

Covenant Christian School Council Meeting
November 30th, 2022

Agenda

1. Introductions and devotional

In this place and this time, and across the prairies, we acknowledge the territory upon which we gather this morning. We acknowledge that we live, work and worship on the treaty land of the First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples.

Shauna Balehowsky, Nicole Dodds, Donavin Simmons, Emily Barnard, Anne McDonald, Laura White

2. Devotional - Shauna Balehowsky

If Only I Had...

Our fulfillment must come from God, not from possessions, status, our children etc.

3. The Principal's Report

*See attached principal's report

In answer to Donavin's questions on opinions on why CCS students on average had higher PAT scores: Teachers care about the students and how they are learning, they know students well enough to help them and call them out when they can do better. Also in general there is good parent engagement.

4. Nicole Dodds - report on the survey she sent out from the Alberta School Council Engagement Task force.

Nicole took the average answer (mostly yes or no questions) from those who took the survey and submitted as one survey to ASCE. The outcome was that most school council members do not know the specifics of how special learning supports are distributed to or used by Covenant. Otherwise most felt like CCS does have good communication with parents.

5. Address any questions or concerns.

Noted that now notice is put in the Chronicle so that anyone can add in questions or concerns that they would like addressed at the next School Council Meeting. Questions need to be raised in advance and added to the agenda so that no one is blindsided by unexpected questions.

Also CCS does have boys and girls basketball coaches for the season.

6. Set the date for the next School Council Meeting. No meeting in December.
January 25th/23 as a possible date.
[Wednesday, January 25 next Council meeting.](#)



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November Principal's Report

1. Some exciting news for CCS was recently released! We have officially been announced as the host for the 2023 PCCE Christian Teachers Convention. Gayle and the PCCE team will be doing a walk-through in January, once our renovations are completed, and specific planning will begin very soon. This will take place October 19th and 20th, 2023. We have touched base with BGSD Superintendents, as well as the ECRC to ensure that we are able to use the ECRC church for worship on those days, as well as some help/support from BGSD.
2. On Tuesday, November 1st, we welcomed Jeremy Hurlings from the PCCE into the school to talk to us about "Storyboards", the newest piece of TtT. Storyboards are an interesting new wrinkle, as it ties together Storylines, Deep Hopes, Throughlines, and Essential Questions into a visual representation for the classroom that will be added to and integrated throughout the school year.
3. First reporting period is quickly approaching CCS. According to our school assessment plan, we will be turning off Powerschool to parents on Wednesday, December 4th at 4:00 pm, and then will come back online to parents to view the online report card Friday, December 16th at 4:00 pm.
4. PAT data has recently come out, and we have spent some time digging into the results. While this is simply a snapshot in time, it is worth taking a look at some of the data. [Grade 6](#), [Grade 9](#) Results are here. I have some of my own explanations for the results, but would love to hear some of your initial thoughts?
5. Black Gold is moving to a three-year calendar. This is nice as we will have plenty of time to book vacations etc not occurring during the school year. Highlights. More info Dec 1.
 - a. We need to have ~ 180 student days
 - b. Started before September long weekend
 - c. Retained fall Break
 - d. Retained full day PD/meetings
 - e. PD day on Easter Monday
 - f. Spring break reflects EPSB/ECSSD
 - g. No PD days in December or June