

Chinook High School-School Council Minutes

January 11, 2023

Attendees:

Administrators and staff: Bill Forrester, Cam Hall, Genny Steed (trustee)

Parents: Lisa Althouse, Shannon Pratt, Brian & Katrina Palsky, Markum Johnson, Lacey De Kock, Christa Pike, Ginny Bergsma, Ludy Mennie

1. **Call To Order** – 7:03pm
 - 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:** Right now, things are quieter with the Student Leadership team as things wind down for semester 1 and everyone prepares to go into exams. There will be more activities as semester 2 begins. The group did a great job on pre-Christmas activities, an assembly to say goodbye to PSIII students and a fundraiser for the city food banks (Chinook is now a 2 time Tri-High Champ after, once again, raising the most lbs of food and monetary donations).
 - b. **Division School Council (Shannon Pratt):**
 - i. The division received a \$360,000 grant for mental health programs, which allowed them to hire one educator for digital citizenship and one social worker for a term of 2 years. Additional funding for disruption by covid-19 to support literacy and numeracy has also been received.
 - ii. There will be a Student Wellness forum held in February
 - iii. The Town Hall is scheduled for February 7 from 6:30-8:30 at Victoria Park. Everyone is happy to be meeting in person again!
 - iv. The division is willing to facilitate a Blanket Exercise for parents if there is enough interest.
 - c. **Trustee Report (Genny Steed):**
 - i. Results from the Quality Assurance Survey are coming in from each school. Board is waiting for plans to come in from each school. These plans help the board set priorities for the division. Info to help set priorities will also come from the upcoming Town Hall meeting.
 - ii. Currently the board is reassessing the vision and mission for the division. There is a survey coming out to gather input and feedback from parents.
 - iii. The school calendar for the 2023-2024 school year has been approved and released giving families lots of time to plan around the school schedule.
 - iv. Community Conversations continue with the next on January 26 at the Boys & Girls Club Youth Center.
3. **Administrative Reports**
 - a. **Principal Report (Bill):**
 - i. Moving into exams and end of semester activities. Fine Arts is wrapping up with performances until Semester 2 starts.
 - ii. Currently in the process of hiring two temp teachers for semester 2, one in a math/science position and one in an English/CTS (legal studies) position.

- iii. The portables are not ready for students yet. There is plans for an outdoor classroom space between the new portables and the Learning Commons. This project will utilize various classes in the school (shop, K & E, etc) to help with building, landscaping, etc.
- b. **Admin/Teacher Report (Cam):**
 - i. Currently, Basketball teams are in the thick of it with their season! Basketball is a busy and long season spanning from Nov-Mar.
 - ii. Everyone is preparing to head into exams. Exam scheduling is based on scheduling of Diploma Exams and PATs from Alberta Ed so all students in the province write those exams at the same time. The rest of the exam schedule is built around those times from Alberta Ed. This year, there was a slight change in timing of some of those exams.
- 4. **School Council Budget Update**
 - i. No changes, no update
- 5. **Business**
 - a. Went over Town Hall questions, which lead to a discussion about how the board comes up with these questions and the process they follow. This year's questions are incredibly similar to last year's questions, but the board decided to keep them broad because it allows for lots of information and feedback to be gathered on a wide variety of topics. All the info gathered will be collated and presented to the board. They will then take that info and use it to identify areas of importance within the division and areas that need to be focused on.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30pm

Minutes prepared by Lisa Althouse