

Chinook High School-School Council Minutes

Sept 14, 2022

Attendees:

Administrators and staff: Bill Forrester, Cam Hall, Tara Cunningham, Duane Piper

Parents: Lisa Althouse, Shannon Pratt, Brian & Katrina Palsky, Maya Johnson, Raila Duda, Lacey De Kok, Tisha Elford, Nolan Littlebear, Kisher Ghimire, Raj Paudel, Christa Pike, Ginny Bergsma, Vanessa Steele, Ludy Mennie

1. **Call To Order** – 7:01pm
 - a. **Welcome & Introductions**
 - b. **Review Agenda:** Request to have agenda additions submitted to Bonnie in the office no later than one week prior to the meeting.
 - c. **Review minutes from last meeting:** Minutes from previous meetings are posted on the school website.
2. **Committees**
 - a. **Student Leadership:** Chinook moved away from a traditional Student Council toward a Student Leadership group. It is part of the timetable, but students can be involved even if they're not in the "class". This group of student leaders helps with trying to build the school community through activities, art and more. The Student Leadership group is working to form a Student Liaison Group with a few students that will report to School Council and Admin. Busy sports weekends coming up, so a spirit rally/assembly is being planned to kick things off!
 - b. **District School Council:** Meetings for 2022-2023 haven't started yet, so no report was made.
3. **Administrative Reports**
 - a. **Principal Report (Bill):**
 - i. Chinook is up in numbers (beyond projections) to start the year with a student population of just over 1200. Space is a bit of an issue. Three portables are being installed on the north side of the school (between the gym and Learning Common) and they will hopefully be ready for second semester.
 - ii. Two new flag poles are being installed in front of the school. This will bring the total to three flag poles that will fly the Canada, Alberta and Blackfoot flags.
 - b. **Admin/Teacher Report (Duane):**
 - i. Truth & Reconciliation Week activities are being planned. Elders will be coming into the school to share stories and wisdom with the school community. Chinook has their own tipi and it will be transferred to the school during Truth & Reconciliation week. Athletics is back!
 - ii. Fine Arts is in full swing! Mama Mia rehearsals are going on in prep for shows at the end of November. Chinook has a new Drum Line that will perform at the football game for the first time!
 - iii. Grad Gala has been scheduled for May 12 at the U of L. There will be no dinner at the gala this year. Grad planning for everything else has also begun.
 - c. **Admin/Teacher Report (Cam):**
 - i. Cam works closely with Learning Support and the International Student Program. This semester, Chinook welcomed a number of International Exchange students.
 - ii. Athletics has begun with lots going on! Football, Volleyball, Cross Country and Golf have all started for the year. Chinook will be hosting a volleyball tournament this coming weekend.

4. School Council Budget Update

- a. Division gives each school council \$250/year to use for SC activities and programs or to offset the cost of a representative attending the ASCA Meeting in spring.
 - i. *Tisha motioned that we use the \$250 from the Division for staff appreciation and whatever is leftover will be carried over to next year's budget. Ginny second. All in favor. Motion passed*
- b. Last year, Alberta Ed gave school councils a \$500 grant. This grant had specific requirement for use and had to be used by the end of the school year or given back to Alberta Ed. The Chinook grant was used for hiring interpreters for ESL families at some spring parent info events. Some books were also purchased for a parent lending library. The remaining \$13 was sent back to Alberta Ed
- c. Another \$500 grant was issued for the 2022-2023 school year and Chinook committed to spending it on the Save The Kids program for student and parent presentations. This is a joint event with the other westside schools.

5. Business

- a. **Revamp of SC:** With the recent change in admin and coming out of covid, we are going to try and get closer to what school council should be. School Council is a forum where members fill an advisory role. It is a vehicle for meaningful parental involvement at the school level. We, as a group of parents, represent the greater community of parents and come to give feedback & offer suggestions to admin. More info about what a school council is and does can be found on the ASCA website.
- b. **Lending Library:** A lending library of parenting books for Chinook parents to borrow is in the process of being set up with the help of the Learning Common staff. More info on book titles/subjects as well as how to borrow a book will be coming soon.
- c. **Election of Officials**
 - i. **Chair:** Lacey De Kok
 - ii. **Vice Chair:** Raj Paudel
 - iii. **Secretary/Treasurer:** Lisa Althouse
 - iv. **Division School Council Reps:** Tisha Elford & Shannon Pratt

Meeting Adjourned: 7:54pm

Minutes prepared by Lisa Althouse