

Chinook High School

School Council Minutes

January 6, 2021

via TEAMS

Attendees:

Administrators and staff: Kevin Wood, Tara Cunningham, Cam Hall, Bill Forster, Donna Hunt (School Board Trustee)

Parents: Bonnie Takats, Brian Palsky, Katrina Palsky, Lacey de Kock, Morag Asquith, Claire Humphreys, Randy Helm, Shannon Pratt, Corrine Steele, Raila Duda

1. **Call to Order** – 7pm
 - a. Welcome to the online meeting and introductions.

2. **Committees**
 - a. **District School Council** – Shannon and Morag had attended online and gave the report. Kathy Mundell had given a presentation on anxiety and shared strategies. Alberta School Councils Association funding was cut by 75% and thus will no longer be providing workshops or sessions. Transition to Southland bussing is taking place. On January 12 at 6:30 pm there will be a virtual presentation addressing boundary changes. Virtual Town Hall will take place on February 2 at 6:30 pm.

 - b. **Student Leadership** – Chinook High Leadership program is available to students in Grades 9 to 12 and is run inside the timetable. Bruce Carbert is a fundamental part of the program. The Leadership program has positive effects in the school and promotes equality and inclusion.

3. **Administrative Reports**
 - a. Tara: There will be a staff PD day on January 29 to reflect on how things have changed since At Home learning last March. Where are we going from here? What did we learn about assessment, expectation and delivery? Grad hoodies have been selected and are available for purchase. First week of Semester 2 the date will be confirmed for the stage rental. Keeping options open but are planning for limited numbers. There are YouTube links to show what it can look like. The diploma exam opt in can have some flexibility with the end of the school year.

 - b. Cam: Pivot point at the end of the semester and students will need to remain in whichever scenario they select for the remainder of the year. The school needs to know by January 15 if students are changing from In School to At Home or vice versa. Dr. Gilmore will send a letter home with information.

 - c. Bill: There have been some highlights since everyone had to switch to At Home learning at the end of November. It has been very different than in the Spring as the students are more engaged. One Social teacher had a 10-2 corporations lesson that worked better online than it does in class. A Drama class started a small Minecraft set development project and the students

ended up building the entire school in Minecraft and they performed a play complete with costume changes.

d. Final exam schedule has been posted online. Teachers are assigning final evaluative tasks which test knowledge and ability to perform to the curriculum. Busses will run in the morning for exams (which start at 8 am), but not in the afternoon. A ticket for city transit to get home can be provided if needed. Exams will be written in the classrooms in cohorts to maintain safety and standards. There has not been a lot of opt in for diploma exams.

e. Morag gave a report from the division perspective as she is Associate Superintendent. The measures taken throughout SD51 have prevented any in school transmission. The diligent contact tracing and reporting of school occurrences is working. She again mentioned the virtual Townhall (Feb. 2) and boundary change presentation (Jan.12).

f. Donna gave a report from the Board. They are proud of the District. She also mentioned the virtual Townhall meeting and that they are looking at the boundaries. There will be a virtual ICE awards scholarship event on February 12 with speaker Daniel Lewis. The district is down about 300 kids.

g. **School Budget** – approximately an 80-page document that highlights driving and thinking. Actual budget is calculated by multiplying the number of students by a certain dollar amount and is equal to approximately \$6.4 million.

h. **Annual Plan** – To create successful, excellent human beings having an anti-oppressive lens. To continue to improve online pedagogy and utilize the opportunity to improve day to day teaching and learning practices. The grind now will serve then in the future. To normalize a culture of growth. To let them know that no door is closed.

Next school council meeting will take place **February 10, 2021** via Teams.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:05 pm

Minutes prepared by Raila Duda