

Covenant Christian School Council Meeting

October 27, 2021

Agenda

1. Introductions and adoption of minutes from September 29, 2021 AGM Meeting.

- Introductions

Attendees- Karen Hofstra, Rachelle McIvor, Malissa Huiellery, Shauna Balehowsky, Nicole Dodds, Sarah Wever, Emily Barnard, Jill Gordeyko, Cayla Taekema, Dennis Taekema, Heidi Kenny, Corinna Weslosky, Heather Luchak, Dennis Gulley, Linda Knoppers, Candace Dreger, Donavin Simmons, Jon Ganton (18)

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

- Candace Dreger
Living for Eternity

3. Principal Report

- Donavin Simmons

1. *Christian Teacher Convention was yet again a time of renewal and growth. Members of Covenant staff were given the opportunity to serve by leading worship.*
2. *Discussed and gave suggestions for stencils for outdoor games and activities. Favourites included: 4 squares, mazes and mini sticks.*

3. *Weather permitting, Parent Council meetings will continue to be held outside. Will move to zoom meetings if unable to meet in person.*
4. *Beginning November 15, 2021 parents who want to volunteer in the school will be required to provide proof of vaccination or a negative Covid-19 test.*

Parent comment

1. *Concerned the mandate will take away the freedom of choice. Jon Ganton (Division Principal) explained that Black Gold took over a month to talk with AHS, Minister of Health and Minister of Education before updating their Administrative Procedure. Black Gold has gone with recommendations of who is in charge (Minister of Health and Education). The Administrative Procedure was passed by Superintendent, Bill Romanchuk, and at any time it can be amended.*
2. *Discussed how we can support Covenant staff that have chosen not to be vaccinated. Concerns about financial burdens on staff who pay out of pocket for testing come January 2022. A suggestion was made that a group of willing parents could donate to a fund that unvaccinated teachers could draw from to pay for testing. Privacy was a concern.*
3. *Concerned about vaccination clinics in schools and parent consent. It was discussed that all parents would be notified ahead of time if any vaccination clinics were in the school and all children eligible for vaccination would have to receive parent consent in advance.*

4. Black Gold School Trustees

- Angie Charpentier
- Gary Hansen
- Barb Martinson

5. Rachelle McIvor - New family emails

New family emails were sent out and Rachelle received one follow-up phone call. No concerns with new parents not receiving The Chronicle.

6. Amy Walton - Hello everyone, I apologize that I am not able to attend, but I am thinking of you from the dentist chair :) It is has been a tremendous privilege to pray at our school (or in a parking lot adjacent to our school ;) on Monday mornings, a Covenant tradition that has been going strong for many years. We have seen God move in incredible ways, and we are so thankful that we are able to gather and intercede on behalf of our school community. This year, with Donavin's blessing, we have created an email address for CCS staff and teachers to send us prayer requests, as we would love to be able to pray for our community specifically as well as generally. We would ask that student names not be used, (we don't want private information!) but we would welcome school prayer requests at mondaymorningprayer@yahoo.com - and praise reports too :)

7. Questions or comments?

- I love the new Chronicle format!
- Grandparents day? *(Still needs to be discussed)*
- Next School Council Meeting Nov. 24,2021
- *Hot lunch has been suspended.*