

## **Covenant Christian School Council**

### **Meeting Minutes**

*October 25, 2023*

*Present:* Rachelle McIvor, Donavin Simmons, Malissa Huillery, Shauna Balehowsky, Candace Dreger, Heather Luchak, Julia Werden, Emily Barnard, Stacy Hames, Leanne Simmons

*Next meeting:* November 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am in the Conference Room.

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### **I. Land Acknowledgement and Devotion**

Candace opened with introductions and a land acknowledgement.

Shauna provided a devotion on resting in God's goodness when your story shifts. Exodus 33:19.

### **II. Council of School Council highlights**

Candace attended via Zoom.

Bullying prevention was the main topic of discussion.

- Schools shared concerns and practices.
- Admin procedure 350 (student code) on the Black Gold website> About>Admin> procedures and protocols.
- If you have concerns about how things are handled, you can ask for them to be documented and put on file. At Covenant it is logged into Powerschool behind the scenes (with specific access) if the situation is referred to the office.
- Discussion around the Danish way of bullying prevention. If there is safe community and not a hierarchy of popularity? If so, then bullying is diminished. "Class Hour" once a week which is dedicated to improving the wellbeing of the class – hanging out, playing games, being together, just getting to know one another. They deal with playground issues and cliques during the class hour.
- Highlighted the importance of language used at home: what is the other person going through, can we pray for them, why would someone act this way?
  - o Covenant has a daily circle to talk about different issues, has TFT and throughlines etc which allow us to address some of these things.
- No one stepped up to be Chair/Vice Chair/Secretary of the Council of School Councils. Contact Candace if you are interested in filling one of these positions.

### **III. Sponsored ASCA Event tonight**

Focus group invitation - parent input wanted in updating "My Child's Learning: A Parent Resource" website.

Session tonight – Effective Engagement in School Community. Doors at 6 starts at 6:30 goes for about 2 hours.

#### **IV. AB School Council Engagement Grant**

We will receive \$500 to encourage engagement of more parents on school council.

Ideas:

- Cardiac Crash (2 hrs up to 40 ppl) Malissa to ask her mom about first aid training, how many people she could train, cost and dates. Potentially January or February.
- Curriculum presentations – Box Car and One-Eyed Jacks Family Literacy Game Night? Nelson publisher workshops.
- Math night on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Domino's & Dominoe's

#### **V. Principal's Report**

- See attached
- If we only love those we agree with we only love ourselves.
- June 19<sup>th</sup> to start Gr 9 PAT's and will finish on the 26<sup>th</sup> with Science. Gr 6 PAT's will start the 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Grade 3's now have an overnight field trip to Drumheller. They will sleep at the museum.
- Grade 6's will be going to Gull Lake overnight.
- Grade 7's Jasper trip will continue.
- Grade 9 trip TBD after parent feedback. Is it a good idea? Are there other ideas that could be beneficial? Grade 9's gave ideas of NOT Quebec or SK, possibly Head Smashed in Buffalo Jump.
  - o Would need to fundraise at least 3x as much as in the past.
  - o Would be a group fundraising effort. The money as it comes in belongs to the school.
- Highlighted the parent as partners in education communication lines (see attached). This is to ensure parents use proper lines of communication and not posting on social media. Please do not use Leduc Rant and Rave.
- The associate superintendent will attend our next meeting.

#### **VI. Adoption of the minutes from September Parent Council meeting**

- Shauna B moved that the minutes be approved. All in favour.

#### **VII. Other Business**

- New family emails (Amber is not here so Candace will ask outside the meeting).
- Please email new business so it is added to the agenda in advance.
- Emily will try to lead devotions at November's meeting.

#### **VIII. Next Meeting**

Thursday November 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am in the Conference Room.

#### **IX. Closing prayer - Donavin**