



## **Cochrane Christian Academy**

School Council Meeting

January 25, 2018 7:00pm

CCA Learning Commons

### **Agenda and Minutes**

A. Call to Order 7pm Ellen

B. Opening Prayer 7:01pm Beverly

C. Introductions Round Table

D. Review Council Purpose and School Mission

Simplifying our Vision and Mission. It's really meaningful but it's a mouthful!

Council: Have a parent voice and engagement in a structured and healthy way.

Maybe have a slogan? Started a student survey to get some ideas from the students as well.

E. Approval of Agenda Skye & Abby for a 2nd

F. Approval of Minutes Nov 23, 2017 Abby

G. Committee Reports:

*a) Student Leadership Report (5 mins)*

Hannah Stickel – rep for the student executive team

Survey out about CCA, for the staff and students.

Working on a board for the school – 2017 memories and goals for 2018.

Students will be attending a leadership conference for the students in Airdrie.

A few questions from the survey are: 1. What are some ideas you have for spirit days? 2. What type of school event would you like to have? 3. What decoration ideas do you have? 4. What words best describe CCA? 5. What are your favourite things about CCA? 6. Suggestions for change?

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*b) Administration Report: Allan Elkin and Rachelle Prud'Homme (7 mins)*

We have a performance next Wednesday – a guest group about the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Survey Feedback:

Parent Feedback: Will be sent out to parents tomorrow. Lots of great feedback. School will start to talk about what to do for Christmas next year.

Few things coming up for Feb.

Candygrams, Food bank donations, Pink Shirt day

Letters of Intent for next year will be sent out soon.

Grade 4&7 students and parents will be getting an email about a survey for the school – please do the survey!!!

Parking Lot and email was sent out today, just to bring to everyone's attention

CCA received a letter of thanks from the Prison Ministries as the schools Christmas concert offering went to their Christmas Angel Tree program

Mrs Vriend and Mrs Thomson are being inducted into the ATA.

*c) Rocky View School Board Trustee Report: Fiona Gilbert, Trustee (5 min)*

Student Transportation

From January to April 2018, Rocky View Schools is asking for parent participation in a public student transportation consultation, aimed at addressing an anticipated \$1 million shortfall to the transportation budget. RVS is asking for feedback on several cost-saving measures (7 of which have been identified, however there may be more options) and/or proposals to transfer monies from instruction (classroom funding) to transportation. A [4-page informational communique](#) and an [online survey](#) have been prepared for RVS parents to review and complete by **February 16**. There will also be 3 public meetings held, one in Airdrie, one in Chestemere and one in Cochrane on February 13 at Cochrane High at 7 pm.

The public will have the opportunity to present to the Board of Trustees at its March 1 public board meeting, and later in March a second online survey will be emailed, asking RVS parents to select the preferred transportation efficiency bundle. The Board will deliberate its decision on this matter on April 12. Since 2008 transportation costs have risen by 17.83%, while grant revenues rose by only 1.27% over the same time period. This shortfall in funding is further compounded by a \$360,000 levy for carbon, as well as a new Transportation Fee Replacement Grant that penalizes growing boards like RVS because it is based on 2015/16 fees and student counts. To guide its decision-making, the Board established 3 planning principles: ensure services continue to be safe for students; share the responsibility for balancing the transportation deficit among communities; and maintain current educational program offerings. A decision on transportation services has to be made so that it can be implemented by September 2018.

School Calendar (2018-2019): The deadline for the survey feedback of the two 2018-2019 Draft School calendars is Jan 26th. The feedback will be reviewed by the Board at the February 8, 2018 Board meeting, after which a decision on the school calendar will be made.

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*d) Chair Report: Ellen Covey*

Fill out the transportation survey and there will be a meeting will be at Cochrane High on Feb 13 @ 7pm.

Open house was great, large turn out and great questions and lots of great feedback from parents. Kindergarten is filling up for next year!

Allan & Ellen had a talk about Facebook. CCA can have a page about the school and about events going on in the school. Would be a great showcase and would not be public.

However it can't say CCA and has to be parent driven. Has to be a private page. Can't be done by the parent council either. Would be a great way to connect with the community though! If anybody would like to help start a parent page that would be great! Can share some great recipes!!!

H. Regular Business

a) Fridge/Food Program Update

It's going really well! Estimated about 100 students a week are using it.

Trish & Liz found some sponsors over the summer: Food for thought grant, Loblaws, 100 Women who care & The Cochrane Activettes foodbank all donated towards the fund for grocery items. Parents can donate money to go towards program also – can't be food though. Tuna is very popular!

b) Prayer group update

Voluntary prayer group maybe meet once a week. Idea and importance of walking around the school to pray and 'coat' the school with prayer. Should this be done during the day or after school is out? Could maybe be also at the same time as coffee connections? Would be great to see what day time would work for the most amount of people. Would like to meet face to face or start an email group or a facebook group. Another idea would be to hold it over the lunch hour and invite parents and students to come also.

I. New Business – determine February meeting date

March 1.... As February is short and this would technically be the last Thursday of Feb.

J. Adjournment 830 Ellen

In Attendance: Rachelle Prudhumme, Amy Greidanus, Rob Wollin, Skye Spidla, Debra Clarke, Abby Blough, Jordena Simon, Kelly Hembroff, Vanessa Johnston, Beverly , Ellen Covey, Fiona Gilbert, Lindsay Stickel, Hannah Stickel.

***Next Meeting Date: March 1, 2018***

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