

MINUTES

CCHS Parent Council

Date / time 9/21/2016 7:00 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Lorelei Bexte

In Attendance

Stacey Tharle, Lynn Surman, Daniel Grimes, Lucy Thompson, Gwen Slover, Colleen Deitz., Danielle Pearson, Robert Strauss, Kim Sansome, Denise Slocombe, Geri Budd, Lorelei Bexte, Jodie Gateman

Approval of Minutes/Additions to Agenda

The minutes from June 13, 2016, were moved for approval by Lynn Surman, Jody Gateman Seconded, Carried

Additions to the Agenda

None

Old Business

ASCA – Waiting to get the executive changed. Tabled until AGM meeting

Citizenship Award Nominations – This is a \$100 award given out by Parent Council to one Jr. High Student, and one High School Student that has made a difference in our school over the last school year. Please have your Nominations into the parent council by the October 26 Annual General Meeting. We will be voting for one Junior high student and one senior high student at that time based on the names we have received. You can contact one of the executive directly or place a card in our mailbox via the school office. Please make sure you back up your nomination with a little write-up as to why you are nominating that student. All ready nominated are Megan Budd, Leah Auch and Blaine Cockwill. These awards will be given out in November at the awards ceremony; the date in November is yet to be determined.

ATB Banking Day – Lynn Surman spoke about the success of the ATB Banking Day last year which was attended by more than 15 High School Students. She has reached out to the school through parent council to offer to hold another ATB banking day this year and maybe include Jr. High students as well. Both Daniel and Lucy will discuss this possibility and get back to Lynn on a final decision.

New Business

Locker Room Thefts (New Camera System) – Daniel addressed concerns over recent thefts in the girls' locker room. He would like to see the students utilizing the lockers that are provided to all students in the physical Education programs at CCHS. All belongings must be locked up to help combat thefts happening in the first place. Unfortunately the thefts took place on Picture Day so there was lots of activity in the change rooms with many people going in and out. Denise Slocombe asked if the locker room doors could be locked while gym is taking place but due to safety reasons and the fact that the fitness center is required to have 24/7 access to that room makes that request impossible. Danielle Pearson asked if there are sufficient consequences in place for students if they decide to steal. Danielle expressed that she would like all victims of theft crimes in the school to feel supported when dealing with this issue. Daniel could not comment on what has gone on in the past but said there are consequences in place when thefts are committed and due to privacy issues these things aren't always apparent to everyone as they are handled with discretion.

Robert Strauss wanted council to know that the process for having camera's installed in the school was already in place before Daniel was hired. They decided to install the cameras because there was upgrading being done on the fire alarms so it just made sense to do the camera installation at the same time.

Welcome back Breakfast – The welcome back breakfast was postponed this year and in its place parent council has decided to do a “Meet our New Principal” breakfast on October 7/16 at 8am. We will do a continental breakfast and put out notices on the Parent Council site as well as contact the office to include this date on the CCHS homepage and maybe do a voice call out to all parents.

Discussion on changing meeting times to 6pm – We are going to try to hold our meetings at 6pm this year, with the exception of the Annual General Meeting which will be held at 7pm to accommodate Parent teacher interviews being held on the same date.

Board Report – Robert Strauss and Colleen Dietz reporting

Organizational Review Update – Robert says the review is still underway. Things should be wrapped up at the end of October. He believes that an executive summary of the findings should be made available to everyone in November. Most likely a link will be set up on the Palliser Webpage.

LGBTQ Update - Colleen said that the submission from Palliser is still with the minister and they are waiting feed-back on whether or not their policy wording will be accepted as submitted.

Our Palliser board is currently working at making the Criminal Record Check easier for our volunteers. They are working with Volunteer Alberta so that Volunteers in the Palliser jurisdiction can be reimbursed if they are being charged for their checks to be done. Discussions around the process for criminal record checks arose and concerns were shared about whether or not Criminal Record Checks should be performed on a yearly basis. Robert shared that it will be alright for a parent to state that their Criminal Record check is in process and show a receipt stating such. This will make it easier to get volunteers on short notice. Also, this year, Criminal Record Checks in Vulcan are being performed while you wait unless there are unforeseen complications. Parents in the meeting thought it might be wise to include a Criminal Records check with the FOIP package at the beginning of the year and to also have a reminder go out in May/June to parents to complete their criminal records check for the upcoming year. Daniel and Lucy will look into these ideas.

The October 13 Gathering of School Councils meeting has been postponed and will be rescheduled at a later date.

Robert let parents know that the lockdown protocol has changed Division wide. There will be more information given in the lockdown announcement to students to help prevent undue anxiety. Daniel commented that at his previous school they had 2 levels of lockdown. One level was called Secure and one level was called Lockdown. He said it worked well and may be something Palliser may wish to incorporate.

Palliser will be taking a key role in centers being set up by The Sheldon Kennedy Foundation in Southern Alberta to help vulnerable kids. One center is being set up in Lethbridge and one is being set up in Medicine Hat.

The Budget will be reported at the November meeting, once all enrolment numbers are firmed up. Currently it looks like Palliser is down approximately 30 students division wide

Principal's Report – Daniel Grimes reporting

Daniel gave a quick snapshot of himself. He has been working in an administrator role for the past 14 years. One of his first teaching jobs was in Seoul South Korea teaching Jr. high science and math for two and a half years. He then taught in the NWT for 2 years at which time he earned his master's degree. He then became the principal at Peace Wapitti in Grande Prairie where he stayed for 4 years. He returned home with his wife to Newfoundland to raise their family and held positions as Vice Principal and Principal. They have decided to return back to Alberta and opportunities here. He is from a little island off Newfoundland and his heart is in small communities.

Daniel said he felt it was a bit of a hectic start to the school year and wanted to thank Lucy for making things easier. He wants parents to know that he believes in listening before making changes and sees his role here at CCHS as one of evolution. He wants to have a transformational relationship with parent council and his staff and students. His work will evolve over time and be long lasting and build relationships. He wants all change to be productive, healthy and ethical. He wants to remain true to himself and these values and advocate for a productive relationship with parent council. He believes in doing things honestly, authentically and ethically. His door is always open, the children always come first, and he will always make time for parents.

New staff in the school:

Page Gibbons teaching Math and Science in both the Jr. High and High school programs

David Eggert teaching social studies in both the Jr. High and High School programs

Jason Booker teaching Social Studies and LA in the Jr. High Program

We also welcomed a new Educational Assistant to staff. Her name is Stacey McDonald.

We had an Author visit the school this past week. Shane Peacock and the students and staff really enjoyed their time with him.

Eric Burgess is the family councilor at the school. He has asked if the school would be interested in Rowan House (which is a shelter for battered woman), coming into the school with a presentation on healthy relationships. Daniel asked parents how they would feel and they responded with great enthusiasm for this idea and thought it was long overdue.

The school has had their first lockdown drill already and the police were involved and gave the school great feedback. The school also had their first fire drill. The new fire alarm system has a different sound and flashing lights. Daniel plans to have more drills to help alleviate any anxieties they may cause.

Daniel reviewed the PAT and Diploma results from last year and he felt they were very good with 100 percent achieving the acceptable standard. English and Social achieved the strongest results.. Daniel shared that he feels one of the challenges of a small school is the small numbers. That means they have a bigger impact than a larger school and makes the margin of error much greater.

Jodie Gateman asked if Daniel was teaching this year. Daniel told our group he is teaching CALM (Career and Life Management). He likes being in the class room as it is a nice change of pace.

Teacher's Report – Gwen Slover reporting

See Attached

Sport Council Report – Gwen Slover reporting

See Attached Report

Robert Strauss wanted parent council and CCHS staff to know how impressed he was with the organization and planning of the volleyball tournament that took place September 16 and 17th at the school. Hats off to our organizers and volunteers!

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be our Annual General Meeting. Jodie will put the add in the paper with a notice to amend the constitution to strike having to advertise the AGM in the paper as we feel it does not reach enough people anymore. The meeting has been set for October 26, 2016 at 7pm, at CCHS.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:35pm by Lorelei Bexte and was passed unanimously. Lorelei adjourned the meeting.

Attachments: Teachers Report/Sports Council Report

Parent Council Meeting September 21, 2016

Teacher Report/Sport Council Report

- Fountas & Pinnell testing has begun. All students new to the school and students who have not yet reached the level of Z/Z+ will be tested. (Jodie Gateman asked if notifications go out to parents if their kids have not reached this level and the answer is yes notifications are sent.)
- All teachers are now trained in this method and are sharing the responsibility
- School photographs were taken on September 14 and proofs are in the office for pick-up. Retakes will be on October 26, 2017.
- The grad organizational meeting for grade 12 students and their parents was held on September 15. Committees were formed and the date of June 30 was chosen for graduation.
- The drama club had their first meeting scheduled for today for students interested in helping backstage or performing in the 2017 production of "Crippled Classics". The performance will be in April.
- The Terry Fox Run will take place this Friday, September 23 with the goal of raising \$5000 for cancer research.
- Four students along with Mrs. Wouters and Mrs. Povey will be traveling to Edmunston, New Brunswick for the Canadian Student Leadership Conference taking place September 27 – October 2.
- Jr. High Magazine sales are underway.
- Homework club starting tomorrow after school. It is going to be every Thursday. Usually Jr. High students attend. The focus is literacy but students can ask for other homework help. It is being run by ATerri-Lynn Cranston. (Jodie Gateman would like to see an actual homework club set up to support students at least once a week. Something that is available outside of regular teacher help. All parents in the meeting agree this would be helpful. Danielle will explore this possibility).

Sports Report

Congratulations:

- JV Girls Volleyball team for winning SILVER in their home tournament!!
- Keyara Wardley has been named to the U-18 Rugby CANADA long list!!

Heads up for next week

- PROVINCIAL GOLF – September 26-27 in Medicine Hat. Good luck to our girls team, Jelena Dumka, Grace Coffey and Jordan Tharle. And to our Boys individual competitor Kinley Helland.
- Junior High Volleyball Tournament next weekend @ home!

Thank you to our coaching staff:

- Sr. Golf – Brian Rodgers (head coach), Warren Thompson (asst. coach)
- Sr. Girls Volleyball – Clayton Ressler (head coach), Ashlee Beck (asst. coach), Laurie Mehlhaff (manager)
- Sr. Boys Volleyball – Channing Schneider (head coach), Jenn Warren, Sami Schneider (asst. coach), Christie Schneider (manager)

- Jr. Girls Volleyball – Colleen Carey (head coach), Gerri Budd, Jason Booker (asst. coach)
- Jr. Boys Volleyball – Mike Kerr (head coach), Shyla Provost (asst. coach), Marsha Tharle (manager)
- Sr. Cross Country – Caitlin Mattatall (head coach)
- Jr. Cross Country – Angie Seaman (head coach)