson

### **Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes from September 21, 2016, were moved for approval by Stacey Tharle, Geri Budd Seconded, and Carried

### **Additions to the Agenda:**

Advertising Bylaw – letter e under New Business

### **Election of Officers:**

Geri Budd nominated Lorelei Bexte as Chair – Lorelei accepted  
Jodie Gateman was nominated for Vice Chair - Jodie Accepted  
Geri Budd was nominated to remain as Treasurer – Geri Accepted  
Stacey Tharle was nominated for Secretary – Stacey Accepted  
Kim Sansome will remain as Director at Large – Community Rep

### **Old Business:**

ASCA – Lorelei will send in the New Executive to be updated and registered.

Citizenship Award Nominations – No other nominations have come in other than the previous nominations of Megan Budd, Leah Auch and Blaine Cockwill.

Megan Budd will receive the Citizenship Award for Junior High. A Vote was held by Parent Council between Leah Auch and Blaine Cockwill for the Senior High. Blaine Cockwill received the most votes and will be the recipient of the Citizenship Award for Senior High. Jodie Gateman will hand out the Citizenship Awards to the recipients on Awards night in November, 2016.

Geri made a comment about the awards that are put on the screen that the recipients won is nice but had no idea on how they attained the award. Comments were made that it would be nice to have a little definition on how the award was attained. Drama Club is doing deserts and serving. Robert Strauss mentioned that the Awards are on the CCHS Website.

### **Welcome Back Breakfast:**

Lorelei mentioned that some of the students and teachers missed the pancakes and sausages but thought the continental breakfast went well. Feedback was Continental Breakfast was easier and the students loved the left overs that were put in the Lobby. Decision was made to do Continental Breakfast again next year earlier in September.

#### Cookson Cards:

The cards that were purchased for the LFI are being used. Dave Cookson has mentioned that he would like them to be a different color so they are purchasing a whole meal not just buying a snack. The next cards will be a different color.

#### **New Business:**

##### Education Curriculum Development:

Alberta Education would like input from School Councils, Parents, etc. for the new curriculum they are trying to update. There is a website to use for School Council and individually. Lorelei will email out the link that she has received. AlbertaSchoolCouncils.ca. The survey will be available from October 18, 2016 to November 18, 2016. The Alberta Government wants to have the curriculum update in two years.

##### Transparency and Communication:

Jodie mentioned that a few parents have been calling her with concerns and they are feeling, like last year, that they are not being heard due to the T & C. She can see this escalating if parents believe they are not being listened to or heard. Lorelei mentioned that she has had a few calling her as well. Jodie and Lorelei have told the parents that have called to bring their issue forward to either Daniel Grimes (principal of CCHS) or Roberts Strauss (Trustee) but this is not happening. Going forward, Jodie and Lorelei will get permission from the concerned person to say to Robert and Daniel, so & so has this issue, please give them a call.

##### Outreach moving to CCHS:

Lorelei received a lot of phone calls from concerned parents about this. Lorelei mentioned to them to come to the Parent Council meeting but no one with concerns has come. Robert Strauss will talk about this move under the Board Report.

##### CCHS Website (Parent Council Link)/Remind 101

This needs to be updated as it is about 2 years out of date. Need to talk to Jan Povey and Paige Gibbons about this.

Advertising Bylaw – Changes to the bylaw regarding advertising for the AGM was changed taking out the part of advertising in the local paper. Jodie addressed her concerns that it costs Friends of CCHS \$141.75 to advertise and not everyone gets the Advocate anymore since the County doesn't pay for it anymore. Keep in the bylaw two weeks notice has to be given with 3 ways to communicate about the upcoming AGM. The notice will be put on the CCHS Website, use the synervoice to send out message about the upcoming AGM and put it on Facebook – the CCHS Parent Council link.

Geri Budd motioned to remove the local newspaper requirement out of the Bylaw. Kim Sansome seconded and all were in favor.

## **Board Report:**

### Organizational Review Update:

November 3, 2016 is the date of Review to the Board. Public are welcome to attend at 10:30 a.m. Public will hear the presentation but elements that are personnel related will not be released to the public due to FOIP. Robert stated that there will be an Executive Summary released then a more thorough report to follow. The Board will take quite a bit of time to review the findings and the recommendations of the Review Report.

### LGBTQ Update:

Robert hasn't heard anything on their submission from Palliser, it is still with the minister.

### Palliser Policies and Procedures Review:

Robert stated that the review of policies and procedures will be looked at after the Organizational Review comes out.

Every policy has Admin procedure attached to it.

The board is going to review every policy and procedure with input from the public and parents, etc. This gives meaningful stakeholder input.

Roberts stated that he would like to look at the progress every month, ask what have we done in the past 30 days and what is happening in the next 30 days.

Robert would like to take 3 policies at a time and circulate them to everyone for some input on how to make them better or current. By the time the board is done the term, all policies should have been reviewed.

Discussed on how to get the policies out to the public – ideas are post a link on the website that takes you right to the policy to be reviewed. Public can come to the Board Meeting during the open session and have citizens forum. Have open gallery when discussing policies. Have Board member email address available and phone numbers for the public to call to discuss the policies. Public can write a letter to the Board stating their opinions on the policies.

Put a link on all the School Websites – Policy and Procedures link that takes you right to the policies that are being looked at during that time.

### Outreach:

Outreach has a stigma of being the last hope for students that don't fit anywhere else but that isn't what Outreach is for. At the current location the rent is 1,500.00 per month. Moving into the school would alleviate this cost. Access from the school to Outreach would be by a private door.

Right now the school Utilization rate is 34% and we could lose 2/3 of the school due to not be utilized correctly. Jodie expressed her concerns that core subjects should not be taught at the Outreach as it is now in the school building make it easier to do that.

## **Principal Report:**

The first round of Fountas and Pinnel Testing has been completed. Results are included in school documents. Improvement have been made in reading. 85% are reading at their grade level. Teachers will begin to work on writing skills with the students as well as content vocabulary and comprehension.

Daniel is working on school & growth document. It is due by October 30, 2016. The document will be on the website. Daniel will share more at the next meeting on this,

**Teachers Report:**

See Attached Report

**Sport Council Report:**

Sport Council has a Casino coming up on November 12 & 13<sup>th</sup> and they are in need of volunteers. If anyone is able to help out please let Channing Schneider know.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be on November 23, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at CCHS

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:50pm by Lorelei Bexte and was passed unanimously.