

# School Council Minutes - Secondary Campus

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## December 7, 2023 - 6:30-7:30 pm - Secondary Campus LINC

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Attendees: G. Adam, E. Bueckert, J. Barthel, L. Kilbreath, A. Hus, S. Nabata

1. Call to Order and approval of agenda at 6:32pm
2. Welcome, Opening Prayer and Land Acknowledgment
  - Opening prayer - Erin
  - Land Acknowledgment - Gacynth
3. Approval of October 26, 2023 minutes
  - S. Nabata motioned, A. Hus seconded
4. Administration Updates:
  - Alberta Education - Fall 2023 School Report
    - Now called Assurance Framework - A document saying we will do what we said we would do. Have to publish what we'll say we do as well as how we think we did. School has to generate that itself.
    - Timeline given on the screen.
    - Assurance Framework can be found on the school website.
    - Sneak peek given of the Report - Summary of how last year went with the goals created in May of 2022.
    - CCS is more than this document can communicate.
    - Document is shared with the division and published on the website.
  - OurSchool Survey
    - What is it?
      - Independent of Alberta education
      - How the kids are doing: mental health, attendance, etc.
    - What do we learn from it?
      - Social-Emotional Outcomes compared with National norms. Not a public document. Can be shared with the school council.
      - Piloting a course based on student interest in the survey about business/entrepreneurship.
  - Assurance Framework
    - Education Plan [EP]
    - Alberta Education Results Report [AERR]
  - Celebrations
    - Volleyball Season

- Season Concluded: Varsity teams both won Provincial. First time this has happened in 2A level for male/female the same year.
- Drama
  - Working hard after school.
  - Goal is to start drama early to start excitement like we do with sports.
  - Beauty and the Beast will be performed in the beginning of February
- New Faith Formation Instructors
  - New instructors - community made of many denominations - place where different voices can learn from each other - instructors that represent that diversity on purpose.
  - Personal testimony from Gacynth's daughter, Mackenzie, about how Religious Ethics has been helpful and loves the class with Kurt Willems.
  - Sara Wagar, Erich Wong, Alison Springer, and Kurt Willems
- Band Concert
  - December 5, 2023 for grades 7-12 held in the gym.. Amazing to see progression. Can feel their excitement. Rachel Wuetherick has done an amazing job, and we can see the kids' excitement in the work she has done with them.
- STAR fest
  - Drama event led by Tom Currie
- Secondary Initiatives
  - Requesting Lego donations
    - The Well - will have a lego wall - asking for donations
  - Mental Health Team
    - A group of students works with the counselor about issues they see with their peers. The student group comes up with a plan - lego wall is an example. Building cohorts of kids within each grade that have the capacity to help each other. Teens are giving each other advice without the knowledge to do so.
- Secondary Student Council Updates
  - High school dance next week on December 14
    - Connect with Lauren Monson if you would like to chaperone
    - Lauren Monson supports the older grades with activities.
  - Spirit days and hot chocolate leading up to Christmas.
  - Veterans Food Bank Drive
    - Held around Remembrance Day

- ❑ [The Giving Tree](#)
  - ❑ Way to donate items to partners we work with.
  - ❑ Will get Michelle to put a notice on Edsby about the list for giving.
- ❑ Exam time supports
  - ❑ Helps to deal with anxiety before tests. Cereal Bar etc
  - ❑ Gacynth will find the name of a company that brings dogs in for pets as a possible resource.
- ❑ Middle school dance in February

#### 5. New Business:

- ❑ Filling Vacancies
  - ❑ Co-chair
    - ❑ Still needs this vacancy filled.
- ❑ Operating Procedures
  - ❑ Draft operating procedures available online
    - ❑ Read through this so that next meeting we can approve this. 4 meetings this year instead of 7 recommended by ASCA.
    - ❑ Need more people - need 5 parents to hold a Quorum. Parents need to outnumber the staff.
    - ❑ Attendees can be a parent, student, or community member.
  - ❑ Approving in February's meeting
- ❑ Parent Engagement Ideas
  - ❑ Still waiting on the \$500 grant from the Province. Can be used on anything but buying food.
- ❑ Committee Reports - Reintroduce after COVID - parents are involved
  - ❑ Staff Appreciation
    - ❑ October 5 and 6 - teachers treated to coffee
    - ❑ December - breakfast potluck for teachers - can also contribute by donating money
    - ❑ Trying something new for teachers by Christmas teacher gifts - can e-transfer money for gifts at the business office - the money will be pooled and given to that teacher.
  - ❑ Grade 12 Grad - no report - one meeting so far only - looking for a location.
  - ❑ CCS Love our Community - Report from each committee
    - CCS Love Your Neighbour initiative started in mid-November. We started 'close to home' helping out at Shalem Seniors Home. There were 3 separate dates where kids could sign up for their Fast and Lunch break and help out at Shalem. Each time I had 9-12 grade 9 kids come. We set up and decorated

all the Christmas trees, and moved paintings, books, and shelves down to the basement as the one wing of Shalem is getting an update with new paint and carpet. The kids were great; hardworking, enthusiastic, punctual, and respectful of the residents. I had all positive feedback from the residents. We hope to continue to bless Shalem in the new year and hopefully expand to help out Umoja and Glenbrook School.

- ❑ Celebrating Racial Diversity Committee - Report - largest committee
  - The Celebrating Racial Diversity Parent Committee (CRDPC) has met twice. Here are some highlights:  
We anticipate the board making the 13 Recommendations public, with some background info in January.  
As soon as the recommendations are made public, we will actively seek parents to pray for, support, and champion the recommendations.  
We are developing a process to welcome new members to the CRDPC, and practices to continue to build trust within the committee.  
Please join us in praying for:  
more parents/ guardians and students to get involved with living out the recommendations.  
the board, they are volunteers who have worked very hard amidst many challenges. Pray that the board can continue to lead us in love, unity, and Christlikeness.

#### 6. Future Agenda Suggestions

- ❑ Email council with ideas.
- ❑ Have we considered virtual attendees as well? This has its challenges as well.
- ❑ Will try the next meeting at 7pm to see if this increases attendance.

#### 7. Adjournment

- ❑ At 7:32

Next meeting is February 29, 2024 at 6:30 pm