

Covenant Christian School Council Meeting
January 26th, 2022

Agenda

1. Introductions and adoption of minutes from November 24th, 2021.

Shauna Balehowsky, Rachelle McIvor, Malissa Huiellery, Heather Luchak, Nicole Dodds, Leanne Simmons, Donavin Simmons, Candace Dreger, Emily Barnard
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- Introductions :

In this place and this time, and across the prairies, we acknowledge the traditional 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.

2. Devotional - Shauna Balehowsky

Live as Christ: state of being

What are you focusing on this week?

3. Principal Report - Donavin Simmons

- Grandparents Day-Creating a magazine to highlight CCS past, present, and future (publication in April). Possibility of including individual photos of students, similar to a yearbook. Donavin will look into this.
- Drama-Shriek Junior at Maclab (March 23,24).
- Looked at what the \$500 School Council fund could and could not be used for. Mr. Simmons suggested registering for the Alberta School Council workshops. His top picks included: Effective Engagement in the School and School Engagement enhancement.
- Virtual Council of School Council held on Feb. 15. Looking for 2 parents, 2 students, 2 administrators. Focus will be on: success, wellness, and community engagement. Shauna has the email to register so contact her if you are interested in participating.
- Showcase video! Great to get an inside look at what an amazing school our kiddos attend.

4. Staff Appreciation Day - can we do it as late in the year as possible?

Pushing back Staff Appreciation to May when we hopefully have less restrictions and parents and staff can be outside.

5. Grade 9 grad - can we do an in person grad?

- Grade 9 Grad is a school run program and, as such, has to follow the district's Covid 19 protocols. Highschools are hoping to run a Grad program that follows REP guidelines. If in person gathering is not allowed options include: live stream or taped video. Looking into renting one of the churches in the area with a larger standing room. More information to follow.
- Junior Highs are no longer able to participate in Frontier Lodge due to insurance reasons. Planning on two day trips this year for the grade 9s (Birch Bay).
- Ski Trip - in contact with Rabbit Hill about procedures and protocols.

6. \$500.00 School council grant money - ideas on how to use it.

Will look into workshops.

7. November 27th, 2021 Alberta School Council Association Meeting

- The meeting opened with how students need extra support as the last 2 years have been hard on everyone. ASCA was not involved in the school re-entry plan. They were not asked for input. .
- We were polled on five different questions: Standardized Testing (PATS), Covid Mitigation (is it strong enough), Diploma Exams during pandemic, Vaccinations for 5-11 year olds, Mental Health (how are kids are doing)
- Dr. Amy Von HeyKing - gave a presentation on the new curriculum draft for K - grade 6. Curriculum has always been a hot debate. A high quality curriculum should develop an understanding of the subject matter. Students should be able to implement what they have learned in real life and not just repeat back information they have learned.
- Land based studies for Indigenous students

Brenda Kell ASCA Instructor -Presentation: Alberta Education Assurance Measures.

Schools are expected to:

- Update their education plan and prepare their Annual Education Results Report Annually
- Involve their school council in updating the plan and preparing the AERR
- Post their plan and AERR on the school's or division's website.

Responsibility of School Councils

- Foster, develop, maintain and reflect the culture of the school
- Create the forum for discussion
- Seek and represent school community views

8. Questions or comments?

- Clarification on Junior High recess

Most junior highs don't want to go outside so with limited staff this becomes a supervision issue.

CVS donated the black fabric masks at the beginning of the year.

Next school council meeting will be Feb 23, 2022