

School Council Meeting Agenda and Minutes for Oct 12, 2016

Call to order 7:00 PM - Prayer, invitation for email sign-up

-Principal Boody Lloyd opened in prayer

-Welcome to Craig from Palliser for coming on short notice

-Lloyd shared his background. Has led lots of School Council and wants this to be a partnership as this is a parent council.

-Introductions around the table.

Election of Executive

-We need to elect a co-chair as the Principal is not able to chair the meetings.

-Discussion around the idea of splitting between Campus to have separate School Council meetings.

-Suggestion from Craig as an option - have them both on the same evening, but start with ES then Society reports, then proceed with MS/HS.

-Possibly have Secondary in evening and the ES the following morning.

-Lloyd and Mike have discussed and are both being willing to be flexible with timing.

*-Co-Chair: Paul Verhoef would be willing to step into this role as a co but not chair. ALL in Agreement. **Paul to act as Co-chair.***

-What would be the best use of our time, how often to meet? Please give feedback/suggestions to Principal Boody.

-Paul asked what is the purpose of the meetings, is there a rhythm to the agenda/questions asked.

-Lloyd - October is about new school year, November is about school goals, after Christmas - looking for feedback/mid-year "review". What would School Council like to be responsible for, an appropriate piece you would like to participate in -help us work in the vision.

-Lloyd: Do you have a format for the next meeting? Suggestion to follow the format used from last year.

School Council Executive shall consist of the following:

- o a minimum of three elected parents/guardians of CCS students, holding the positions of two Co-Chairs and Secretary,
- o the Principals of the schools,
- o a minimum of one teacher appointed by the teaching staff of each CCS campus, - Phil Bonk is attending.
- o CSCE Representative,
- o High School student. A student will be coming, Lauren Monson will work with students.

Bylaws Review

- Highlighting key items

-keep bylaws general so that they fit the school and the way School Council would like to have meetings.

Minutes review from 2015-16

Business arising from minutes

-transition between junior and senior high has issues that need attention and strategies

New Business

- Set meeting dates - *this will be done after discussions with the Elementary School Council who are meeting on October 27.*

Other

Trustee Report - Craig Whitehead:

- Organizational meeting in August. Robert Strauss in the the Regional Chair (Masters), Debbie (Trinity), and Craig is the alternative Vice Chair.
- August meeting: Suspended with pay, Superintendent Kevin Geitz. There is an investigation review currently taking place by Alberta Education and the Palliser Board. This will be in place until reports are done. Dr. Garry Andrews is currently in the role and approved until May 16 and hoping to have him approved until the end of the year.
- LGBTQ - returned to Palliser by AB Ed. Palliser lawyer wanted to leave out details on the formation of a group, but can approach the Principal, as long as it's inclusive.
- Organizational Review panel will complete October 31st and will present in November.
- Palliser bussing incident with one of their busses. Thankful the injuries were not worse!
- Wildrose Education Representative MLA - concerned about some homeschooling groups in southern AB. Was aware of alternative school in Calgary and thought that's a great idea.
- Public Interest Alberta - please be aware and/or follow what they doing. Check out their website.

Society Report - Ken DeWyn

- Bethany Hamilton Event - "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me". Helped guide the kickoff to the school year, our theme and activities. Also a great exercise for our school to see what we can accomplish!
- A year of development for strategic planning for the Board and Society staff. A series of goals, plans on November 22 is the next society meeting where some of this planning will be shared.
- Refining policy - special needs and who can be partner with Palliser.
- Change in how collect trash including organic waste. How do we make this a lesson around this necessity. Have students address these needs too, not just a green bin, they can be part of the solution. "What are packing in lunches".
- Trying to find a great beverage that isn't sugar. Have kids to do surveys and research on this and report back to give a business model/suggestion.
- Open House, thinking of re-enrolment. Lunch and learn for Grade 9 and their parents. Interactive Open House on Tuesday, October 25 - fun, activities. "Discover CCS" allows teachers to participate and shine. Ads are currently on Shine FM and this one is focused on Secondary. Banners are currently hung up at a couple overpasses in the SW.
- Question re: enrollment. 354 students at the Secondary campus, so enrollment is down at the Secondary Campus. At capacity for Preschool and Elementary. Feedback from about 10 families for moving their children to a different High School, citing various reasons not just one. Our challenge is to create a middle school experience that is exceptional to allow for continuity for HS. We need to tell our own story to our own community, as well as present facts re: academics and our accountability pillars, share our successes.
- Comments from parents: Discussions about "where are you going for HS?" and this is already taking place in Gr. 8, even Gr. 6. We need to make an effort to have students & parents with positive experiences be more vocal as those with negative can be very loud and sometimes overpowering. Share more success stories (eg. Andrew tL, Rudy V)
- Craig: lots of positive energy in leadership program. And that we should also say we're part of a great larger group - Palliser. Also the "Hall of Fame" recognizing successes.

-Phi B: Seeing those students in Gr 11 and 12 participate in those leadership events with Palliser is amazing and really a great experience for students.

Principal's Report - Lloyd Boody - Secondary School Principal

- lots to learn! Themes that have jumped out in the first couple of months of being at CCS:

This is a unique community and they care about and for each other. And the uniqueness of a partnership with Palliser and the Society.

- *Is there a sharply defined vision? Are we together on this and trying to understand all the viewpoints to make this happen. Requires intentionality and focus.*

-Internet: In the past Society has handled supply. But now we are tied into the supernet thanks to the AB government which means we had to work with their fiber optics. We do not yet have our long term design - everyone at this time is at the student access level and at the most secure level. This is in all schools across the Province. As we go forward there will be different levels. But we do want our students to have the access that are needed for their learning. Palliser is working with Syscal to make this happen at our school.

-Bethany Hamilton navigated her morning talk with students vs. the Corporate event in the evening. She handled herself so well.

-Grade 9 Pizza lunch - interactive introduction to what is awaiting you in HS

-Open House - interactive with staff, will take place on Oct 25

-Thanks to Society for our building and the standard of their upkeep.

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Thank you for the opportunity to partner with our council to support and lead our learning and culture in the unique community that is CCS.

Data bits:

- Started Aug 15 (day 1 of 100 day plan)
- Teacher fte = 21.4 (PRS funding 20, CSCE funding 1.4)
- Support Staff = 7 staff
- Enrollment - 7-12 = 354 as of Oct 12 (378 Sept 30/15)
- 29 new admissions, 53 withdrawals from previous year

Starting News

- Positive beginnings to many of our processes:
 - Great days at Frontier Lodge with **grade 12** class
 - Good turnout for **Gr 7 Family Barbeque** (65? Of 70 students' families)
 - Positive interaction at the MS/HS **Parent Orientation**
 - Excellent Chapel and Soul Surfer YYC events with **Bethany Hamilton**
 - **Volleyball** season is already rolling with 7 teams already playing
 - **Cross country & golf** teams have competed locally with great success
 - Looking forward to **Gr 9 Pizza Lunch** & the coming **Open House** events to preview and recruit for next year
- Amazing **maintenance** and **renewal work** has positioned us for success in our environment
 - We are thankful for the cleaning, the re-designing of outdoor spaces, the re-purposing of the IRC, and the countless hours of work that Arnold's expanded summer crew invested for our students and teachers

Hawk's View

- Engaging initial **conversations** with **stakeholders** on what they perceive as our “**Why?**”
- Perceiving that the **enrollment drain** is statistically linked to HS transition, but that addressing it will be a multi-faceted, integrated approach that begins with a focused “Why” commitment
- The #1 response from staff to **what is awesome at our school** has been our inter-connectedness & commitment to each other in our learning community

Boeing Vista

- **High School Re-design Project** - process and perspective for CCS
 - learner outcomes, whatever the timeframe*
 - this has opened up = funding vs. credits. How do we make connections for 21st century learners?*
 - CCS Secondary has been accepted to participate in this format, this year. We may not see big changes in current school year but could expect significant changes in 2018-19.*
 - I have participated in this transition back 3 years ago in my previous school.*
 - Our process may look like this:*
 - Fact finding*
 - Internal questions/investigation*
 - Best practice from other schools, including Masters Academy*
 - Visits to other school by our Staff and Leadership Students*
 - Flex time was created to increase connectedness between teachers and students and completion rates/success for High School. CCS already does that with our Peer Advisory group. Also HS students have enough spares to complete work, so to add back Flex time may be counter intuitive at this time.*

On the Event Horizon

Communication priorities:

- **Showing/Telling/Celebrating** our story as it happens
 - Social Media & FOIPP

The school is wearing handcuffs when not able to post photos (not names!). Discussion around media/blanket permission to post. Suggestion from parent: if you're participating in a club/a team you sign a form to give permission for photos to be posted. Direct persons who have specific concerns to Lloyd. We want to share our story and celebrate accomplishments.

- Daily Bulletin & Announcements
- Understanding, Defining, and Living out our **WHY**
 - Processes to consider:
 - Staff Values/Beliefs examination in January
 - Community Round Table?
 - Student Engagement?
- **School Council Investment Role**
 - What would a meaningful plan for school improvement be for this body for 2016-17?
- State of our Union

- **School Plan and Goals** - next meeting

-Vision: our current vision “God’s children making the World a better place” doesn’t have the word “learning” part of it. Does this visions lead our conversations? If not, we need to source out what it is.

-School Plan and Goals - will go on the website in November, along with Accountability Pillars.

Update from Phil Bonk re: Belize

-planning is in full swing and the team is made and students are beginning to fundraise. Belize students will be in school when CCS is there which will be great timing! Prayers for safety. Also note: Because of our rapport with the leaders in Belize, the money raised last year was sent by CCS down. They used the money towards the kitchen project as well as a bathroom for the teachers.

Please continue to pray and share in the lives of the Abmas and others whom we know are struggling with life circumstances that challenge our faith.

Independent review of Palliser Regional School Operations is about to conclude with a month-end report to the Board.

Adjournment

Paul Verhoef closed in prayer