

Covenant Christian School Parent Council
Meeting Minutes

October 25, 2018

Present: Rachelle McIvor, Donavin Simmons, Malissa Huillery, Emily Meetsma, Amy Walton, Ebony Matter, Larissa Boettcher, Shauna Balehowsky

Next meeting: November 28, 2018

I. Introduction & Devotion

Rachelle led introductions.

Shauna shared a devotion related to suffering, pain and God's silence. Based on Psalm 145:18.

II. Adoption of the minutes from the September 2018 AGM Parent Council meeting

III. Updates on New Family Phone Calls

Rachelle, Ebony and Amy completed the new family phone calls. Feedback was that everyone who received the call appreciated it. Discussion around volunteer opportunities and how to present them to the families.

IV. Principal's Report (attached)

- Christian School Teacher's convention was very impacting for the staff.
- In Ottawa Donavin attended a workshop on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity, which explored the pathway of grace AND truth.
 - Reaffirming and loving all children
 - Reinforcing that a more accepting culture drastically reduces suicide rates
- November 9th PD Day, Collette Hayes will be at the school to discuss anxiety and other barriers to learning.
- We went on a "field trip" to see the new murals leading to the gym and in the office.

V. Update from LSCE

We are waiting for screw piles to be installed before bringing in the portables.

We need to keep them as two separate units and build a firewall between them in order to meet code.

Connection between the buildings will not be finished until next summer.

The Society reviews our Principle's for Growth that were written a few years ago. They did not need to be updated as they met our current goals and outlook.

Larissa will be taking over for Emily as Parent Council liason.

VI. Grandparents Day

Discussed Grandparents & Special Friends Day and how to adapt it going forward with a growing student population, and many displaced families.

Discussed which committee is officially in charge of Grandparent's & Special Friends Day (to be determined).

Option of "adopting" a Grandparent for the day?

Can we still keep the same format with so many classes and more growth projected?

VII. Other business

Staff Appreciation Day: Moving the date forward to February 28th as May is a busy month.

VIII. Next Meeting

Wednesday November 28, 2018

IX. Closing prayer - Donavin