

School Council Annual Report

Covenant Christian School, 2017-2018 School Year

Covenant Christian School Parent Council, for the 2017-2018 school year, consisted of the school Principal, Vice Principal and parents representing students in most divisions (grades 1-3, 4-6 and 7-9). At the Annual School Council Meeting, the following School Council Officers were elected:

Chairperson: Rachelle McIvor

Vice-Chairperson: Jody Greidanus (first term)

Secretary: Malissa Huillery (first term)

Representative for Leduc Society for Christian Education Executive: Emily Meetsma

Our School Council met the following dates: September 27, 2017 (Annual General Meeting); October 26, 2017; November 29, 2017; January 25, 2018; February 28, 2018; April 25, 2018; May 31, 2018.

It was agreed that holding our Parent Council meetings on the very last week of the month, immediately following our schools weekly Celebration ceremonies, is what had worked best. Our meetings went from 9:15-10:30am approximately and all parents are invited to attend all meetings and the minutes are available on our school website. The School Council Meetings were advertised several weeks prior in the weekly school newsletter.

Each School Council meeting consisted of a principals Report, which would update parents on current events at the school and an update from Leduc Society for Christian education. The agenda included items from Black Gold School District and anything tied to School Councils responsibilities. Every meeting has an open time for discussion, giving parents the opportunity to raise any comments or questions they may have.

It is important to note that our 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 the black Gold Trustees. Our school council does not do any fundraising, thus we do not have any financial statements to report.

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, 2018)

Highlights of meetings and discussion topics throughout the year:

- what online presence should our school council have
- facility updates
- meeting Rebecca Eilander and discussing the importance of the Black gold

- accountability survey
- tours of the school for updates to the facility. i.e. new school sign, art hallway, new piano
 - looking at creating healthy lunch seminars
 - students online usage in the classroom
 - Stephanie Vantanajal presentation on students/parents and social media
 - Powerschool reporting
 - Celebration of the “arts”
 - How the school joined in on the excitement of the winter olympics and our school olympics
 - Black Gold facility updates
 - Black gold Annual Council of School Council meeting and the “international travel cafe”
 - new CTF classes for grades 5 and 6
 - suggestions for improvements and new ideas for our school market place community building event
 - parent prayer group

In closing, the 2017-2018 Covenant School Council was a forum for information to be shared between parents, school staff, Leduc Society for Christian Education and the Black Gold School Board. We welcomed new families, celebrated our amazing staff and had great discussions on many events and situations that affect the students and parents at Covenant Christian School.

Respectfully Submitted
Rachelle McIvor, Chair 2017-2018 Parent council