

# Chinook High School-School Council Minutes

## March 3, 2021

### Attendees:

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

Parents: Lisa Althouse, Raila Duda, Corrine Steele, Claire Humphries, Lacey de Kock

1. **Call To Order** – 7:03pm
2. **Committees**
  - a. **Student Leadership:** Random acts of kindness (valentines followed by pink shirts with everyone's name on them and hung around the school, etc) and lots of positive "retro" banners in the foyer as this group aims to help create a positive environment in the school. During Feb, they did a study on black history in Canada focusing on the positive impact black people in Canada have had on athletics, music, politics, culture and more.
  - b. **District School Council:** Nobody attended the meeting, so there was no report.
  - c. **Grad Committee (Tara):** working on putting together the toasts, etc for the virtual gala. Gathering ideas for families to order a meal or order a meal kit to cook together on gala night.
3. **Administrative Reports**
  - a. **Kevin:** There is a focus on looking at what is working and not working with virtual learning. Where have gaps been filled in or created? Has virtual learning opened opportunities? Going forward is there a place for some continued virtual learning options at Chinook. Boundaries have been set by the Division resulting in a portion of west side students moving over to LCI in the coming years. There are provisions for families with siblings currently at Chinook, so those families won't end up with students at two high schools if they choose. Expect some staffing changes like usual within the division. These staffing changes will happen later than usual due to waiting for boundary changes to be finalized. Budget has stayed close to the same. Uncertainty about the continuation of federal dollars to help with Covid. If those dollars are not continued, will they be covered by provincial funds or come out of existing school budgets? A big challenge is the population increasing, but the budget is not supporting growth as it happens.
  - b. **Cam:** After the pivot point, 32 fewer students are doing in home learning instead choosing to go back to in person learning. At home learning seems to be going well. The continuing challenge is connecting with those students that have become disengaged as they have now spent a year outside of school. There continues to be no athletics or co-curricular. Conversations are happening regarding athletics as the government loosens restrictions.
  - c. **Bill:** Parent Teacher Interviews will be held via Teams later in March. Registration for current students continuing at Chinook for the 2021-2022 school year will happen in March. Students will meet with advisors via Teams and choose classes for next year, as well as make sure everyone is on track with credits and grad requirements. Online registration forms will be sent to parents at a later date to confirm student information. Feedback was requested from parents re: what's working with the timetable this year vs pre-covid time table. Registration for Grade 8 students coming in to Grade 9 at Chinook next year will start after Easter.

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:03pm**

Minutes prepared by Lisa Althouse