



## Calgary Christian Elementary School

### School Council Meeting

January 27 (6:00 pm to 7:00 pm)

#### 1. Welcome and Opening Devotion

- Introductions
- Opening Prayer

#### 2. Administrator's Report – Mike Thiesen, Principal

- Review of next year's school calendar. Feedback is appreciated and welcome either to Mr. Thiesen or School Council Chairs.
  - Start date of next school year will be August 30, 2022.
  - November 11, 2022 to November 14, 2022 is currently marked as a long weekend there is the possible option to start school later by having school on November 14, 2022.
  - Feedback from the meeting focused on starting as late as possible.
  - Christmas break at CCES would begin after December 22, 2022.
  - May 12, 2023 is currently marked as a PD day, previously we took the Friday before the long weekend off school. Please give feedback if the PD Day of May 12, 2023 should be moved to May 19, 2023 to extend the long weekend.
- IT: Our school is a partnership between Palliser and Calgary Society. One example of this partnership benefiting the school includes an occurrence when fibre connection had been put into our school yet was not properly activated until a Palliser technician came to investigate the connection and noticed it was not being utilized. As the current connectivity was not optimal for the Elementary school, Palliser was able to negotiate a significantly lower rate while increasing connection points with greater access to internet for all.
- Assurance Reporting: As part of Palliser School Division, we need to create school goals. The example is the 4-year education plan which is organized around the five

primary domains within education (student growth and achievement, Teaching and Leading, Learning Supports, Governance, Attending to Local and Societal Context) as well as the Fourteen elements to provide assurance. This will be shared in full through the weekly bulletin email.

3. Calgary Society for Christian Education – update provided by Michelle Zuk, Co-Chair
  - Secondary school expansion of the gymnasium and discussions are well under way with further information to be shared shortly.
4. School Council Items
  - Draft school curriculum 2022/2023: Nicole Bruins will be taking part in the curriculum vision network representing the K-3 teachers from CCS, working with other Alberta teachers, to discuss how to roll out this curriculum. As stated by the government, it is to be rolled out this September 2022 and is not optional. They are starting with the subjects of LA, Math and Wellness. To share feedback, please reach out to our school trustee, Lorelei Brexte, or send to Mike Thiesen. For further information, please review the following links: <https://curriculum.learnalberta.ca/curriculum/en> and <https://curriculum-comparison.com/compare/%7B%22selectedGradeId%22:%22K%22,%22selectedSubjectId%22:%22LANENG%22,%22selectedCurriculumId%22:%22Current%22%7D%7C%7B%22selectedGradeId%22:%22K%22,%22selectedSubjectId%22:%22MAT%22,%22selectedCurriculumId%22:%222021%22%7D>
    - Staff Appreciation Day, Nikki Brandsma: This day will be planned around Valentine’s Day. Please visit Sign-up genius or school cash to donate and/or volunteer. Further information will be shared through school-wide emails with opportunity to also share words of encouragement with our teachers.
    - Lost and Found: Items have been sorted and will be shared through school-wide emails for parents to identify their children’s items and request them to be sent home.
    - Lorelei Brexte, School Trustee. The calendar was initially sent after Christmas for review and, based on minimal response, was sent out again as they did not feel they received enough feedback. Further information related to our School Trustees and the board can be found below.
  - Closing Prayer

## **Calgary Christian School Council Meeting January 27, 2022**

### **Highlights from the Board of Trustees Meeting, January 11, 2022**

**Policy Update:** Policies govern the way that the Division operates. The Board is committed to reviewing all the policies on an annual basis. This month the Board is looking at Policy 9 - Board Operations and welcomes any feedback from its stakeholders. <https://www.pallisersd.ab.ca/board-of-trustees/policy-review>

**Deputy Superintendent Appointment:** Tom Hamer will continue as the Deputy Superintendent for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year. He is responsible and accountable to the Superintendent and will assume all responsibilities of the Superintendent in the Superintendent's absence.

**School Calendars:** School Calendars have been shared with Principals to share with parents, teachers and staff to provide feedback for the February 8, 2022 board meeting.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2022

Any questions/concerns please contact Lorelei Bexte (403) 485-0823