

School Council Annual Report

Covenant Christian School, 2022-2023 School year

2022-2023 brought a “normal” year after having to pivot for the last few years. We started our year out with meetings inside the staff room and eventually moved into one of the brand new offices. Our meetings consisted of our Principal, and parents from most divisions (grades 1-3, 4-6, 7-9) in attendance.

At our Annual General Meeting for the Covenant Christian School Parent Council, the following officers were elected:

Chairperson: Shauna Balehowsky (4th term)

Vice-Chairperson: Leanne Simmons (2nd term)

Secretary: Canadace Dreger (2nd term)

School Council hosted meetings on the following dates: September 21st, 2022 (AGM); October 27th, 2022; November 30th, 2022; January 25th, 2023; March 1st, 2023; April 20th, 2023; May 31st, 2023.

For the 2022-2023 school year, our School Council meetings were held once a month, normally the last week of the month, followed by our school’s weekly celebration ceremonies. Our meetings went from 9:15am-10:30 am approximately and all parents are invited to attend all meetings. All the minutes are available on our school website. The School Councils meetings are advertised several weeks prior in the weekly school newsletter.

Each School Council meeting consisted of a short devotional, an acknowledgement that we are on Treaty Six land, the Principal’s report which would update parents on current events at the school.

Covenant Christian School Council fulfilled the following responsibilities during this past year:

1. Elected Chair, Vice Chair, and secretary positions for 1 year terms.
2. Welcoming emails to new families in our school community.
3. Hosted the Annual Staff Appreciation Week with our CCS Public Relations Committee and our Principal.
4. Supported Pastries with the Principal.

Highlights of meetings and discussions through the year:

- The auditorium was totally renovated! Students, teachers and parents were welcomed with a fresh and updated space.
- The first day of school photos are always a highlight and turned out great once again. We love having this memory captured.
- We participated in a school council engagement task force put on by ASCA.
- Council of School Councils (October 2022)
- Participated in "Creating a hopeful vision" question asked by ASCA
- Staff Appreciation week was a success!
- We were happy to have our school trustee, Gary Hansen at meetings.
- \$500 ASCA engagement grant was used to support Pastries with the Principal. Mr. Simmons hosted workshops that gave parents useful tools on various topics from math to temper tantrums.
- Black Gold school calendar for the 2023-2024 school year.
- New school playground was built!!
- New offices and commons areas were built!
- Ohpaho highschool boundary lines were discussed and CCS will continue to funnel into the Leduc Composite High School.
- Beauty and the Beast grade 8 play a success!
- Covenant Christian School celebrated 40 years.
- Grades 7 & 9 went to Jasper
- 3rd Annual CCS Golf Tournament

It is important to note that our School Council is not the only opportunity for parent involvement. Covenant Christian School has many committees and opportunities for parents to volunteer. Our School Council serves as a focus group/point of contact between parents, the Principal and Black Gold School District.

Our School council does not do any fundraising, thus, we do not have any financial statements to report.

In closing the 2022-2023 was more of a normal year and we were so happy to once again walk the hallways of our school and engage with students and staff. Covenant Christian School Council is a forum for information to be shared between parents, school staff, Leduc Society for Christian Education and the Black Gold School Board. This year we successfully welcomed new families, celebrated and blessed our amazing staff, and had great discussions and offered feedback. We would like to thank our Principal, teachers and staff for catching us up to speed as covid put a damper on all

our lives. We look forward to what the 2023-2024 school year will hold. Even though there are many uncertainties in life we take Hope that we are held firmly in the hands of our Lord.

Respectfully submitted,
Shauna Balehowsky
Covenant Christian School Council Chair 2022-2023