

## SCHOOL COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

Covenant Christian School, 2016–2017 School Year

This past school year, School Council met the following dates: September 28, 2016 (Annual Meeting); October 27, 2016; November 30, 2016; January 25, 2017; February 23, 2017; March 15, 2017; April 27, 2017; May 31, 2017.

The School Council for 2016-2017 consisted of the school Principal, Vice Principal and parents representing students in most divisions (1-3, 4-6 and 7-9). At the Annual School Council meeting, the following School Council Officers were elected:

Chairperson: Carolee Stevenson (First term)  
Vice-Chairperson: Rachelle McIvor (First term)  
Secretary: Carrie Boyd (First term)  
Representative for Leduc Society for Christian Education  
Executive: Emily Meetsma (Continued for another term)

School Council decided that meeting after our monthly celebrations worked best and our meetings were held monthly after the last weekly celebration from approximately 9:15am-10:30am. All parents are invited to attend all meetings and minutes are available. School Council meetings were advertised several weeks prior in the weekly school newsletter, The Chronicle.

Each School Council meeting consisted of a Principal's

Report, which would update parents on current events at the school. The agenda included items from Black Gold School District and anything tied to School Council's responsibilities. Every meeting has an open time for discussion, giving parents the opportunity to raise any comments or questions they may have.

School Council fulfilled the following responsibilities during this past year:

- Elected new Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary positions for 1 year terms
- Welcoming phone calls to new families in our school community
- Hosted Annual Staff Appreciation Day (May 31, 2017)

it is important to note that School Council is not the only opportunity for parent involvement. Covenant Christian School has many committees for parents to volunteer. So our school Council serves as a focus group/point of contact between parents and the Principal. Parent council is also the parent connection between Covenant and Black Gold Trustees. Our School Council does not do any fundraising, thus we do not have any financial statements to report.

Highlights of meeting discussion topics throughout the year are as follows:

- Review of bylaws and goals
- Black Gold Regional Schools Correspondence
- New Curriculum Survey

- Black Gold Board Highlights
- PAT analysis presentation
- Principal Evaluation-completing the parent survey
- Johanna Barron-Family School Liaison-Presented on our digital footprint
- Christmas concert and spring musical-the hobbit March 22, 23
- Discussions of various school events (Junior High Retreat, Christian School Teachers Convention, Track Meets, Sporting events, DARE grad, Kindergarten information night)
- Positive feedback on crosswalk/bus lane improvements
- On-going discussions on our school growth, classroom size and classroom space.

In closing, the 2016-2017 Covenant School Council was a forum for information to be shared between parents, school staff, Leduc Society for Christian Education Executive and the Black Gold Regional Division School Board. We welcomed new families and celebrated the amazing staff at Covenant. We provided an opportunity for parents to voice any questions or concerns on matters relating to their children's education.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rachelle McIvor, Vice chair 2016/2017