

Covenant Christian School

School Council Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2026

- Call to order at 7:06
- **Opening prayer** – Cindy Hebers
- **Introductions** – All in attendance
- **Devotional** - Vicki Noble – Christ’s miracles of food which point us to Him
- **Guidelines for Meeting** – Cindy Hebers; reminder of confidentiality; purpose of council is to advise school, reminder to not share rumors as advice/concerns/opinions from meeting go into policy making, but policies are not set at school council; participants reminded to use active listening, share and respect opinions and views and be responsible for own learning; James 1:19-21
- **Approval of January 2026 Minutes** – Motion by Deb Olthof; second by Brett Labelle
- **Updates from last meeting**
 - Dress Code – Update from Jenna Haugan: policies are not changed mid year, feedback from last meeting is being considered and prayed over while thinking about making updates to the policy for next year; reminder of our dress code will be sent out to all parents when the weather warms up
 - Bible Verses for School Building – Some have been sent in, looking for more that are important to the community (please submit to Jenna), we hope to put them up around the school over summer
 - LOGO Contest – CCS is looking to update the logo, 2 submissions received so far
- **Cougar Canteen & Hot Lunch**
 - Cougar Canteen – Nicole Hennink read overview about Cougar Canteen (history, purpose, notes re success) from Charlene Veldkamp; Compass Class students manage the business (aside from purchasing inventory); noted life skills learned for both student running the canteen and those purchasing; Cougar Canteen is a self sustained program-funds brought have already paid off the initial investment and have provided additional income to support other programming
 - Hot Lunch – Jenna provided update: the hot lunch coordinator is Sarah Wever, it runs weekly on Wednesdays, is supported by parent volunteers, provides a positive working relationships with local restaurants and Valmart (supplier for milk /drink orders); Hot lunch is a highlight of the week for students/parents/teachers and is a positive and well supported initiative
 - Always looking for new volunteers, contact Sarah Wever if interested
 - Question/concern brought up regarding pop sold at cougar canteen, can we try to provide healthier alternatives such as Bubly or juice boxes?

- **Principal Report & Assurance Plan** – Presentation by Jenna Haugan, copies distributed
 - Theme for February was compassion, pink shirt day tomorrow – promoting kindness and inclusion
 - Students have been intentionally looking out for each other this month.
 - Pastors day tomorrow- 19 pastors have rsvp'd
 - Feb 5/6 was teachers convention
- **Questions/Comments?**
 - Ray Cable, Associate Superintendent of Human Resources for BGSD in attendance, he noted being thankful to be here, encouraging parents that this is a positive and productive group; that our excellent/supportive school environment is a reason that our school continues to grow
 - Next School Council Meeting April 28, 2026 @ 7:00pm
- **Closing Prayer** – Cindy Hebers



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Principal Report, School Council

Jenna Haugan

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Principal's Report: February Highlights

February has been an impactful month at Covenant Christian School as we've focused on **Compassion** across our classrooms, staff meetings, and weekly assemblies.

This emphasis leads directly into **Pink Shirt Day** tomorrow, Wednesday, February 25. The event serves as a practical reminder of the importance of kindness and inclusion, allowing students to move from theory to action by practicing empathy in their daily lives.

Our focus this month is rooted in the exhortation found in **Ephesians 4:32**:

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

Seeing our students intentionally choose to look out for one another has been the highlight of the month, and we look forward to seeing that spirit on display as we wear pink tomorrow.

A particularly heartwarming example of compassion and servant leadership comes from Vienna Swampy, who has been nominated for the Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Student Award:

"We are overjoyed to share that Vienna Swampy has been nominated for the Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Student Award! Nominated by Mrs. Bruinsma and Mrs. Haugan, Vienna is a shining example of what it means to lead with a servant's heart and a spirit of excellence. This prestigious award from the ASBA recognizes First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students who model strength, cultural pride, and a beautiful balance of physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being. As a proud member of the Samson Cree Nation, Vienna's leadership is rooted in her heritage and her faith. Whether she is competing as a track athlete, or sharing Cree language and traditions through her published book, *The Land Before Us*, she uses her God-given talents to bless everyone around her.





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This month at CCS, our focus is on Compassion as our Christ-like character trait- and Vienna embodies this perfectly. Mrs. Bruinsma and Mrs. Haugan highlight that Vienna "leads with heart," ensuring every person she meets feels seen, valued, and respected. By leading through empathy and kindness, she reflects the love of Christ in our hallways every single day.

We are so proud of the way she represents her culture, her faith, and our school community."

In addition, tomorrow we will also recognize Pastor's Day, an important tradition that highlights the value of mentorship, relationships, and community. This year, we are taking a special approach by centering student voices in the celebration. Three student leaders from Grade 6 will share personal reflections on how their pastors have impacted their lives and will engage in thoughtful interviews, asking questions that allow our pastors to experience firsthand the profound influence they have on our students. This initiative reflects our vision of "Inspired to Serve", reminding both students and staff of the transformative power of encouragement, guidance, and servant leadership in our community.

On February 5 and 6, our teachers participated in the NCTCA Teachers' Convention sessions, an important opportunity for professional growth and collaboration. During these sessions, teachers explored topics aligned with their professional growth plans, including literacy, numeracy, digital tools, physical education and wellness, curriculum, and other areas of focus guided by the Alberta Teachers' Association. This dedicated time of learning, reflection, and togetherness not only strengthens our teachers' skills but also enriches the learning experiences they provide for our students.

February has been a month full of meaningful learning, reflection, and celebration of character. We are grateful for the ways our students, staff, and community live out these values daily, and we look forward to carrying this momentum into the coming months.

Assurance Plan Summary

This executive summary provides a snapshot of the **Covenant Christian School (CCS) Assurance Plan for 2025-2026**. It highlights our community's growth, our students' academic excellence, and our focused goals for the coming year. **(See Plan)**.

