

Covenant Christian School Parent Council

Meeting Minutes

February 28, 2019

Present: Rachelle McIvor, Kyle Sanford, Emily Meetsma, Shauna Balehowsky, Jocelyn Oliver, Ebony Matter, Kristy Stejskal, Rebecca Wilander, Donavin Simmons, Aydan Anderson, Shaye Anderson, Colin Ward

Next Meeting April 25, 2019

I. Devotion

Shauna Balehowsky shared a devotion based on Proverbs 15:1; going through questions to ask yourself before answering in anger. How to give a soft answer when frustrated or angry.

II. Adoption of minutes from January 2019 Parent council meeting and the addend minutes from November 2018 Parent council meeting

III. Welcome Honourable Shaye Anderson (NDP) MLA for Leduc-Beaumont

- He is trying to meet as many parent councils in his riding. Nothing formal. Just wants to be available to answer any questions parents might have.
- Just trying to get a feel for any potential issues parents might have
- in regards to the new K-4 Curriculum. He feels most teachers were already doing something similar. The curriculum is outdated, for example science curriculum hasn't been updated since 1996.
- most subjects are going back to the core concepts. Objectives are being combined and make them simpler e.g.. 50 outcomes down to 20. This will promote critical thinking and more effective learning. Critical thinking a huge portion of the change and will be referred to as competencies.
- Parent questions were about critical thinking and in regards to all the funding talk.
- Shaye confirmed the same funding is all in place. That the government is pro school, all around. Not just public vs private.
- He wants to focus more on positives.
- Rebecca Wilander, our Black Gold School trustee, stressed that Black gold supports and values every different school.

IV. Principal's Report (attached)

- first maternity leave job position is posted online. More will soon follow
- addressed the Momo Challenge
- New Curriculum implementation: want to ensure staff feel supported and confident. The current curriculum is anywhere from 12-34 years old. As we are holding students for the jobs of tomorrow, an up to date curriculum, which focuses on how to learn rather than what to learn is imperative for our students
- joined as a principal representative for the new safety committee

V. Update from the LSCE

- looking at focusing more on governance. As the school grows they want to represent everyone and work more efficient for long term rather than just being reactive.
- very appreciative of all the committees and all the work they do
- portable update: its close. possible fire inspections in the coming weeks and waiting to gain occupancy

VI. Black Gold Annual Council of School Council meeting and Parent night

- Rachelle McIvor gave a brief overview of the night; mental health presentation on breathing/calming techniques and programs they run
- new curriculum is needed. Our current curriculum hasn't been updated in some time.
- lots of input from teachers, parents, etc in developing the new curriculum
- to see the new curriculum go to new.learnalberta.ca
- set up is very similar to our TFT-Teaching through Transformation

VII. Open invitation to any parent council members interested in attending the Alberta School Council Conference, on April 26-28. Keynote speaker is Dr. Jody Carrington

- Kristy Stejskal and Jocelyn Oliver put their names forth and would love to attend.

VIII. No Parent Council meeting in March. Next Meeting is April 25, 2019

IX. Closing Prayer- Donavin Simmons