

Secondary School Council Minutes

October 26, 2023 5:30 - 6:30 pm Secondary Campus LINC

Attendees: G. Adam, E. Bueckert, J. Barhel, L. Kilbreath, K. DeWyn, S. Myson, G. Myson, L. Schaap, C. Kim, N deKlerk, N. deKlerk

1. Call to Order and approval of agenda - Gacynth approved. Erin seconded.
 - Meeting opened at 5:32pm
2. Welcome, Opening Prayer and Land Acknowledgment - Gacynth
3. What is School Council - Gacynth
 - Introduction of Roles
 - Gacynth Adam - chair
 - Need a co-chair - encouraged volunteers
 - Erin Bueckert - secretary
 - Council Responsibilities
 - Structured group and mandated
 - Went over core activities
 - Went over what makes established school councils
 - What school councils are not
4. Administration Updates: Jadan - Want to grow the group
 - General Report
 - New school year is going well. Everyone is settling in.
 - New Staff
 - Teachers
 - Ryan Carthcart - HS math and computers
 - Tessa Allison - Grade 10 Social and PE
 - Josh Borzel - math
 - A couple of people are back in previous roles
 - Erich Wong, Sara Wagar, Kirk Willems - new Bible staff
 - Support Staff
 - 4 EAs in total that are new
 - Still finalizing someone else that is new - announcement to come
 - Happy to have new people and those that continue to help
 - Lisa Frederick joining Cheryl Armstead in the LINC
 - Edsby [calendar] & weekly emails - the info is endless!
 - Remind parents of using Edsby - will be looking to use Edsby as the primary calendar, getting away from Google calendar.
 - Trying to streamline info coming out of the school.
 - Parents having trouble that some teachers respond to messages on Edsby and some don't. Inconsistent use by teachers. Jadan

will relay this to teachers. One parent's choice is to use one or the other. Also thinks keeping both open is okay. Jadon will talk to staff on this to see how teachers feel.

- ❑ Weekly emails continue to come on Tuesdays - Jadon wants ideas on how to make the weekly update better. Info in there doesn't get consumed or read.
 - ❑ Feedback - split them up, can skip what isn't relevant, opening it up as a PDF isn't ideal, better to have a link that opens it to a document on the school's website. What about Instagram? Not everyone has Instagram, email Jadon with ideas on how to improve the weekly communication.
- ❑ Grade 7 & 8 Core Support, Grade 9-12 FAST
 - ❑ Times of week to support students in their studies
 - ❑ Kids need extra help after COVID disruption
 - ❑ Grade 9 have to attend, 10-12 - optional - kids may require help to make that decision to attend.
 - ❑ Do teachers feel students are utilizing that time? Getting better this year than last year.
- ❑ Extra-Curricular
 - ❑ Beauty and the Beast Production (all grades)
 - ❑ Have never started this early
 - ❑ Excited about engaging all grades at once
 - ❑ Student Council (Grade 9 and 12)
 - ❑ Yearbook - GR 12 senior project & Newspaper club - grade 8
 - ❑ Survivor clubs (Grade 10-12) - Mr. Stoesz leads
 - ❑ Chess Club
 - ❑ Competes in a mountain league
 - ❑ e-Sports
 - ❑ Rockets want to bring students together - for non sports kids
 - ❑ After school
 - ❑ Fall is grade 10-12, Spring will be for grade 7-9
 - ❑ Robotics Club (Grade 7-12)
 - ❑ Partnering with a group that helps with this.
 - ❑ Phil Bonk and Ryan Carthcart supporting this
 - ❑ Trying to up resources for this with support from Palliser School Division and the Society
 - ❑ Volleyball (Grade 7-12) - come and cheer!
 - ❑ Wraps up this month
 - ❑ Teams are doing well
 - ❑ Might be provincials for some grades
 - ❑ Europe 2025
 - ❑ Grade 10-12 trip in March 2025 - current plan is to go to Spain and Portugal
 - ❑ Bringing people in that have expertise in different areas

- Audio visual
- Pilot Programs
 - HINT - company out of central Alberta - help students identify career paths, intentional, personal approach - for grades 10-12 students - only open to 12 students at a time
 - Boss Entrepreneurship - out of Baylor University - company to supply schools with curriculum for entrepreneurship. Lead students through starting their own business as well as executing this. Grade 10-12 student in the third quarter, overseen by Keven Stoez. Jadan is interested in having entrepreneurs in the community to present.
- 5. New Business: Gacynth
 - Filling Vacancies
 - Co-chair
 - Looking for volunteers - connecting with parents in this way.
 - Operating Procedures
 - Need to come up with operating procedures, rules we follow
 - Gacynth is personalizing an ASCA template for CCS and will post on the school website for parents review and comment.
 - Will possibly adopt at the next meeting.
 - Guidelines of what we will do.
 - Will be included in the parent email.
 - Parent Engagement Ideas
 - Survey sent out a teacher meeting time.
 - Finding - social media learning session
 - ASCA grant of \$500 to engage parents
 - Gacynth can send out this email to anyone that wants it.
 - Creating guidelines for committees. What they are to do. What to report back.
 - Layne - committees fit in - all about faith - saying themed verse Love one another - we want kids to feel needed, like they belong, that they are loved. We want these things for everybody.
 - 120 different churches and all the different doctrines - let's assume all families are trying to be faithful - how do we live together - there's a place here for every family - are we reflecting the image of Jesus? Our prayer is to display the fruit of the Spirit. This will help with disagreement.
 - Committees help us to live out loving one another
- Committees - Invitation for volunteers
 - Staff appreciation Committee - Niki Brandsma staff contact
 - Grade 12 Grad Committee Lauren Monson staff contact
 - Parents Who Pray - Layne Kilbreath

- Celebrating Racial Diversity Committee - Layne Kilbreath staff contact; Society Board Rep Sandy Vander Ziel - needs help with this committee especially - would like to double size to 10 - would like to reflect diversity of the school
 - Love Our CCS Neighbours Committee - pilot committee - Layne Kilbreath - pray for openings to different people
 - ccsscouncil@gmail.com for interest and to connect with others on the committees
 - New ideas for committees welcome - ideas can be expanded
 - Meeting Schedule:
 - December 7 6:30pm
 - February 8 6:30 pm
 - April 18 6:30 pm
6. Future Agenda Suggestions
- Invitation for parent ideas or questions
 - Students welcome as well
 - As we grow, we would love to have a junior and senior parent representative.
 - With agenda items, talk with Gacynth or email the ccsscouncil@gmail.com
 - Agenda items are emailed out 5 days before the meeting. Also in weekly email.
7. Adjournment
- Adjourned at 6:26 pm