

Cochrane Christian Academy

School Council Meeting

October 26, 2017 7:00pm

CCA Learning Commons

In attendance: Allan Elkin, Rachelle Prud'Homme, Ellen Covey, Debra Clarke, Lindsay Stickel, Brenda Hiebert, Abby Blough, Skye Spidla, Brandie Weatherbee, Jennifer Darroch, Dustin Doyle, Owen McCulloch, Fiona Gilbert

Agenda

A. Call To Order 7:00pm Ellen Covey

B. Opening Prayer 7:01pm Rachelle

C. Introductions

D. Review Council Purpose and School Mission

Quick overview: Engage and bring the parent side to the school, to see where we can help and encourage and bring the community together.

Community, Culture and People and growing in intimacy together. It takes a village! Building the culture of togetherness.

To review the school mission – to remind us what we are about and where we are going.

E. Approval of Agenda Abby Blough 7:08pm

Will start emailing out agenda a few days before the meeting.

Also will be posted on school website.

F. Approval of Minutes Sept 28, 17 Abby and Debra 7:09pm

G. Committee Reports:

a) Student Leadership Report

Grade 4 and up, 60 kids a part of it. 2-3 staff members helping co-lead each of the teams. Hoping that next month a few students will come and give a report. 4 crews – décor,

culture, kindness global action and events crew. Starting their planning and selecting representatives from each team that will work with Allan and Rachelle. Help be the voices for the students.

ALIVE: Always Living in View of Eternity – Theme will continue to be used throughout the school.

b) Administration Report/School Annual Results Report: Allan Elkin and Rachelle Prud'Homme (20 mins)

Great to see so many new faces at the meeting tonight.

Results from survey of provincial achievement test.

One of the goals in the education plan, culture, numeracy and literacy.

Be cognisant and filter everything we are doing through a school lens. We are a culture before we are a curriculum etc.. Big reason behind moving from a 6 day to a 5 day cycle. Gives teachers a better authentic flow, the teacher has the ability to plan the day. Fewer bells throughout the day. Really good flow for teachers! Bells can create too much pressure! Teachers do movement breaks as it fits into their classroom routine.

Fireplace Chapel

2 retreats in June for middle school.

Strategy that came from the retreat that was to hear the voice of God for ourselves and there are so many different ways that He speaks to each and every one of us. So many ways to engage in the opportunity to hear from God.

Newsletters have a new look, it had to be culture first. Not about the business of school, it's about people. Want it to be a pleasure to read. Businessy stuff will come out in separate emails.

Remembrance Day service will be a bit different this year. Will be a lot like the Fireplace Chapel this year. Parents will have the opportunity to participate with their kids. Will still have elements of traditional service. Kids will be in their family teams. Will have reflective response times. November 10th at 830 will be one hour long.

Christmas will not be a musical this year, will be a change-up for this year. Trying to build connections with our school community now. More info to come.

SARR School Annual Results Report. A lot of data that has come from parents, students and teachers. Also from Achievement tests. Overall results are very, very positive. Gives great data to help improve... School Education Plan 2015-2019 using data from the RVS guidelines to help make strategies for our school. A couple areas will be dug into to, to see how we can improve. Very pleased with the results and we feel very blessed.

85% of students feel welcome at school... 8% is undecided so isn't a no so really could be over 90%.. Teachers care about me 78%... My peers care about me is low though, 60%...

We need to do a better job at talking about this with students and how we are all different... My teacher inspires me to learn is at 59%... Maybe kids don't know what this means. I'm happy to go to school is 52%.. Need to figure out kids understanding of these questions.

97% of parents feel welcome at the school – great!

71% of staff are satisfied with the involvement with parents in the school.

62% Students taking responsibility for their learning

Will be talking to students, teachers and parents about interpretation of these questions and how we can improve.

Will all be posted near the end of the month once it's been approved by the superintendent.

An area for improvement, feedback from parents. Will be 2 initiatives.

One is an online polling system (Mentimeter) – www.menti.com.... Can quickly go online and vote and see the results quickly. Will try and do a poll every month.

Second is the coffee connections.

Get ongoing feedback from parents, numbers are great but much nicer to actually hear from parents Coffee Connections... next Friday morning for an hour at 8 will be coffee and muffins. A few questions will be posted for conversation. Will be done once a month. Will pray together and take prayer requests. Abby brought forward that maybe a little bit later might be better for parking in the morning. Will then miss the morning rush of drop-offs.

Allan and Rachelle are always available also these aren't the only two ways to connect!

Brenda Hilling is in the office in afternoons now helping Angie out. Has helped create more efficiency.

Appendix C: Also great results, some don't apply to us as they are for high school kids.

Appendix E: Also great results, need to keep in mind we have a small school so our data isn't evenly distributed.

There is also a 5 year overview. Really, really strong results. Very blessed and grateful to be a part of CCA. We are consistently improving.

All these documents are at the school so if you are ever interested come and help yourself to a good read. 😊

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

RVS' 2017-2021 Board of Trustees is now set. At the close of Election Day, Oct. 16, the following trustees were elected in:

Ward 1 – Shali Baziuk

Ward 3 – Jim Forrest, Melyssa Bowen, Todd Brand

Ward 5 – Judi Hunter

These individuals will join Trustees acclaimed in Ward 2 – Patty Sproule, Ward 4 – Norma Lang, and Ward 6 – Fiona Gilbert, to form **RVS' governing body for the next four years. Congratulations to all! The official swearing-in** ceremony took place on Oct 24th with the first regular meeting of the new Board of Trustees scheduled for Nov. 2, 2017.

Capital Plan Revision

Alberta Education will consider revisions of board's 2018-2021 Capital plan priorities if submitted before Oct. 15, 2017. Based on the fact that new school construction funding will be provided to school jurisdictions only if the requirements of accommodation needs and site readiness are met, RVS will submit a revised Capital Plan. In the current Capital Plan, the six new school construction priorities meet only the accommodation need, not the site readiness requirement. At this time, there is only one priority from the first budget year – Langdon Junior/Senior High School – that meets both requirements. At the Oct. 5 Board meeting, Trustees approved a revised Capital Plan submission, moving the Langdon Junior/High School to the #1 priority, with a request for design funding for the next three priorities: #2 – Chestermere K-9; #3 Airdrie K-9 (Kings Heights South); #4 Cochrane K-5 (Heartland). Check out the full report, posted on the RVS website under Board/Policies.

2018-2019 Modular Unit Requests

For its 2018-2019 modular requests to Alberta Education, the Board approved the submission of a request of 23 modular classrooms as follows: four new units at Windsong Heights; six units at Heloise Lorimer; six at East Lake; four at Langdon; and, three at Rainbow Creek. Requests for funding approvals under the Modular Classroom Program must be submitted by Nov. 1, 2017. It is expected that the Province will inform Boards as to their allocation by February 2018. Last year, only 40 modulars were allocated across the entire province.

Alberta Education Consultation

With the expectation that the Government of Alberta is going to table some amendments to the School Act sometime during the Fall sitting, Alberta Education hosted an opportunity for trustees, senior staff and parent representatives to provide input into potential areas of changes to the School Act. Greg Luterbach, Darrell Couture, Norma Lang and Fiona Gilbert and a school council parent represented RVS and provided input into topics that included the Ministry's business plans, school fees, student transportation services and fees, age of access, age of entry, education services agreements with First Nations, and joint use/reserve agreements with municipalities. Watch for updates to be reported when available.

d) Chair Report: Ellen Covey

Ellen has been working on a secret facebook group. It is an opportunity to reach out and connect. It can't be associated with the school, it has to be parent run. Always open to other ways to connect parents... FOIP!

H. Regular Business

a) Board Position Nominations – Vice Chair still required

Still looking... Only need to stand in if Ellen is gone ☺

b) Fridge/Food Program Update

Rachelle... quick update. \$10,000 fund in place to start the nutrition programming. 4 fridges in the 4 quadrants in the school, joint project for CCA and Mitford. For anyone who is looking for more food and because they are hungry. 2 CCA Parents started this up as it was on their hearts to partnership with Mitford and provide this help. Will have little signs on the fridges. Will be having an assembly to present to the school and let the kids know how it works and why we have it. Will be student leaders to help keep the fridges clean. Will be partnering

with No Frills and maybe have an order set up, might need parent help to pick up from store etc. All food will be pre-packaged. eg. Apple slices prepackaged. No food handling, might be a little bit of a higher cost. Will probably be locks on the fridges for when other groups are using the schools. Teachers will have to do a really good job about why we have this and who it is for and not just to take it with your lunchbox full of other food. Will have teacher input also. Goal is to start next Friday. Maybe no yogurt tubes. Maybe cheese portions.

c) Prayer group update

Will table as Bev isn't here tonight.

I. New Business

Brandy - Program for grade 3's... Lafarge funds a program for kids studying rocks and minerals. Museum in Calgary and then can also go to plant at Exshaw and lunch is supplied and kids get to see everything out there... Machines etc. Only cost to school would be the bus.

Abby – Grade 4 fieldtrip? Glenbow is only for 5/6 (4/5's get to go as they are a part of the 5 class. There are 4 or 5 trips planned throughout the year for the grade 4's, they just haven't had any yet.

Fieldtrips as of this year have to be preplanned for this school year. There could be new fieldtrips however the school can't charge for the parents. Could fundraise for them though.

New fundraiser coming up – cookie dough will be in November ☺

Wishlist

Swimming lessons for the whole school would be \$15,000....

Ipads and Ipad cart... Ipad cart is \$16,000

Could the wish list be put out there? Maybe someone in the community would put it forward?

Friends of CCA: want to fundraise and need a wish list and goal. Don't have a lot of money as of yet.

Jennifer is the new chair and Brandy is the co-chair. Get the group out there more!

J. Adjournment 8:36pm Ellen

Next Meeting Date: November 23, 2017