

Covenant Christian School Council

Meeting Minutes

May 29, 2024

Present: Donavin Simmons, Malissa Huillery, Shauna Balehowsky, Candace Dreger, Nicole Dodds, Lisa Gatzke, Gary Hansen, Jenna Haugen, Andrea Reirson, Carolyn Danley, Emily Barnard, Amber Abel

Next meeting: September TBD 9:30 am in the Conference Room.

I. Land Acknowledgement and Devotion

Candace opened with introductions, and a land acknowledgement.

Devotion shared by Amber referencing The Lord's Prayer. Which kingdom will I serve?

II. Approval of minutes from March.

All in favour.

III. CCS Track and Field

- Suggested that parents take the kids around, vs run the events.
- Jr High's who don't want to participate can maybe volunteer instead.
- Maybe shorten the shifts from full day.
- Hybrid – younger grades have home room and parents to go with the kids to ensure proper supervision.
- Possibly have a parent committee that helps.

IV. CCS New Family Interviews

- When families apply: BG registration form, form for LSCE, and confidential pastor's report. Once everything has been received there is a new family meeting scheduled.
- Meeting: Slideshow, Donavin speaks about TFT and how it merges with AB curriculum, executive sits in and meets with families, answers questions, etc. Then more presentations including history, how the school and LSCE works together. After the staff/exec meet to see if any families require a follow-up meeting. Welcomed by Cheri via telephone.
- Maybe a School Council/LSCE booth at welcome back BBQ to explain the school again, opportunities for involvement, etc.
- Looking at new ways to hold the interview as the school continues to grow.

V. Trustee Report presented by Gary Hansen

- See attached report
- Deficit budget of \$1.8M – about 17 teachers less throughout the school division.
- 168 students in Black Gold with no funding.
- New template for school council annual report. Recommending reporting by the end of June while information is fresh.

VI. Library Policy

- Charter of Rights and Freedoms says to uphold expressions of intellectual freedom and free speech.
- Focus on age-appropriateness. Next is content appropriateness.
- Goal is to balance secular and Christian authors.
- Parents have the responsibility to oversee their own children.
- Can email Ms Jackson with specifics relating to their child
- Can the policy be on the website?

VII. Alberta School Council Engagement Grant

- Presentation was fun
- 5 families were in attendance

VIII. Principals Report

- See attached

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X. Closing prayer - Candace