

Chinook High School-School Council Minutes

October 7, 2020

Attendees:

Administrators and staff: Kevin Wood, Tara Cunningham, Cam Hall, Bill Forster, Donna Hunt

Parents: Lisa Althouse, Lacey de Kock, Brian Palsky, Katrina Palsky, Bonnie Takats, Raila Duda, Shannon Pratt, Corrine Steele

1. **Call To Order** – 7pm
 - a. Admin took school council members through what students do when entering the building and went over all covid protocols in the school common areas (hallways, etc) and classrooms.
2. **Election of Officers**
 - a. Chair: Lacey deKok
 - b. Vice Chair: Lisa Althouse
 - c. Secretary: not filled yet
 - d. District Council Rep: Shannon Pratt
3. **Committees**
 - a. **Student Leadership**-This group of students is off to a good start for the year working to unite the students and learning about being good leaders.
 - b. **District School Council**-reflecting on the start up of the school year. Approx 300-400 students moved to Home School (not online learning), which will affect the Division budget in the coming years based on the formula used for funding from the gov. Approx 15% of students in the division chose Online Learning and staff has been allocated for online learners. The Division received 4.1 million in federal funding which was used for teaching staffing, PPE, substitute staff and support staff. A long conversation was had about the lack of extra curricular activities and it was noted that as of now there will be no change in the Board's decision but that they will revisit the issue at the October meeting.
 - c. **Grad Committee**-typically there's two parts to Grad at Chinook (the Gala and Convocation). As of now, nobody is sure of what grad will look like this year given the pandemic and restrictions because of it. Staff is working on putting together something special and creative to celebrate grad for the Class of 2021.
4. **Administrative Reports**
 - a. **Kevin:** Funding was used to hire a teacher for math/science support at the Grade 9 level. A Humanities teacher will also be hired to provide mostly online support for when students go on quarantine or isolation due to illness or being identified as close contact. Parent Teacher Interviews will be held after Thanksgiving. They will be held over the phone or using Teams.
 - b. **Tara:** Chinook has a brand new and amazing Wellness Team. Currently there are 6 staff members making up the team with one more position yet to be filled. This team includes Family/School Liaison workers, Student Support Workers, a Teacher Counsellor, an Addictions Counsellor and an Indigenous Student Support worker.
 - c. **Cam:** Cam oversees online learning. Online learning is shared throughout the division, which means a Chinook student could have a teacher from another high school for some subjects and not just Chinook teachers. Cam is also the Athletic Director and has been in

ongoing conversations with the Division about what co-curricular activities will look like when it is safe and timely to offer them again.

- d. **Bill:** with everything Chinook is doing there is a balance between making a major change due to necessity or just to make a change while trying to maintain the Chinook culture. Academic Awards will still happen, although they will look different. Awards will be live streamed and recorded. Students receiving awards will be contacted by Chinook.
- e. **Donna (Board Trustee):** overall, school started well this year. Southland Transport has been hired to provide bussing services for both Lethbridge 51 and Holy Spirit school divisions. Southland will take over bussing responsibilities from the City of Lethbridge in Fall 2021 if not sooner. Sport and Extra Curricular discussions will be revisited by the board at the October meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:02pm

Minutes prepared by Lisa Althouse