

Greetings school council.

Since you have a guest speaker in and since you can come for a full update to the LSCE AGM next week, I'll keep this brief.

Much of our April meeting focused on preparing for the AGM. As the information package in the Chronicle attests, the budget is ready for approval and we have people willing to fill open positions. At the meeting our capital expansion team will be sharing their work, including a basic plan of the new structure. You also get to hear Mr. Simmons' first report as principal, and I'll fill you in the year as a whole. Even with all this information, I expect the meeting to be relatively short (we don't have a lot actual decisions to vote on), so we hope you are enjoying your coffee and treats by 7:45. Remember, however, that we need 25 members in the room with us to meet quorum, so we would like to see you there—auditorium, 7 pm, May 2.

In other LSCE news, this past Saturday Donavin, Kyle, and I attended the AGM for the Prairie Centre for Christian Education (with Gayle Monsma as Executive Director). This organization does a tremendous job at teaching our teachers the Christian framework that we use at Covenant (Teaching for Transformation, with its throughlines, FleX activities, and storylines ), so it was good to hear their news and interact with other Christian schools.

I just wanted to highlight a couple of other things that are not related to LSCE.

First, as school council chair, Rachele should be getting the Black Gold highlights. The March 7 ones (<http://www.blackgold.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Board-Highlights-March-7-2018.pdf>) had 2 articles about junior high kids and "Leader in Me" activities. These sound like neat approaches that include community-building as well as developing strengths in leadership, advocacy, and compassion. I bet CCS can learn some things from those students and schools ...and at the same time, I know that our buddy program, our throughlines, our major Gr. 6 and Gr. 9 projects, our FLeX activities are already developing the same strengths and community spirit. I'm happy to celebrate the successes of other schools, but it's also neat to see how our Christian programming inspires similar outcomes, with a Kingdom focus, as we emphasize understanding and experiencing how to live as Christians.

On a different note, I also sit on the high school School Council. It looks like next year will include some changes in that School Council's executive (some people are not able to stay on as they expected), so just a reminder for our junior high parents that the High School school council is also interested in having more members, overall, and if anyone would like to be more involved in a leadership role, they can talk to me for information.

Hope many of you can get out an enjoy the Marketplace day!

Emily