

Chinook High School-School Council Minutes

March 8, 2023

Attendees:

Administrators and staff: Bill Forrester, Cam Hall

Parents: Lisa Althouse, Lacey deKock, Edna Asem, Brian Palsky, Ian McKay

1. Call To Order – 7:04pm

- 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:** Bit of a lull since Valentine's Day and halping the Culture Club with Black History Month. Plans to do a fundraising basketball game between LCI & Chinook staff on March 30. Admission will be \$2 and money will be donated to the local food bank. Also planning for Green Shirt Day and a pep rally that day.
- b. **Division School Council:**
 - i. Did a review of the Town Hall meeting which was held in February.
- c. **Trustee Report:**
 - i. Dr Gilmore has announced her retirement. The Division is looking for input to create a profile of the ideal superintendent which will be given to the "head hunter" to find candidates. The position will also be advertised. Interviews will be conducted, and the position will be filled by the board.
 - ii. Community Conversations are continuing
 1. March 7 (1:30-3pm) Lethbridge Fish & Game Association

3. Administrative Reports

- a. **Principal Report (Bill):**
 - i. Registration for the 2023-2024 School Year will begin mid March. Grade level assemblies will be held to go over credits, etc. There will be an extended advisor period so advisors can work with students to review credits and pre-requisites. Paperwork will be sent home and students will choose classes online via Power School. Parents will be asked to review student demographics and make any updates needed via an online registration form. The goal is to be done before Easter break.
 - ii. March 14: Grade 9 going into Grade 10 parent night to explain how high school works (credits, options, how courses progress, etc).
 - iii. April 3: Grade 8 parent meeting. This is the same week as LCI & Churchill so parents can attend at all three schools and make the best choice for high school programming for their child.
 - iv. Chinook will go to feeder Middle Schools after Easter to meet with students, introduce them to high school and deliver registration packages. The goal is to have registrations all complete by the end of April.
 - v. Next year's grade 9 class is bigger. Anticipating student numbers to be minimum 1200 next year and are looking at possibilities of hiring more staff to accommodate higher numbers.

b. Admin/Teacher Report (Cam):

- i. School population requiring supports has doubled. Currently, Chinook has 16 EAs. Two of those were hired out of the school budget that wasn't already allocated for EAs.
- ii. Throughout the year, teachers and staff attend PL days. Some are division-wide, some are just the school staff. At the beginning of the year, Chinook staff recognized some specific themes that they wanted to learn more about and have been working on these topics throughout the year:
 - 1. Increase Student Engagement in Learning
 - 2. Build Chinook Identity/Community
 - 3. Building Wellness for Learning
 - 4. Develop Comprehensive Understanding for Barriers to Students
- iii. Athletics: Basketball is wrapping up with zones & provincials. Rugby, Badminton & Baseball are starting.

4. School Council Budget Update

- a. No changes, no update

5. Business

- a. ASCA: Resolutions for the upcoming AGM will be emailed to council members. Send votes back to Lacey and our votes will be sent in by proxy since nobody is attending from Chinook.
- b. Discussion about graphing calculators. They are required and are expensive, but many won't need them after high school. Could council fundraise and/or gather donations for a lending library type program for families who can't afford them. Also discussed the possibility of starting a Graphing Calculator Swap & Buy type group over the summer.
- c. Discussion about students not being engaged in classes and how we can help change that. Also talked about communication between school and parents improving so parents can step in and help earlier when issues arise with students.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:07pm

Minutes prepared by Lisa Althouse