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1. I recently met with Terri Reid, Learning Services Coordinator for BGRD, in regards to the new curriculum. It was quite an exciting and clarifying meeting. This is still in BETA but we are nearing the preparatory phase.

- a. The way it is now laid out closely mimics the way we roll out Tft units. They have a big picture “Essential Understanding” (Throughline), that links to “Guiding Questions” (Essential Questions) which are laid out in the “Learning Outcomes” (Essential Learning Outcomes). These come to fruition in the conceptual knowledge and procedural knowledge outcomes students must learn. They also have literacy and numeracy outcomes interlaced through every subject.
- b. I am also not concerned about any of the potential “fears” of the new curriculum. There seems to be no “hidden agenda” in the K-4 draft and in fact, it seems to highlight the importance of “cultural beliefs” (i.e religion) within the curriculum. I can highlight this using the “wellness” curriculum (old P.E/Health) if there are any questions from the council.

2. Our 2019/20 calendar draft will be coming to staff and parent councils for suggestions coming by November 29th. They are then asking for consolidated feedback by December 18th. CCS will not have a parent council meeting in December because of the season. Would the parent council be interested in giving feedback via email, or would we prefer to have a specific meeting to look at the calendar? Are there some specific things that those here are wanting to see for next year?

3. Covenant has recently created our very own Student Council. This advisory committee body will create an official platform for student voice to be heard. The council is made up of seven students, one from each grade, beginning in Grade 3. We recently had our first meeting where positions have now been established. Thank you to the following students for serving your school:

Rachel - Chair
Garrett - Vice Chair
Brielle - Secretary

Kai - Reporter

Alissa - Communications Director

Jayden - Member at Large

Justyce - Member at Large

One of the first things students have been discussing is a change in our school “rules”. The “Gimme 5’s” have been a part of the school for a long time but do not have the power they once did. We have been working with them and staff to come up with some new ideas that are more in line with FDI and Tft. The fact that they are partially student created only helps in the ownership of these rules.

4. On Friday November 23rd, I met with Shaye Anderson, Leduc-Beaumont MLA to go over a variety of topics. These included new curriculum, Bill 24 concerns, and new playground grants available to schools by the province. The conversation was very enlightening and hopeful. Also, Mr. Anderson hopes to come to one of our parent council meetings in the near future. We are just figuring out calendars. I will let the council know via our chair once a date has been established.

5. Our K-3 Christmas concert will be occurring on Thursday, December 20th at 1:30 pm and 6:30pm. The title of the performance is “A country Christmas with a city “twist”-mas”. As per tradition, we will not have a ticket fee, although we will ask for a food donation to the food bank. As our student body gets larger, do we feel the community would be willing to purchase tickets? Therefore we know how many seats are available. Money could then go to one of our Christmas charities/supplement a Christmas FLEx opportunity? Thoughts?

6. On Nov. 12-14 Jennifer Lozeau went to Abbotsford B.C to a C.A.C.E Tft conference. This is the American organization that purchased Tft from PCCE. Jennifer came back excited and wanting to move ahead with many of the great things she learned there here at Covenant as well. Moving forward, Jennifer will serve as our “Tft lead” and be an important teacher liaison when discussing Tft needs.

7. On Nov 14 - 16 Jeremy Schindel was sent to Grand Rapids Michigan to the CSI’s CSESA (Christian School Educators Science Academy). Only 50 science teachers were selected for this academy where they are able to learn about integrating a Biblical worldview into dynamic, interesting science classes.

8. We are actively pursuing Eva Olsson, a 94 year old Holocaust survivor to come and speak to our Junior High’s. If everything works, she would come on February 4th, 2019.