

Chinook High School-School Council Minutes

November 4, 2020

Attendees:

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

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

1. **Call To Order** – 7pm
 - a. First virtual school council meeting! We met via Teams and got a taste of how our children attend class virtually on this platform.
2. **Committees**
 - a. **Student Leadership**-Students have been encouraging kindness and thoughtfulness as well as organizing “events” to keep school spirit up.
 - b. **District School Council**-presentation prior to the meeting about Covid policies & procedures. Clarification for parents about the process the Division and AHS do when positive cases are reported. This presentation is available as a video on the Division website.
 - c. **Grad Committee**-lots of conversations about Covid and the impact on grad. Chinook has made the decision not to book a venue and partner with a caterer for a grad gala in May, opting for a virtual version of the gala, similar to how it was for Grad 2020. Convocation will likely be similar to Grad 2020 as well, but it hasn't been decided for sure as of yet. Grad is an important milestone that Chinook will honour to the best of its abilities within the Covid guidelines from AHS. Information about grad will be going home to parents soon.
3. **Administrative Reports**
 - a. **Kevin:** looking to add staff to help support online learning in Semester 2. It has been difficult finding subs. Chinook has seen 4 total Covid cases since the start of the school year which ended up with 14 staff and 210 students requiring to quarantine. Currently there are 2 cases in Chinook, both of which have been linked to family transmission/student gatherings. Thus far there has been no in school transmission at Chinook.
 - b. **Tara:** Staff is really trying to look out for one another and support each other. Camaraderie is high right now as staff are working to understand each other's roles and how best to support each other if quarantine needs to happen. Routines are getting established and a sense of normalcy around some things is starting to happen. Lots of kindness and thoughtfulness is happening in the school and everyone is trying to find safe ways to connect.
 - c. **Cam:** At home learning has the first pivot point approaching. This looks very different for high school as changes in timetable are incredibly difficult at the high school level. Creativity is essential as we have students and teachers moving from in person to online learning due to quarantine. Info about how this process looks was sent home to parents via email.
 - d. **Bill:** Academic Awards were held via live stream and are still available to watch on the Chinook YouTube channel. Theater/drama students were very helpful in getting the awards live stream organized. Chinook will host a Remembrance Day ceremony via live stream on November 10. It will be a mix of per-recorded and live elements. PATs will

not be written this year. Diploma exams are optional for the first quarter (for those students in the province on the quarter system). A decision has not yet been made by Alberta Education about Diploma Exams for January and beyond.

Next school council meeting will take place in January via Teams.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:50pm

Minutes prepared by Lisa Althouse