

October 11, 2017

Parent-School Council Meeting, Foods Room

Welcome - Paul Verhoef, chair

Welcome to School Council from Paul, first meeting of the school year.

Opening Prayer - by Pastor Layne

- followed by **Chaplain report/highlights** - *Graduate Profile*

From a lot of input created the Grad Profile - what do we want the identity of our students to be? Layne will be sending this out again in the near future. It's something for us to measure with. Students can self assess and see where they're at.

-changes in the Bible program - grade 9 and one of the religious HS classes - Pastor Layne is joining. A big emphasis in Faith Formation and one of the changes - teachers sharing their own stories. Then connect these back to the biblical story. They (teachers) have been vulnerable and this has offered a beautiful experience for students.

-FFF, different location (in the gym vs. Emmanuel Church) and feel. Everyone is feeling encouraged by what is happening during this time.

Conversations Arising/Continuing from Last Year

-High School Redesign - (Principal Boody) a 10 year long project. Most schools are doing something that has revised the schedule. Learning outcomes must still be met but can be combined in unique ways. We (CCS) have started with some small adjustments, which are mentioned in the Principal Report. How do we give our students real opportunities to do good work?

-Currently Leona is the secretary, Paul is the chair. Both are willing to work alongside if there are others who would like to step into these roles or be mentored for next year.

Highlighting a Student's Experience

Chantal and Ethan with Mr. Barthel - Frontier Lodge, Gr 12 trip

-Come away with a new experience each year! Intentionally done at the beginning of the school year. Learning to lean on each other and staff throughout the year!

Ethan and Chantal: Faith Formation - a theme for this year, coming into their own with their faith. Apply God's word into their own life. Spending some time with other gr12 students, was a great way to kick off the year and to hear what other's goals are for their faith and school year. Have some heart to heart moments and broke barriers. Got to know others better, have fun conversations with people you normally don't speak with.

-Stepping out of their comfort zone - doing different activities. Eg. Rappelling - conquering fears!

-A time of prayer from teachers over students was really special.

-A good time (age) to go as group as everyone is a little more mature, allowing for meaningful conversations.

Regular Reports

- CCS Secondary Principal/VPs

Dayle Vienneau, VP Middle School

Gr 9 Reflections - allows for opportunities for sharing, insight into the students lives. 1)what do you enjoy about CCS? Bible class, the changes to Faith Formation, the community and friends. 2)If you could create the best middle school, what would it look like? Lots of comments about time for

connections and sharing with each other, interact with grades below them, have mentors from higher grades. Overall, good feedback! 3)What is our role (as a student) to make school better? Shouldn't jump to negative thoughts, sit beside those who are alone.

Update with Literacy: In MS reading assessments are taking place for those who are just below gr level - how can we bump them up and put in strategies. OCA - written assessment for all students. Shows the teachers where students may need more support in certain areas of literacy. LA is structured a little differently this year - more workshop style of learning. Allows to hit all the students at their different levels.

Grade 9 is a real transition year of what is needed for Gr 10 English allowing them to be very successful through grade 12.

Jadan Barthel, VP High School

Highlight - Frontier Lodge: a busy time of year to leave the building but so important to make a connection with the gr12 students. Another change: the schedule. Based on feedback, went to a 1 week rotation. Receiving positive results from students and parents. Run three different bell schedules so it is a puzzle to have teachers where they need to be! Faith Formation change has been really awesome to see the kids involved and hear the stories of staff and teachers, watching students respond to these stories. Peer advisory groups are happening 1 time per week, 40 minutes instead of each morning - still looking for more ways to have meaningful content. EXP - eg. woodworking, an online course, coding. Students are excited and intentional in these classes. Interesting student communities have popped up as a result. Looking to create modules (1 or 3 day) where professionals can come in and speak to students about their career. Maybe starting a journal in Gr 10, allow to to "track" their learning and see how they grow over the years.

Lloyd Boody, Principal

A wish: need a CCS ap - every student gets their own login. Allows students to chart where they've been - I've done this piece and where am I going now? A journal that is an evidence collector, archive photos, Here's what I've learned and who I experienced it with, etc.

-Parent/Student Handbook - Lloyd is looking for some parents to participate 4 meetings, for 1 hr to assist with the updating of this document, along with some HS students who will also speak into this.

Principal's Report **SO, What's new?**

As I joined CCS last year, my mantra was **Stop, Look, Listen**

- needed to learn who we are, where we had been, and where we are going

This year, Melissa Hair has that role

- she has joined us from Menno for MS Language Arts

WHAT I HEARD:

- We are a strong, caring **community**
 - Evidences that emerged immediately involved Richard & Jane's stories, some of our community building efforts, etc
- We need **focus**
 - Uncertainty in teaching staff about what makes us great, almost in the sense that we are doing so many good things that we don't have a focus on how to promote our greatness
 - Our why needs to be re-visited so that we are convinced we know what it is, it I'd embedded in our decision-making processes, and we have a solid commitment to it that is evidence based

Upcoming - the next meeting will feature information on our School Goals, and the report on CCSS from Alberta Education. In the meantime, check out our results on the Fraser Report, and ask questions or spread the word about our successes!

- Palliser

1) new superintendent began his role last Monday.

2) Trustees are being voted next Monday, which is done geographically. Then we will find out who is our Board Liaison.

- Society

Ken DeWyn, Executive Director

A partnership between Society and Palliser - works great and is most successful when listening to each other. The strategic plan summary is available - the full document is listed on the website. A key component - rebranding, which will start next week. Driving values and purposes, allowing us to tell our story better. Also, how do we equip physically for the 21 century learning/classroom. Eg. The LINC as a learning space.

Resource - where are the funds coming from? Strengthen our resources - not just financially but also with people. Our community is full of amazing resources, experience and skills, that can impact and become Partners In Learning (the week of Nov 19).

-Carnival happening on Friday (5-8) to get to know about the programs at the Secondary campus. Students will be sharing their stories and experiences.

Questions/Concerns/Future Conversation Topics

- Music Program has been highly respected out in the community - but yet it seems to be diminishing. Is this something we want to do excellent (goals) or is this something we just do well. Mr.

Vanderwoude is acknowledged as very knowledgeable in his field. Could this be something to be discussed so we can continue to have this as valuable asset to our school when we discuss our school goals.

Updates from CCS Parent-run Committees

- Blessings & Burdens, Meagan Bassett shared on behalf of Nikki Bandsma as well. Have already hosted 2 cookings bees and distributed meals as well as gift cards to the school community. Always accepting dinners/meals to pass on to a family. Gift cards are also welcome for gas/ grocery/ restaurants as it is helpful for those who a travelling back and forth to hospitals and visiting families.

- Parents Who Pray, Darla Rennick. Meet on Thursday mornings at 9am, who pray over the school and really listening to what God is saying for this community. Praying that all our kids are really connecting with heart of God and hearing His voice, as well as unity for the school. This group is wanting to stay open as a group of intercessors for what God is wanting.

Closing Prayer – Parents Who Pray

Next meeting date: will be shared in the parent email.