



Cochrane Christian Academy

School Council Meeting

February 28, 2019 6:30 pm

CCA Learning Commons

Attendees: Abby Blough, Debra Clarke, Bev Wiwcharuk, Fiona Gilbert, Daniel Wiebe, Alan Elkin, Rachelle Prud'Homme, Lotte Waldolf, Rachel O'Neil, Ellen Covey

Agenda

- A. Call to Order 6:40pm
- B. Opening Prayer Rachelle
- C. Introductions
- D. Review Council Purpose and School Mission – No new attendees so didn't need to review
- E. Approval of Agenda Abby
- F. Approval of January Minutes – Some didn't receive them, but they were sent out last week. May still be some email issues....
- G. Parent Learning Session – CCA Learning Supports and Services (15 mins)

Presented by Rachel & Lotte who are in their 3rd year of Learning Support. They oversee all learning support for the school, for example: Scheduling EA's to make sure kids have what they need, 1 to 1 with the students, literacy support, program planning for complex students, co-ordination of educational assessments on who should get them and who will benefit.

This is for all students from grade 1-8. Supporting teachers by observing, coming up with strategies, liaise with outside support, communicate with parents to make sure kids are being supported. Break out rooms exist for students to access as needed. It's a safe space in school - not seen as a trouble space but a positive place.

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Also works to support students with social and emotional side. Helps with making small groups, friendships, social skills, anxiety, 1 on 1 checks with kids to make sure they feel supported, helping kids regulate and process their emotions. Can also help connect kids with mental health if they need that support.

There's a senior mentorship program, the 7's & 8's go to the Bethany Care once a month to hang out with the senior's, play games & do crafts. Great for kids that don't have Grandparents. Can also connect kids with the Big Brother & Big Sister program.

There's a regulation station to help kids learn to be in control of their bodies and their emotions. Helps to understand your zone and strategies for what you do in each zone.

The Pit stop is a quieter room that always has a member of staff, it is open for any class. A teacher can suggest to a student or a group to go and work on their homework or a student can ask their teacher to go to the pit stop to work. There is a quiet area, a trampoline, desks, games, weighted snake, different chairs, books, and many resources for the kids.

Also new as of January is Move, Work, Breathe. It's a 20-25 min self-regulation program. Move: getting your heart rate up. Work: Stretching and muscle tone. Breathe: bring back down and go back to class. There has been great feedback from teachers, the kids are coming back ready to do their schoolwork.

42 students at CCA on IPP's (4%). Many are not on IPP but still need help. Lotte has been working with 100 kids so far this year.

CCA is working on making the office more like the Pit stop, instead of being a negative. Kids aren't always in trouble – even when in trouble not in trouble!! Kids are supported and loved when in the office, some kids have to go to the office when the pit stop is full.

H. Committee Reports:

a) Student Leadership Report (5 mins) Working on a school promo video to try and use for this year. There is an area admin meeting on April 3rd and hoping to use the video and also hoping to put it on our website. The kids went to a conference in Airdrie – learned about advertising, communicating and public speaking. They've already made quite a few videos this year!

b) Rocky View School Board Trustee Report: Fiona Gilbert, Trustee (15 mins)

c) Administration Report: Allan Elkin and Rachelle Prud'Homme (15 mins) We are in the final weeks of term two! Report cards will come out at the end of March. Info will be sent out for 3way Conferences also. Upcoming field trips: Gymnastics, ski trips, science center, live animals coming to the gym – Mitford is joining for some of them also. Our break is late April this year. March 22nd is a showcase night for middle school. Camp is confirmed for next year. Home Alone & Babysitting course will be at school also, will be run during lunchbreaks.

d) Chair Report: Ellen Covey – Jen with Friends of CCA can't run the bake sale because insurance for the school doesn't cover Friends of CCA. So parent council will run the bake sale, all the money stays in the school so will earmark funds.

I. Regular Business

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J. New Business None

K. Adjournment 7:43 Ellen

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