

# Chinook High School-School Council Minutes

## October 12, 2022

### Attendees:

Administrators and staff: Bill Forrester, Duane Piper

Parents: Lisa Althouse, Shannon Pratt, Brian & Katrina Palsky, Markum Johnson, Lacey De Kock, Raj Paudel, Christa Pike, Ginny Bergsma, Morag Asquith, Edna Asem

1. **Call To Order** – 7:02pm
  - 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:** Working to get a student volunteer to attend School Council meetings as a Student Liaison. Student Leadership was involved in the pep rally to kick off Football Season and introduce the Drum Line as well as involved in Truth & Reconciliation week. Currently they are planning some school spirit Halloween events and Remembrance Day ceremonies.
  - b. **Division School Council (Shannon Pratt):** A presentation on Healthy Hot Lunches was made and info can be found on the Division website. A rep from the local ATA spoke about the Education Rally planned for Oct 22 at the AB Legislature. This will be a family friendly event with speeches, etc about public education to spread information and visibility about public education in Alberta.
3. **Administrative Reports**
  - a. **Principal Report (Bill):**
    - i. Chinook is has settled around 1175 students, however new students are still being welcomed into the school community.
    - ii. There are lots of new students (division wide) with complex needs. CHS, like all schools in the division, is short EAs and are experiencing difficulty filling those positions with support staff.
    - iii. Parent Teacher Interviews are being moved to the last week of October (27/28) to accommodate a staff retreat on October 20/21. No school days will be affected by this change. PTI time selection/scheduling will be available on the school website.
    - iv. The first Flex Friday of the year will happen on October 28. Students are expected to report to their advisor and make a plan for the day. This helps students self-manage part of their education and students are encouraged to connect with teachers to get extra help or get caught up on assignments, etc. These days happen approx. 3x per semester.
    - v. Power School is currently a bit glitchy due to some behind the scenes changes and updates being made.
  - b. **Admin/Teacher Report (Duane):**
    - i. Truth & Reconciliation Week was a fantastic week of learning, interaction and building connections. Each day was lead by a local Elder and there was lots of opportunities to experience traditional Indigenous culture
      1. Fashion class made Medicine Pouches with an Elder
      2. Foods class learned about and made Berry Soup

- 3. Chinook was presented with their tipi and it went up for the first time in front of the school. Each night some staff stayed in the tipi and the school community talked about why and learned tipi history/facts
  - ii. The Drum Line is doing fantastic and bringing lots of energy to sporting events. It has been great to see Fine Arts and Athletics integrated with this drum line and it has opened doors for more collaboration (bands playing during half time at football games and at other sporting events)
  - iii. Fine Arts is working hard and has some great events coming up!
    - 1. October 26/27 is the Howl-een Music Show
    - 2. Mama Mia rehearsals are going strong as the group prepares for shows Nov 29-Dec 3. Both matinee and evening shows will be running and Chinook is looking for volunteers to help take tickets and help people get to seats.
  - iv. Academic Awards will be held on Oct 24. Parents of students receiving awards will receive invitations to attend the ceremony. Chinook is looking for businesses to sponsor awards.
- c. **Division Report (Morag):**
  - i. Each school year, Trustees are assigned some schools to be liaisons with. This year, Jenny Steed is the liaison for CHS.
  - ii. The division is significantly down in refugee students and significantly up in complex needs students requiring extra support. Currently there are 10 EA positions that the division can't fill because they can't find staff

#### 4. School Council Budget Update

- a. Everything has been submitted from what we had & spent last year.
  - i. \$500 grant from Alberta Ed (will be used for Save The Kids presentation)
  - ii. \$250 from Division (not yet used)

#### 5. Business

- a. **Save The Kids Presentation:** The Save The Kids presentations for Chinook will be held on November 3 @ 8:30am for students and 7pm for parents.
- b. Originally, we were told the cost would be \$500 from each school participating (all westside schools). Chinook rep indicated that we were told \$500, committed our whole \$500 grant and because we don't participate in fundraising we don't have extra money available. The group organizing the presentation, were able to get some corporate sponsors to help cover costs, however we are still responsible to an additional \$94.75. we discussed using a portion of our money from the division to cover those costs since we typically don't send any representatives to the ASCA conference (the money is supposed to be used to help offset costs for sending someone if we choose to have someone attend).

*Ginny motioned that we cover the additional \$94.75 for the Save The Kids presentations with the money from the Division. Christa second. All in favor, motion passed.*

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:57pm**

Minutes prepared by Lisa Althouse